

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 7th November 2025

Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Mrs Comfort

Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings

We are all really looking forward to seeing you at our parent/carer teacher meetings the week after next. The deadline for choosing your appointment is Monday 10th November, following that we will assign the remaining time-slots. Meetings will be held in the hall, so please come to the main reception. Your child's workbooks will be available for you to look at and you will each have a 10-minute appointment with your child's class teacher. Mr Lamprell and I will also be present so do take the opportunity to speak to us too if you wish.

If you have children with you they should sit with you whilst you are waiting for your appointment and either join you at the teacher's table or continue to sit quietly on the waiting chairs; thank you for your support with this.

Your child will benefit from you attending this meeting with the class teacher. If you have not yet booked an appointment please log onto your Parentmail account and do so today. If you need help with this please do not hesitate to ask at the school office or on the school gate.

Class 4 Family Collective Worship

We were very happy to welcome Class 4 family members to our Collective Worship this morning. The children were proud to present their work.

Miss Whiscombe reports '*This morning, Class 4 presented their Family Collective Worship all about Remembrance Day. The children worked so hard learning all about it and deciding what they wanted to say. They spoke beautifully and clearly and were so brave! They sang their song confidently with actions and showed off their beautiful poppies that they had made.*'



School Photographs

Lots of shiny smiley faces and smart hairdos were captured on Wednesday! If you wish to order a photograph of your child please scan the QR code on the photo ticket that was sent home with your child, and enter your Photo ID and Password which can be found on the front of the photo ticket. **Please note: Your photograph can take up to 5 working days to view online.**

Reception Class 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. We have been overwhelmed with the number of New Intake Tours that Mr Lamprell has carried out already and are really pleased to meet with these families. Please remember to contact the office on 01304 206887 / office@stmarysprimary.net if you, or anyone you know, has a child due to start school.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Mrs Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

On behalf of the Royal British Legion, we are selling 'Poppy Appeal' gifts to show our respect and appreciation to all those brave individuals who fought in our World Wars.



Paper poppies and gifts will be on sale until Thursday, 13th November

Children are welcome to purchase poppies and gifts by making a kind donation.

Thought for the Week



Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

This week, the children continued to show purpose and enthusiasm as they reflected and contributed brilliantly.

The importance of healthy eating and lunchtime routine were shared, with the children being able to discuss how they demonstrate good etiquette and manners during the lunch period.

Furthermore, Penguins Class treated us to a confident performance as they communicated key information about Remembrance (which they wrote themselves!).

The children also sung beautifully; we were all very proud, and thank you to the families who attended this Collective Worship.

Finally, it was lovely to hear so many positive messages in Celebration Worship with the children receiving lots of awards and praise - another good week for our St Mary's CEP pupils.

Spotlight on SEND...

Winter can be tough. The days are short, the weather's gloomy, and sometimes it feels like the sun forgot to show up. While it's normal to feel a bit low during this time of year, it's important to take care of your mental health.

There are some simple ways to boost your mood and look after your mental health this winter.

- 1. Get Outside When You Can** Even a short walk in daylight can boost your mood. Fresh air helps clear your head.
- 2. Move Your Body** Try dancing, stretching, or following a workout video. It doesn't have to be intense—just get moving!
- 3. Keep a Journal** Have you ever felt like your thoughts and feelings are all jumbled up inside? Journaling can help! It's like having a conversation with yourself on paper. You can write about anything – your day, your dreams, or even things that are bothering you.
- 4. Put Your Phone Down Before Bed** Scrolling late at night messes with your sleep. Try reading, listening to music, or just chilling without screens before bed.
- 5. Make a Plan (But Keep It Real)** Set small goals—like drinking more water, going for a walk, or texting a friend. Tick them off and celebrate your wins!
- 6. Keep a Routine** Having a regular sleep schedule, meal times, and daily goals can help you feel more in control.
- 7. Learn to Breathe (Properly!)** Breathing exercises can calm your mind and help you feel more focused. There are loads of free tutorials online—give it a go!
- 8. Talk to Someone** If you're feeling down, anxious, or just not yourself, reach out. Friends, family, teachers, or youth support services are there to help.
- 9. Say Something Good About Yourself Every Day** Start your day with a positive thought. It might feel weird at first, but it really helps build confidence and self-love.
- 10. Do Things You Enjoy** Watch your favourite show, listen to music, draw, game — whatever makes you feel good.



Mrs Charlotte Burkett - SENCO

Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R – Turtles Class Learner of the week comes into school every day with a smile on their face ready to learn. They have demonstrated fantastic listening skills on the carpet and have tried their best in all activities. Most of all, they have impressed us in PE with their super running, jumping, hopping and balancing skills. Well done!



Class 1 – Jason is our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class as he consistently demonstrates our Christian value of Peace. Jason is a calm, kind member of our class and listens carefully to others, paying full attention in all our lessons. Jason is frequently one of the first children to get to Super Star status in class, and he has worked hard to improve his handwriting in English! Well done Jason!

Class 2 – Otters Class Learner of the Week is **Elliot** as he is polite and ready to lend a helping hand to both adults and friends. Elliot works independently in maths and shows great confidence when tackling new challenges. We are so proud of the effort Elliot puts into the presentation of his work, which is neat and carefully done. Keep making us proud Elliot!

Class 3 – Our Learner of the Week in Puffins Class is **Ladislav**! Ladislav has truly impressed us with his positive attitude and fantastic work ethic. He has shown tremendous effort across all areas of his learning, particularly in his handwriting and maths. Ladislav thoroughly enjoyed taking on the challenge of Times Table Rock Stars and it was wonderful to see how proud he felt when answering questions correctly. Keep up the amazing work Ladislav!

Class 4 – Saoirse is our Learner of the Week in Penguins Class! We are so impressed at how quickly she has settled into life at St Mary's and she has thrown herself into her learning with enthusiasm, as well as quickly making new friends in class. Saoirse has already demonstrated our Christian values of friendship and perseverance. Well done Saoirse – what a great first week!

Class 5 – Orcas Class Learner of the Week is **Richard**! Richard has really engaged in his learning and shown enthusiasm in maths and reading. It is a joy to see his confidence blooming and he is making good choices both in and outside of the classroom. We are so proud of you Richard – keep being a superstar!

Class 6 – Our Learner of the Week in Seahorses Class is **Nevaeh** for the wonderful effort she has shown towards all of her school work! Nevaeh has impressed us with her understanding and perseverance when adding and subtracting fractions, and finding the common denominator. She is a wonderful role model for the class and has a smile every day. An amazing week – well done Nevaeh!

Go with the Flo...

Packed Lunch Safety Reminder for Under 5s



We kindly ask for your attention to an important safety matter regarding packed lunches for children under the age of five.

Young children are at higher risk of choking due to their developing chewing and swallowing skills. To help keep everyone safe, please avoid including the following items in your child's lunchbox:

- **Whole grapes** — always cut lengthwise into quarters
- **Sausages or hot dogs** — slice thinly and remove skin if possible
- **Nuts and popcorn** — not suitable for under 5s
- **Hard sweets, and marshmallows** — pose serious choking risks
- **Chunks of cheese** — cut into very small, manageable pieces
- **Raw carrots and apples** — grate or cut into thin sticks



We recommend soft, bite-sized foods that are easy to chew and swallow. Sandwiches, soft fruits (like banana or ripe pear with skins removed), cooked vegetables, and yogurt are great options.

Thank you for helping us keep lunchtime safe and enjoyable for all our little learners!

Mrs Debbie Morris – Family Liaison Officer

Dover Castle Geopark Festival

Date: Saturday, 8th November 2025

Time: 10:00am – 4:00pm - Last entry 3:00pm

Venue: Dover Castle, Castle Hill, Dover, Kent, CT16 1HU

Dover Castle are hosting a landmark day festival - and you're invited! Step into a landscape shaped over 400 million years and discover the hidden links between Kent and northern France.

Get hands-on with real fossils, create geology-inspired art, and join interactive workshops, talks, walks, and performances that bring the stories of the Geopark to life.

[Visit the website for more details about the festival programme](#)

Admission

Enjoy **free entry** to Dover Castle if you're a local resident or an English Heritage member:

Parking is limited, and holding a ticket does not guarantee a parking space, so please plan your journey accordingly.

Dogs on leads are welcome in the outdoor areas of the site. For more details about on-site facilities, visit English Heritage's Dover Castle facilities page.

Wraparound Care

To register or book, please use the link below:

<https://jackinabox.magicbooking.co.uk/Identity/Account/Login>



AFTERSCHOOL CARE OFSTED Registered

Arts & Crafts Forest School
LEGO Baking Sports

Manage all bookings online

3 Sessions to choose from
Monday-Friday

15:10 - 16:15	£5.50
15:10 - 17:00 (Hot snack included)	£10.00
15:10 - 17:45 (Hot snack included)	£14.00

Tax Free Childcare Save 20%

If you would like to donate to Dover Foodbank, please bring this to the school office by Friday, 5th December.



Christmas Crafts Kent Adult Education Workshop 3:15pm on Tuesday, 2nd December 2025

We are pleased to invite you and your child / children to our Kent Adult Education course, 'Christmas Crafts'.

This is a creative and festive experience for the whole family where you can work together to make cherished memories and beautiful crafts that celebrate the joy of togetherness.

Families will learn about crafting and create a variety of seasonal items together.

The course is open to all parents/carers and children and will be hosted at St Mary's CEP on Tuesday, 2nd December at 3:15pm.

If you and your child / children would like to attend, please respond to the ParentMail form, or contact the school office no later than Monday, 17th November 2025.

Please note - children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.



Admission to

Primary school in Kent 2026

Apply online at
[kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](https://www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)

Opens Friday 7 November 2025 and closes at
midnight on Thursday 15 January 2026

For children born between
1 September 2021
and 31 August 2022,
Transferring to Primary school
in September 2026

What to do

Choose a school

It's important to find out more about the schools you are interested in before you decide to name them on the application form.

Read the guide to Primary admissions at www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions.

You can name up to three Primary schools, inside or outside of Kent, but you must name them all on the same application.

Apply for a school place

A simple, fast, convenient process which opens **Friday 7 November 2025 and closes at midnight on Thursday 15 January 2026**.

You will first need to set up an online account. The applicant is you, the parent/carer; you will then need to add your child's details before starting an application. You will receive a confirmation email that your application has been correctly submitted.

You can log back in at any time to view the information submitted.

Receiving your offer

On offer day (**Thursday 16 April 2026**) an email will be sent after 4pm informing you of your offer.

You must accept or decline the school place you have been offered by **Thursday 30 April 2026**.

A link to a guide with information you will need to provide the school with will be in your offer email.

If it has not been possible to offer your child a place in your preferred school, you have the right to appeal. You can also add their name to the school's waiting list.

Moving house during the application window will likely complicate your application and we therefore advise you to pay special attention to key dates in the admissions process. KCC has no discretionary authority to vary the process for parents who cannot complete address moves in time to make use of them for admissions purposes. If you have queries relating to this, please email the team on one of the email addresses below.

Key dates

Friday 7 November 2025	Online application process opens. Go to www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions to register and apply.
Thursday 15 January 2026	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk
Thursday 16 April 2026	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm.
Thursday 30 April 2026	Parents should contact the school to accept/refuse the place that has been offered and can use the link in the offer email to ask for their child to be added to the waiting list of schools named on the original application.
Wednesday 13 May 2026	Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September – appeals information can be found at www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals . You can only appeal for schools that were named on the application form.

Need help?

Email primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk

Full information booklet can also be viewed online at kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

Only one application per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of application. Keep your login details safe and use your registered email address for all communication with the team.

The confirmation email may go to your junk/spam folder of your email – please check here before contacting our team for confirmation.

Please note applications can only be made via Kent County Council if the child resides at a Kent address. If your child does **not** reside at a Kent address, you must make an application via your Local Authority.





Term 2 2025

Monday 10th November:

Class 5 Swimming
Poppies on Sale

Tuesday 11th November:

Class 5 Local Visit
Football Club

Wednesday 12th November:

Pre-School Stay & Play Session 1:45pm
Class 5 Swimming
Drama Club
Multi-Skills Club
Art Club

Thursday 13th November:

Year 4 – 6 Football Match
Class 3 Local Visit
Class 4 – Ukulele
Cricket Club
Computing Club

Friday 14th November:

Children in Need
Forest School
Class 3 – morning
Class 2 – Afternoon
Science Club

HOUSE POINTS

1st – **RAMSEY** – 299 points
2nd – **TEMPLE** – 235 points
3rd – **LANG** – 204 points
4th – **FISHER** – 201

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

1st – **Class 4** – 90 points
Joint 2nd
Class 1, Class 2 & Class 5
85 points

Lunch Menu – Week Three

Week Beginning Monday, 10th November 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

whole school meals		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
DATES: Week 1: 27 th Oct, 17 th Nov, 8 th Dec 9 th Jan, 26 th Jan, 23 rd Feb, 16 th March. Week 2: 3 rd Nov, 24 th Nov, 12 th Jan, 2 nd Feb, 2 nd March, 23 rd March. Week 3: 10 th Nov, 1 st Dec, 19 th Jan, 9 th March, 30 th March.	WEEK 1	Vegetable Pasta Bake 1 Garlic Bread 1,4 Mixed Vegetables. Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 .	Beef Tacos 1,2 Veggie Burrito 1 Vegetable Rice. Carrots & Green Beans.	Roast Chicken, Stuffing & Gravy 1 Vegetable & Chickpea Tart 1 Rustic Roasties Cabbage & Sweetcorn.	Pork Meatballs 1 Meatless Meatballs 1 Pasta 1 Broccoli & Carrots. Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 .	Fish Fingers 1,7 *Cheese Pizza 1,2 Skin on Fries or Pasta 1 Baked Beans & Sweetcorn. Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 .	
		WEEK 2	Yoghurt & Fruit Compote 2 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Carrot Cake 1,3 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 . Shortbread 1 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Lemon Cake 1,3 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Cooks Choice 1,3 .
		WEEK 3	Mixed Bean Wrap 1 Pasta 1 Peas & Sweetcorn.	Chicken Tacos 1,2 Sweet Potato & Spinach Dahl 6 Savoury Rice 6 Broccoli & Mixed Veg.	Roast Pork Veggie Meatloaf 1,4 Rustic Roasties Swede & Peas.	Beef Bolognese Veggie Bolognese Pasta 1 Carrots & Sweetcorn.	Fish Bites 1,7 Veggie Nuggets 1 Skin on Fries or Pasta 1 Baked Beans & Peas. Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 .
Allergens: 1. Gluten/Wheat 2. Dairy/Milk 3. Eggs 4. Soya/Soyabean 5. Mustard 6. Celery 7. Fish 8. Molluscs 9. Shellfish/Crustaceans 10. Sesame Seeds 11. Nuts 12. Lupins 13. Sulphur Dioxide 14. Peanuts	WEEK 1	Yoghurt & Fruit Compote 2 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Chocolate Cake 1,3 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Shrewsbury Biscuit 1,3 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Chelsea Buns 1,4,12 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Cooks Choice 1,3 .	
All items with * can be made Vegan. All items with ** can be made Dairy Free.	WEEK 2	MONDAY Tomato Pasta 1 Garlic Dough Balls 1,4 Mixed Vegetables. Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 .	TUESDAY Mexican Beef Tortilla Bake 1,2 *Veggie Tacos 1 Pasta 1 Carrots & Peas. Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 .	WEDNESDAY Sausages & Gravy 1,12 Quorn Sausage & Gravy 1 Mashed Potato Sweetcorn & Baked Beans. Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 .	THURSDAY Curried Chicken Chunks 12 Vegetable Frittata 2,3 Rainbow Rice Cauliflower & Peas. Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 .	FRIDAY Fish Fingers 1,7 *Cheese Pizza 1,2 Skin on Fries or Pasta 1 Peas & Sweetcorn. Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 .	
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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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