

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 3rd October 2025

Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Mrs Comfort

Harvest Thanks

What a fantastic show of support from our families on Tuesday! It was lovely to have so very many of you join us for our annual harvest festival celebrations. Huge thanks to you for the generosity shown through the donations of food items sent in. Thank you also to the staff and children for the work they put into preparing and leading our service.



Class 6 Local Visit

On Thursday, Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed our visit to St Mary's Church, Dover, as part of a 'local area study'; they learned about the history of the monuments and architectural structure, how the building has changed over time as well as the significance of it. They also observed the monuments being preserved and the tools they used to bring them back to their original state. Mrs Fagg reports that *'the children were impeccably behaved, respectful and listened to the historian intently. They were fascinated to learn about the church and asked many insightful and thought-provoking questions, connecting their class learning to their experience. Class staff were extremely proud of all the children, such a lovely morning had by all.'*



BeSmART Odd/Silly Socks Day!

We all enjoyed supporting Dover SmART this week with our annual odd/silly sock's fundraiser! Thank you for helping to support this. We were pleased to welcome Laura from Dover BeSmART to our Collective Worship this morning, she shared with the children the purpose of the day and the fabulous work that the charity does. The charity was founded in 2013, with its main aim to provide opportunities for disadvantaged children, mainly Young Carers, living in Dover, to take part in a wide range of creative activities and experiences in order to boost confidence, enhance well-being, raise aspiration and widen their outlook on the world. Many thanks to all the families who have donated today; your kindness and generosity is much appreciated as we raised £85.82.



School Attendance – Every School Day Matters

Hopefully you will all know how closely the school monitors the attendance of each and every one of our pupils. It is imperative that your child is in school every day so that they do not miss out on their learning. The only valid reason for being absent from school is if they are too unwell to attend, typically this would be if they are running a temperature and/or have sickness and/or diarrhoea. Please try to arrange all medical appointment outside the school day – we understand that occasionally this is not possible.

None of the following reasons will be accepted: going shopping; school uniform is in the wash; going on holiday; waking up late; raining; having a runny nose/cold; the car has broken down; birthday; other family member has a medical appointment or is unwell.

Overall our school attendance data is positive and I thank families who support their children and the school with this important matter – here's to another year of strong school attendance for all!

Kent County Council's e-Waste Warriors Project

We have already received a good number of donations for this KCC project which we are linked with. Do please dig out those items for disposal, the deadline is now two weeks away (17th October).

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 until 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>

There will be a **special one-off Repair Café event** as part of the e-Waste Warriors project. The event will be held on Saturday 4th October. Kent County Council invite you to bring along your repairable electricals to see if they can be fixed by our expert volunteers. There will also be sewing and clothing fixers there, so if you have any textile items that also need fixing, please bring them along!

Date: Saturday, 4th October 2025

Time: 13:00pm - 15:00pm

Location: Maison Dieu, Biggin Street, Dover, Kent CT16 1DL

What to bring: broken electricals, clothing that can be mended

After School Clubs

Science club this week, Years 3-6 used 20 pieces of dried spaghetti, 6 marshmallows and 20 gem sweets to try and build the tallest tower. The winning team managed 63 cm! Lots of fun had by all – please do sign your child up to our after-school clubs.



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 – stay dry and safe, there is some wet and windy weather on the way!

Mrs Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Thought for the Week

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*Perseverance is
failing 19 times and
succeeding the 20th.*

JULIE ANDREWS

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

1st – Class R – 82 points

2nd – Class 6 – 80 points

3rd – Class 3 – 77 points

HOUSE POINTS

1st – LANG – 252 points

2nd – TEMPLE – 193 points

3rd – FISHER – 191 points

4th – RAMSEY – 189 points

Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R – Turtles Class Learner of the Week is **Michal** as he comes into school every day with a smile on his face ready to learn! Michal's confidence has grown tremendously over the last few weeks and he has made lots of new friends since starting school. He has amazed us all with his super phonics! Well done Michal!

Well done everyone.
What a great week we had.

Class 1 – Phinley is our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class as he listens incredibly carefully and asks curious questions, which shows how much he is thinking as he listens! Phinley puts great effort into recording his maths learning, and always uses his phonic knowledge in English to read words with our new sound. Great effort Phinley – keep up the hard work!

Class 2 – Our Learner of the Week in Otters Class is **Leyla** as she always tries her best and brings a kind and positive attitude to everything she does. Leyla is polite, compliant and works hard every day. She listens carefully and shows real determination to improve. Keep making us proud Leyla!

Class 3 – Puffins Class Learner of the Week is **Riley** as he has had an amazing week! Riley is always ready to learn and has participated enthusiastically in class discussions, making interesting and well thought out observations. Riley has tried hard in all subjects this week and we are all so proud of him. Well done Riley!

Class 4 – Cayden is our Learner of the Week in Penguins Class for his exemplary attitude towards his learning. Cayden always tries his best in every subject and it is lovely to see his confidence growing as he contributes more and more of his fab ideas to our class discussions. Cayden consistently demonstrates our Christian values of peace, trust and respect. Well done Cayden!

Class 5 – Our Learner of the Week in Orcas Class is inherently kind, gentle and thoughtful. They are a role model to their peers – always working hard, always making good choices and always showing our school values. They are an absolute superstar and a pleasure to have in our class. Well done!

Class 6 – Seahorses Class Learner of the Week is **Amaya** for the brilliant effort she has made towards all of her work! Amaya is always focused and keen to share her knowledge. We have been impressed with her amazing understanding of multiplication, and she has worked hard to create an impressive and detailed diary of Stanley Yelnats in English. An amazing week Amaya – well done!

Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

The children demonstrated kindness and respect as they performed beautifully at St Mary's Church for our Harvest Festival – a range of activities, songs and prayers were shared. It was a lovely event and we thank all the families for their kind donation and attending; it certainly was an excellent turn-out!

The theme of Harvest continued throughout the week as Revd. Melissa explained the importance of Harvest and how Christians show their gratitude for Harvest each year. I wonder why it is important to support those less fortunate within our community? The children contributed well as they reflected on the amazing work that all farmers do to ensure we have food to eat and saying thank you for their hard work in producing our Harvest. As mentioned in this newsletter, the children enjoyed a themed Collective Worship today as we welcomed Laura in from Dover Be SmART to share the importance of the charity and how we can help.



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 contact the school office if you and your child would like to attend and you haven't already signed up.

Mrs Charlotte Burkett - SENCO



Term 1 2025

Monday 6th October:

- Class 6 - Swimming

Tuesday 7th October:

- Class 6 - Local Visit
- Kent Adult Education 'Elmer' Workshop – 3:15pm to 5:00pm
- Football Club

Wednesday 8th October:

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

Thursday 9th October:

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

Friday 10th October:

- Forest School
 - Class 4 – morning
 - Class 3 – Afternoon
- Science Club



Folkestone Model Railway Club **MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION**

Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone, CT20 2DZ
Sat 4th & Sun 5th October 2025, 10am-5pm

ADULT (16+): £8, CHILD(5-15): £4, FAMILY: £22



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Dover Repair Café

at the Maison Dieu

Saturday 4th October
1 – 3pm
Biggin St, Dover, CT16 1DL

Bring along your broken electrical items for our volunteer fixers to help you fix.

We can also help with clothing, bags, shoes, clocks, bikes, ceramic items and more.

Plus have a go at furniture stencilling and upcycling with the Maison Dieu team.

Entry and fixing are free of charge



Lunch Menu – Week Three Week Beginning Monday, 6th October 2025

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

		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.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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