

**ST MARY'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND
(Aided) PRIMARY SCHOOL, DOVER**

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'Learning for life with God as our guide'

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Dear Parent/Carers

Farewells

We say a fond farewell to our lovely Year 6 children. They have had an ever increasingly busy end of year; a fun week of activities, Bikeability, and their outstanding end of year production. We wish them all well as they embark on their secondary education and thank them for all that they have contributed to St. Mary's CEP School.

And Hello!

We look forward to welcoming our new Reception children as well as children who will be joining other classes across the school in September.

Term 1

We will be holding a staff training day on Monday, 1st September and will welcome the pupils back to school on **Tuesday, 2nd September**.

School Uniform

Items of school uniform are available to purchase on-line through PMG Schoolwear. Once you have chosen your items make sure that you type in '**STMDFC**' in the voucher code to **claim free delivery**. Please note that if you are ordering for September the last date for orders is **11th August**.

To purchase your uniform log in to www.pmgsschoolwear.co.uk.

Please remember that school shoes (not boots or sandals) must be black and enclose your child's feet. Please also remember to clearly label your child's clothing and other belongings.

PE Kits

Children in classes 1-6 will need to bring a PE kit to school. This should be in a draw-string bag which they will keep on their peg. **No carrier bags please.**

Reception Class will wear their PE kit to school on their PE day. Once the term begins teachers will let you know which days each class has PE. PE t-shirts should be the colour of your child's school house.

Water Bottles

Children must bring to school a water bottle every day with fresh water. Children may bring an additional flavoured drink to have at lunchtime, flavoured drinks are not allowed during lesson times.

Pierced Ears

Children may wear stud earrings to school, they may **not** wear earrings which are hoops or which dangle. Children **cannot** wear earrings during PE, if they wear them to school on PE days they will be expected to remove them.



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If you are thinking of getting your child's ears pierced please do so at the beginning of the school summer holiday so they have time to heal in order for the earrings to be taken out for PE lessons at school. Thank you for your support with this.

Mobile 'Phones

Please note, no child is ever permitted to bring a mobile 'phone to school or on school trips. There is no exception to this. Please ensure your child follows this rule.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will start again on Tuesday 2nd September. All children are welcome to attend – please contact the school office to place a booking. The daily charge is £2.20, which includes breakfast and childcare from 8:00am.

School Milk

We have been informed by Cool Milk that they are unable to deliver milk to school for our first day back – Tuesday, 2nd September. If your child receives milk in school, this will be available from Wednesday, 3rd September. If you pay for milk for your child, please contact Cool Milk to ensure your account is adjusted accordingly.

School Meals

All children in Classes R, 1 and 2 will continue to be entitled to a free cooked school lunch every day. Children in our current Class 2 who have benefited from the free cooked lunch will, from September when they join Class 3, pay for their cooked school lunches with children in Classes 4, 5 and 6 unless they are entitled to means tested Free School Meals. Mrs Morris (Family Liaison Officer) can help with applying for Free School Meals – do please contact her.

If you pay for your child's cooked lunch, the cost will be £2.75 a day. This payment will be made directly to the school and must be paid for in advance. Please note payment details below:-

Name of Account - KCC RE DOVER ST MARY'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Sort Code - 60-60-08

Account Number - 83294082

Reference – [Child's Name] Lunch

If you have any queries relating to this change, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Attendance

As you know, the school closely monitors pupil attendance. Regular attendance at school is crucial if our pupils are to be successful.

Please remember the following:

Children need to arrive at school on time every day. Children in Reception Class and Classes 1 and 2 must arrive at the Laureston Place gate between 8:40am and 8:55am. Children in Classes 3, 4, 5 and 6 must arrive at the Maison Dieu gate between 8:40am and 8:55am. If your child is late – which should ONLY be in exceptional circumstances – an adult must bring them into school at Laureston Place to sign them in, giving a reason for being late. I am pleased to say that most families get their children to school on time every day.

Your child should only be absent from school because they are too unwell to attend. If your child is unwell you must telephone or email the school office every day of their absence. Medical appointments should be made outside school time whenever possible. Holiday/travelling will not be authorised and will result in a request for a penalty notice and a fine.



Attendance at school less than 95% is NOT good enough. We will monitor attendance of all children very closely and any families causing concern will be invited into a meeting at school. If attendance of the child does not improve we will move eventually to prosecution.

Please consider these matters and work to support your child and the school in ensuring GOOD attendance for ALL of our pupils.

Term Dates

Term dates for 2025/2026 and information regarding our five staff training days are indicated below, to assist you in booking holiday outside of term time. Please note that children are not required to attend school on staff training days.

Term Dates 2025/2026

TERM 1 2025 1 September 2025 - 17 October 2025
TERM 2 2025 27 October 2025 - 19 December 2025
TERM 3 2026 5 January 2026 - 13 February 2026
TERM 4 2026 23 February 2026 – 2 April 2026
TERM 5 2026 20 April 2026 - 22 May 2026
TERM 6 2026 1 June 2026 - 21 July 2026

Staff Training Days (children not required to attend school)

1st September 2025
27th October 2025
22nd May 2026
20th and 21st July 2026

Dates

Dates for next year are being finalised and will be shared with you in September. You may, however, wish to note that we have booked tickets for the Marlowe Theatre Pantomime for all children in Classes 3, 4, 5 and 6 to attend for Christmas. A very quick response will be required in September when we send out information to you regarding this.

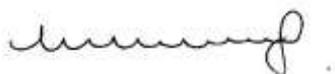
Thank you

Many thanks to you all for your support this year. As always, should you have any queries or concerns please don't hesitate to speak to any of the staff – we are always very happy to clarify any aspect of our work and to help you with matters related to your child.

I would also like to thank all of the staff, each one of whom works tirelessly for you and your children.

Finally, I wish you all a good summer and look forward to seeing those of you who are returning / joining us in September.

Yours sincerely



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