

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 26th September 2025



Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Mrs Comfort

Summer Reading Challenge

We were very pleased to learn this week that a number of our families took part in the Dover Library Summer Reading Challenge with many children borrowing and reading as many as six books during the summer holidays. The combined efforts of these families mean that children at St Mary's CEP read more library books over the period than children in 20 other local primary schools! Well done St Mary's CEP! You will all know how hard we work to teach children to read and to love to read – reading is such an important life-skill. We will be resuming our regular visits to the local library shortly and are very much looking forward to enjoying their newly refurbished facilities.



Corridor Displays

Children and staff have been working hard to produce work on the theme of writing and new displays have gone up this week. Next time you are in school, do take a moment to enjoy the children's work.

Special Educational Needs Plans

Thank you to staff and parents who have been meeting recently to agree targets for these plans. Once the draft plans have all been read by Mrs Burkett, SENCo, copies will be sent home, I anticipate that being next week.

Kent County Council's e-Waste Warriors Project

St Mary's CEP, Dover is very pleased to be part of this project. A letter was sent out to all families last week about this and Ms Race informed all of the children in Collective Worship on Monday.

How can you get involved?

Bring in your broken and/or reusable small electricals (smaller than microwave in size) and place them in the wheeled bin in our main reception area. ***No vapes or batteries please***. The bins will be open for use from **Monday, 22nd September to Friday, 17th October 2025**, throughout the school day.

Once collected, repaired or reusable electrical items will be donated to local charities or sold in the shop at the local Household Waste Recycling Centre with profits donated to local charities. Anything that can't be repaired will be recycled safely and discarded appropriately. If you have personal data on the items you bring, please use the data deletion guide

<https://www.recycleyourelectricals.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/How-to-Delete-Your-Data-Recycle-Your-Electricals-Jan-2024.pdf>

Class 5 had an exciting afternoon repairing "broken" games consoles! Miss Race reports: *"Class 5 repaired a broken screen, tested electrical circuits and repaired buttons on retro hand-held games consoles as part of our e-Waste project provided by Team Repair and Kent County Council. They used magnetic screwdrivers, crocodile clips and copper tape along with carefully following instructions to the letter to ensure they were repaired correctly, sometimes having to take it apart again to ensure it works properly! Great fun was had by all!"*





England's Red Roses

My fingers were crossed for the England women's rugby team with very good reason last weekend as they successfully won their semi-final. The team will be at Twickenham on Saturday for the Women's Rugby World Cup Final – I will be watching from my sofa and hoping for a positive outcome! That being said, whoever wins, what a fantastic sporting tournament this has been over the last few weeks. I hope that some of our youngsters (and some of those who are not so young!) feel inspired to join in with sporting opportunities either at school or elsewhere.

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 2021 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 and hoping for some drier weather!

Mrs Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

A joyful week of Collective Worships were had by all with children making valuable contributions.

Ms Race launched information about KCC's E-Waste Warriors Project - details of this project is mentioned in this newsletter; thank you for those families who have already donated any electrical goods that can be recycled or repaired... your generosity certainly aligns with our school's Christian values.

Revd. Claire delivered an inspiring Collective Worship which enabled the children to consider why 'listening' is so important. Christians believe that 'god speaks in the silence of the heart. Listening is the beginning of prayer'. I wonder how we can listen if we are not silent?

And finally... Celebration Collective Worship rounded off the week as the children were overjoyed when receiving their rewards - well done for all your hard work - keep it up.

Thought for the Week

Talent wins games, but
teamwork and intelligence
wins championships.

Michael Jordan



GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

1st - Class 4 - 75 points

2nd - Class 2 - 70 points

3rd - Class 5 - 68 points

HOUSE POINTS

**Joint 1st - TEMPLE & RAMSEY
179 points**

2nd - LANG - 169 points

3rd - FISHER - 162

Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:



Class R – Turtles Class Learner of the Week is **Iyla-Rose**. Iyla-Rose's confidence has grown so much since starting school and she has made lots of new friends. In class this week, she has joined in with all of our learning on the carpet, sharing her ideas with others and putting her hand up to answer questions. Well done Iyla-Rose!

Class 1 – **Nancy** is our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class as she is an excellent learner and tries her hardest to complete tasks. Nancy has an amazing smile and plays brilliantly with her friends. She listens carefully and has completed some careful writing this week about our story, The Three Little Pigs. Well done Nancy, keep up the hard work!

Class 2 – Our Learner of the Week in Otters Class is **Grace!** Grace is a delight to teach and always follows the school rules. She has a kind heart and consistently shows respect towards adults and her peers. She has been trying her best in all lessons and has shown amazing effort in all subjects. Keep making us proud Grace!

Class 3 – Puffins Class Learner of the Week is **Romany-Mai!** Romany-Mai listens carefully, follows instructions and can be relied upon to make interesting observations in lessons. She has used descriptive vocabulary to write her poem in English and has produced some excellent work on place value in maths. Well done Romany-Mai!

Class 4 – **Stacey** is our Learner of the Week in Penguins Class as she has contributed greatly in geography and has shown great knowledge with our class topic about volcanoes. Stacey has shown kindness to her friends and continues to follow our Christian values. Well done Stacey – you have been a superstar this week!

Class 5 – Our Learner of the Week in Orcas Class is **Blessed!** Blessed displays a clear love of learning and is always putting her hand up to answer questions. She showcases all of our school values and has made an impact in the short time she has been at St Mary's. We are all so proud of you Blessed – keep being the superstar you are!

Class 6 – Seahorses Class Learner of the Week is **Luke** for the brilliant effort he has made towards all of school life. Luke has made excellent progress in swimming and we have all been impressed with his focus and determination in maths. He is a wonderful role model for the class, always demonstrating our Christian values. An amazing week Luke – well done!



Go with the Flo...

DOVER FOODBANK MOST needed ITEMS HARVEST 2025



Mrs Debbie Morris - Family Liaison Officer

Spotlight on SEN...

The 'Elmer' **Kent Adult Education** course is a practical workshop where family creativity and individuality shine.

Taking place on **Tuesday, 7th October** between 3:15pm and 5:00pm, we will share the stories of Elmer and make a colourful model to take home.

This course will include opportunities to:

- Look at what makes us 'one of a kind'
- Get creative with your child

The course is open to all parents/carers and children. Please note - children MUST be accompanied by an adult.

Please confirm your attendance using the recent ParentMail form no later than Monday, 29th September 2025.

Mrs Charlotte Burkett - SENCO



Term 1 2025

Monday 29th September:

- Flu Nasal Spray Immunisation
- Class 6 - Swimming

Tuesday 30th September:

- Harvest Festival
- Football Club

Wednesday 1st October:

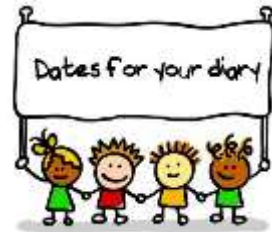
- KAE Parent Workshop 'Supporting ADHD in the Home – 1:00pm – 3:00pm
- Class 6 – Swimming
- Drama Club
- Multi-Skills Club
- Art Club

Thursday 2nd October:

- Class 6 Local Visit
- Class 4 – Ukulele
- Cricket Club
- Computing Club

Friday 3rd October:

- BeSmart Odd Socks Day
- Forest School
 - Class 6 – morning
 - Class 1 – Afternoon
- Choir Club
- Science Club



KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE AS THEY RETURN TO SCHOOL

We know that as a parent, nothing matters more than your child's safety and wellbeing. As the school term begins, we understand this can bring worries about safety both inside and outside school.

Kent and Medway Violence Reduction Unit works with partners and communities to keep children safe by reducing and preventing violence. We support parents in having the right conversations and helping them spot if their child may be involved in violence or bullying.

Our back-to-school guide outlines year-round tools to help your child stay safe, take action and make the right choices.

Watch: Sophie's story a parent's experience

Tools to help you

Not sure how to support your child or young person? Our range of guides can help:

- [Explainer: understanding emojis](#)
- [A guide to knife harm: feel more confident in conversations](#)

Having the right conversations

Talking with young people or young adults about knives and weapons can be difficult, whether you are a parent, guardian or carer. Our toolkit can help you prepare for a conversation with your child about carrying knives.

[View the toolkit on our website](#)

Free sports activities

We work with Sports Connect to provide free local out-of-school activities that support physical and mental health while keeping children and young people out of trouble through creative and interactive sessions.

[Visit the Sports Connect website](#)

CLOCK IT CHECK IT CHANGE IT

Being an active bystander: Clock It, Check It, Change It

Many young people witness unacceptable behaviour in and outside school, and you can empower them to safely step in and make a change.

Free resources from our Clock It, Check It, Change It campaign support conversations with young people about responding when they see or anticipate violent incidents.

[Access the resources on our website](#)



Our team can provide advice and guidance all year round.
vu.programme.delivery@kent.police.uk
kentandmedwayvu.ni.uk



E-scooters – are you breaking the law?



Can I ride my e-scooter to school or work?

No, it's illegal...

E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles and are required to be taxed and insured. It's not possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters, which means it's illegal to use them.

Can I ride my e-scooter on the pavement?

No, it's illegal...

You cannot use e-scooters on public footpaths, cycle lanes or roads.

What happens if I'm caught using my e-scooter in public spaces?

The scooter may be seized and as a result, destroyed.

If stopped by an officer, you may be asked to complete a breath and drugs test. You also risk a £300 fine and six penalty points on your licence for no insurance.



Think before you buy:

The number of electrical scooters being used on our streets has risen, as well as reports of serious injury and fatalities. For more information and advice on the use of e-scooters visit www.kent.police.uk/road-safety

Lunch Menu – Week Two Week Beginning Monday, 29th 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 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

		MENU - April - October 2025		
		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, 08/08, 29/08</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	Cheesy 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	Goopy 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

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

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

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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