

# St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025

## Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



## A Message from Mrs Comfort

### Open Afternoon

Thank you to families who were able to join us for our Open Afternoon on Wednesday. The classrooms were buzzing with conversation and I know the teaching staff were very pleased to be able to chat with parent/carers as the new year begins.

We were also very pleased to share our recent OFSTED inspection report with our families on Wednesday. I have chosen some key phrases from the report to celebrate within this newsletter, please see below.

This school serves its local community with a deeply caring and welcoming ethos.

Behaviour expectations are consistently high.

Pupils are not worried about bullying.

Teachers design effective lesson tasks that help pupils to learn and achieve well.

A broad range of trips, visits and clubs enrich school life.

The teaching of reading is a strength.

Pupils achieve well across the curriculum.

Pupils celebrate diversity and say, 'We are all different and that's okay'.

The school makes inclusive and effective changes to learning activities to unlock language for all.

Pupils can recall and discuss knowledge with confidence and accuracy.

Highly effective support for pupils with special educational needs and / or disabilities (SEND).

Pupils know and remember knowledge across the school's broad and ambitious curriculum.

The school puts effective help in place for pupils with SEND to give them the precise support they need.

The school's work to promote pupils' positive mental health and well-being is strong.

Pupils learn to develop fluency, comprehension and joy for reading.

The school works tirelessly to reduce pupil absence and there have been significant improvements in many pupils' attendance.

Strong work begins in early years, where children are thriving.

Parents and carers speak highly of the school.

## Reception Class 2026

As this new school year begins we are already working to connect with the children and families who will be joining our next Reception Class in September 2026.

Do you have a child born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2022?

If so they will be eligible to start school in September 2026. We invite families to book an appointment to come and have a look around our school at a time to suit. Please spread the word to anyone you know with a child of the right age.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Mrs Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

### GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

1<sup>st</sup> – Class R – 118 points

2<sup>nd</sup> – Class 4 – 115 points

3<sup>rd</sup> – Class 3 & Class 5  
100 points

### HOUSE POINTS

1<sup>st</sup> – TEMPLE – 213 points

2<sup>nd</sup> – LANG – 184 points

3<sup>rd</sup> – FISHER – 181 points

4<sup>th</sup> – RAMSEY – 157 points

### Learners of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

**Class R** – Turtles Class Learner of the Week is **Lily**. Lily has settled into Turtles Class so well! She listens well, follows the class rules and loves to help around the classroom. In busy time she enjoyed painting her self-portrait and also drew a lovely picture of her family. Well done Lily!

**Class 1** – **Damian** is our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class as he comes into school smiling and happily joins his friends to work hard and complete new learning. Damian has put brilliant effort into his phonics, writing and maths lessons. He has played nicely on the playground and is kind to others in the classroom. Well done Damian – keep up the hard work!

**Class 2** – Our Learner of the Week in Otters Class is **Ada** as she is hardworking, kind and a sensible member of our class. Ada always listens to instructions and tries her best in everything she does. She is a fantastic friend to her peers and is a pleasure to teach. Keep making us proud Ada!

**Class 3** – Puffins Class Learner of the Week is **Bethel**! Bethel has settled into Puffins Class beautifully and has written a wonderful story in English using some very descriptive vocabulary. He has also worked very hard in science and impressed us with his understanding of friction. Well done Bethel!

**Class 4** – **Rebecca** is our Learner of the Week in Penguins Class as she has worked so hard in all of her lessons, and taken part enthusiastically in our class discussions! Rebecca listens carefully to instructions and asks for help when she is unsure. She is kind to her peers and demonstrates our school values of Perseverance, Trust and Respect. Well done Rebecca!

**Class 5** – Orcas Class Learner of the Week is **Brian**! Brian is a pleasure to teach and demonstrates our school values in everything he does. He will often help others without being asked, and is a role model to his peers. Keep being fantastic Brian – we are all so proud of you!

**Class 6** – **EVERYONE** in Seahorses Class are our Learners of the Week for the determination, trust and patience they have demonstrated. Those who took the Kent Test showed amazing perseverance throughout the entire day. They listened (they were impeccably behaved) and were determined to try their best during each stage. Those who didn't take the test were trusted to work in other classrooms around the school. The feedback from various members of staff regarding behaviour and attitude was amazing. They were patient with the change of routine and were extremely helpful. A wonderful attitude to start the term! Well done Seahorses Class!

Thank you  
FOR BEING  
AMAZING



## Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP

During Collective Worship this week, the children were excited to find out who the new Y6 House Captains were going to be for this academic year; the House Captains were presented with their badge and we discussed the importance of this role. In addition, pupils learnt about trust (one of our school's Christian values!) and the importance of it. Revd. Melissa shared the story of Joshua and how he led the Israelites to the promise land. We spoke about how Joshua and others would have felt during this time and reflected on whether we have ever felt anxious or worried before, and how a trusted adult can help.

Moreover, the children sang enthusiastically in Singing Worship, as they started to become familiar with Harvest-themed songs. And finally, the week was rounded off in positive-style (as always) with a range of awards shared.

### Go with the Flo...

For a small weekly subscription of £6, members of the Dover pantry are able to buy food, including fresh fruit and vegetables and store cupboard favourites, to the value of £15 to £20 or more. Membership is open to the community surrounding the pantry address and local families are strongly encouraged to join.



The Dover Pantry currently serve those who live in the CT16/CT17 catchment area.

To become a member of the pantry you simply have to complete an online form which can be found on the Dover Pantry's website:

<https://www.yourlocalpantry.co.uk/pantry-listings/dover-pantry/>

The address of the Dover Pantry is:  
Unit 16, Charlton Centre  
High Street  
Dover  
CT16 1TT

### Opening Times:

Monday: 11.00am - 2.00pm  
Tuesday: 11.00am - 2.00pm  
Wednesday: 11.00am - 2.00pm

**Mrs Debbie Morris – Family Liaison Officer**

## 2025-2026 House Captains

Our Year 6 House Captains were presented in Collective Worship this week - they all did brilliantly when sharing their reasons why they believe they can be successful within this prestigious school role!

Our House Captains are:

**Green Ramsey** – Aiden B & Amaya  
**Yellow Fisher** - Harley & Ethan  
**Blue Lang** - Neveah & Aidan R  
**Red Temple** - Paignton & Kasper



## Thought for the Week



### Spotlight on SEND...

We are pleased to invite you to our first 'Kent Adult Education' course of this academic year.

The 'Supporting ADHD in the Home' course is designed to give parents and carers an understanding of ADHD behaviours and others practical advice on how to support children in the home.

This course will include opportunities to:

- Explore the categories of ADHD
- Share ideas and strategies for managing behaviour
- Celebrates the positive of ADHD

The course will be hosted at St Mary's CEP for four weeks, on consecutive Wednesdays starting on **Wednesday, 24th September 1:00pm - 3:00pm**, and finishes on **Wednesday, 15th October**.

Please contact the school office if you would like to attend – [office@stmarysprimary.net](mailto:office@stmarysprimary.net) / 01304 206887

Mrs Charlotte Burkett - SENCO



Follow these links to our website and social media

<https://www.st-marys-dover.kent.sch.uk/>

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Marys-C-of-E-Primary-School-820857021275490/>

## DOVER SWAP SHOP



HAS YOUR CHILD OUTGROWN THEIR TOYS, CLOTHES OR BOOKS?  
IF SO, BRING ITEMS IN GOOD CONDITION TO THE SWAP SHOP WHERE YOU CAN SWAP THEM FOR THE NEXT SIZE AND DIFFERENT TOYS

13th September  
11am to 1pm



**BEACON CHURCH HALL**  
**BARTHOLOMEW STREET**  
**DOVER. CT16 2LH**

### Term 1 2025

#### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September:

- Class 6 - Swimming

#### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September:

#### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September:

- Class 6 Swimming

#### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September:

- Class 4 - Ukulele

#### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July:

- Forest School
  - Class 3 – morning
  - Class 2 - Afternoon



As always, please don't hesitate to make contact via email or telephone with any queries, comments or concerns you may have.

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## Lunch Menu – Week Three Week Beginning Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025

If you pay for your child's cooked lunch, the cost will be **£2.50 a day**. **This payment will be made directly to the school and must be paid 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

		IMMEDIATE CO-OP		
		Week One <small>21/04, 12/05, 09/06, 30/06, 14/07, 01/08, 22/08, 13/10</small>	Week Two <small>28/04, 19/05, 18/06, 07/07, 04/08, 25/08</small>	Week Three <small>05/05, 02/06, 23/06, 14/07, 15/08, 06/10</small>
Monday	Option 1	Cheese Slice	Cheesy Pasta	Cheese & Tomato Pizza
	Option 2	Pasta Provencale	Tomato Pasta	Curried Vegetable Pasty
	served with	Pasta Baked Beans & Peas	Garlic Bread Mixed Salad & Sweetcorn	Pasta Coleslaw & Sweetcorn Salad
	Option 3	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans
	Dessert	Ice Cream Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit	Ice Cream Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit	Ice Cream Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit
Tuesday	Option 1	Chicken Fajitas	Beef Tacos	Baked Sausages
	Option 2	*Mexican Bean Wraps	*Veggie Tacos	Quorn Sausage
	served with	Rice Carrot Batons & Shredded Lettuce	Rice Roasted Mediterranean Vegetables	Mashed Potatoes Baked Beans & Peas
	Option 3	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans
	Dessert	Krispie Cake Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit	Cheery Chocolate Cake Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit	Iced Carrot Cake Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit
Wednesday	Option 1	Roast Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding	Sausage Roll Slice	Roast Chicken & Stuffing
	Option 2	Carrot & Lentil Bake	Quorn Sausage Roll	Veggie Meatloaf
	served with	Roast Potatoes Green Beans & Mixed Vegetables	Roast Potatoes Diced Carrots & Broccoli	Roast Potatoes Cauliflower & Diced Carrots
	Option 3	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans
	Dessert	Orange Flapjack Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit	Oat Cookie Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit	Goosey Chocolate Biscuit Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit
Thursday	Option 1	Meaty Pizza	Pork Meatballs	Gammon Ham
	Option 2	Vegetable Frittata	Meatless Meatballs	Crunchy Vegetable Crumble
	served with	Saute Potatoes Mixed Salad & Coleslaw	Pasta Mixed Vegetables & Green Beans	Potato Puffs Cucumber Sticks & Grated Carrot Salad
	Option 3	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans
	Dessert	Iced Lemon Cake Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit	Ginger Cookie Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit	Marble Sponge Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit
Friday	Option 1	Fish Fingers	Fish Fingers	Fish Fingers
	Option 2	Veggie Nuggets	Veggie Nuggets	Veggie Nuggets
	served with	Chips or Pasta Baked Beans & Sweetcorn	Chips or Pasta Baked Beans & Peas	Chips or Pasta Baked Beans & Sweetcorn
	Option 3	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans
	Dessert	Cooks Choice Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit	Cooks Choice Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit	Cooks Choice Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit