

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 14th November 2025



Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Mrs Comfort

Anti-Bullying and Mental Health Week

This week we have been observing our annual Anti-Bullying and Mental Health Week, using the 2025 national theme of "Power for Good". The children have enjoyed working on this theme. Mrs Tomkinson reports *'This week, in school, we have been taking part in Anti-Bullying Week and thinking about this year's theme, "Power for Good." To start the week, together in Collective Worship, we shared ways we can all use our power for good to make our school a happy, safe, and friendly place for everyone. In learning time, the children have been talking about what bullying means, how it can make people feel, and how they can show kindness and help others. Everyone also designed their own superhero mask or cape and thought about a special superpower they could use to spread kindness and make a positive difference!'*



Supporting Children in Need

We were very happy to support this national fundraiser at school. Huge thanks to you all for your kind donations. In recognition of the year being 2025, the children have been working on completing 25 acts of kindness this week. Examples include inviting someone to play, sharing something, saying good morning on arrival to school and asking someone if they need help. With a chart to record which of these they have managed, certificates were awarded today to those who had completed all 25.

Other activities in support of **Children in Need** included our SPOTacular dress-up day on Friday. Pupils came dressed in yellow, Pudsey outfits, or as their favourite superheroes and donated 50p to this wonderful cause. A huge thank you to everyone for your kindness, enthusiasm, and amazing costumes, you truly made it a SPOTacular week!



Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings

We are all really looking forward to seeing you at our parent/carers teacher meetings next week. 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.

First Dover League Fixture!

On Thursday this week, our Year 4 to Year 6 team took part in their very first Dover league fixture against St Richard's Catholic Primary School. Ms Phengphachanh reports that "It was a wonderful afternoon of football, filled with energy and teamwork. The children showed fantastic determination and sportsmanship. What a brilliant start to the season. The team worked tirelessly with an exciting **6-6 draw** being the result. A big thank-you to all the parents who came along to cheer them on and support the teams."



Little Lambs Toddler Visit / Stay & Play Session

This week, it was our turn to invite parents and toddlers of Little Lambs Toddler Group into school to spend some time playing games and completing a range of fun activities; toddlers from current St Mary's CEP families also attended. It was a lovely opportunity to spend valuable time in our wonderful school as well as discuss any matters with Mrs Wallis (Assistant Head of School) and Mrs Morris (Family Liaison Officer). Please do keep an eye out for future dates.

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.

Primary applications are now open, and close at midnight on Thursday, 15th January 2026

Information on how to apply can be found in this newsletter

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

Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

With Anti-Bullying and Children in Need being the theme across Collective Worship this week, messages of kindness and 'Power for Good' were discussed with the children being able to give excellent examples of how they can demonstrate this in school.

Pupils have been busily completing their 'acts of kindness' charts, which helps them focus on how they can show kindness in a variety of ways - this has been great fun! I wonder how you show kindness throughout the day?

Revd Claire explored Remembrance with the pupils as she spoke about the importance of being a peacemaker and remembering those brave individuals who fought in the world wars. I wonder how you showed respect at this important time of year? As always, the children were 'showered' with awards and praise as lots of fantastic learning and good choices were shared in Celebration Worship.

Thought for the Week



We are pleased to invite you to our Kent Adult Education course, **'Supporting Your Family Through Our Screen Obsessed World'**.

Navigating the digital age with your child.

Join us to find out how to:

- Manage screen time
- Understand the impact of technology on your child's development
- Explore healthy habits

The course is open to all parents/carers and will be hosted at St Mary's CEP on Wednesday, 19th November between 9:15am and 11:15am.

Please contact the school office if you would like to attend

01304 206887

office@stmarysprimary.net

HOUSE POINTS

- 1st - **LANG** - 156 points
- 2nd - **TEMPLE** - 149 points
- 3rd - **FISHER** - 129 points
- 4th - **RAMSEY** - 104 points

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

- 1st - **Class 6** - 150 points
- 2nd - **Class R** - 145 points
- 3rd **Class - 5** - 137 points

Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R – Turtles Class Learner of the Week is **Elijah** as he has shown a really positive attitude towards his learning this week and has taken part in all of our learning activities! Elijah wowed us in busy time with his super dinosaur creation which he made using recycled materials. Well done Elijah – we are very proud of you!



Class 1 – **Abeishan** is our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class as he is an amazing learner, sits beautifully on the carpet and listens carefully. Abeishan has been persevering in his lesson tasks to improve his letter formation, and has an excellent knowledge of the number system in maths. He is a kind friend to others are we are all so proud of him. Well done Abeishan!

Class 2 – Our Learner of the Week in Otters Class is **Chioma!** Chioma has worked really hard this week, especially in maths, confidently adding and subtracting 10, knowing the next multiple of 10, and explaining examples like 32 and 10 more. Chioma is also a trustworthy and supportive friend, showing respect and kindness to others. Keep making us proud Chioma!

Class 3 – **Daniel** is our Learner of the Week in Puffins Class! Daniel has had a fantastic week and really impressed us with his positive attitude and the high quality of work he has produced during our literacy lessons. Daniel has also shown great kindness towards his classmates, and tried his best to complete all 25 Acts of Kindness for Children in Need. Well done Daniel!

Class 4 – Penguins Class Learner of the Week is **Frankie-Louise** for the level of care she has shown in her work this week! Her handwriting is consistent and cursive across all of her books, and her science book is particularly beautiful! Frankie-Louise has shown our Christian values of perseverance, friendship and peace this week and we are very proud of her! Well done!

Class 5 – Our Learner of the Week in Orcas Class is **Beau!** Beau has blossomed this year and we have seen an impressive effort in all her learning. She displays admirable behaviour in and out of the classroom, showcasing our Christian values of respect, trust, friendship and perseverance. We are so proud of you Beau – you are a superstar!

Class 6 – **Ethan** is our Learner of the Week is Seahorses Class for the wonderful attitude and commitment he has shown at school. Ethan has impressed us in maths – understanding multiplying fractions by integers. He has explored key features of a narrative in English and has used these to support his own writing. An amazing week Ethan – well done!

Go with the Flo...

Christmas Opening Hours
We will be closed from 12pm Christmas Eve until 1st January 2026
Normal service will resume from Friday 2nd January 2026.

Dover Foodbank
Together with friends

Please note time and location for this sale!

Baby and Children's Nearly New Sale

Saturday 29th November 2025
10:00am - 12:30pm
Sandwich Technology School,
Deal Road, Sandwich, CT13 0FA

Clothes Toys
Swimwear Books
Maternity Bedding
Equipment Shoes

Register now to sell
If possible please avoid bringing buggies

Cash only
Please bring your own bags

Admission £1.50
Children Free

To register to sell or for more information please email:
fosis2019@yahoo.com

Sandwich Nearly New Sale

Spotlight on SEND...

To support your child with their speech and language development, we have access to resources provided by *Speech and Language Link*. This means that you also gain access to a free 'Parent Portal'.

We understand that supporting your child's language learning, alongside everything else that life demands from you, can be challenging.

The Parent Portal provides ideas and advice, information and activities for developing your child's understanding, talking and listening in a way that works for all of your family.

<https://speechandlanguage.link/parent-portal/>

Mrs Charlotte Burkett - SENCO



Wraparound Care

To register or book, please use the link below:

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



A green poster for Afterschool Care. It features the text 'AFTERSCHOOL CARE' at the top, with 'OFSTED Registered' in a white starburst. Below are the activities: 'Arts & Crafts', 'Forest School', 'LEGO', 'Baking', and 'Sports'. It also says 'Manage all bookings online' and '3 Sessions to choose from Monday-Friday'. A table lists three time slots with their respective costs: 15:10-16:15 for £5.50, 15:10-17:00 (Hot snack included) for £10.00, and 15:10-17:45 (Hot snack included) for £14.00. At the bottom, it says '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 17th November:

- Parent / Carer Consultations
Year R to 6 – 3:30 to 6:00pm
- Class 5 Swimming

Tuesday 18th November:

- Parent / Carer Consultations
Years R, 3 & 5 – 1:15pm to 3:15pm
- Football Club

Wednesday 19th November:

- KAE Parent Course
'Supporting Your Family Through Our Screen Obsessed World'
- Class 5 Swimming
- Drama Club, Multi-Skills Club & Art Club

Thursday 20th November:

- Parent / Carer Consultations
Years 1, 2, 4 & 6 – 1:15pm to 3:15pm
- Class 2 Local Visit
- Class 4 – Ukulele
- Cricket Club & Computing Club

Friday 21st November:

- Forest School
Class 5 – morning
Class R – Afternoon
- Science Club

Breakfast Club at St Mary's CEP, Dover

We run a daily 'Breakfast Club' which provides healthy choices of breakfast and childcare.

Breakfast Club starts at 8:00am, breakfast is served until 8:25am, and all children are then supervised in the hall until 8:40am. Please bring your child to the school office at 8:00am where a member of staff will be waiting to greet your child and escort them into the school hall.

Your child can choose from a variety of cereals, toast and yoghurts, served with fruit juices or milk.

Please contact the school office if you would like to book a place at Breakfast Club for your child.

01304 206887 / office@stmarysprimary.net

Lunch Menu – Week One

Week Beginning Monday, 17th 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.		
		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 2	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.
				WEEK 3	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2. Yoghurt & Fruit Compote 2 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2. Chocolate Cake 1,3 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2. Shrewsbury Biscuit 1,3 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2. Chelsea Buns 1,4,12 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.
Tomato Pasta 1 Garlic Dough Balls 1,4 Mixed Vegetables. Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2.	Mexican Beef Tortilla Bake 1,2 *Veggie Tacos 1 Pasta 1 Carrots & Peas. Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2.				Sausages & Gravy 1,12 Quorn Sausage & Gravy 1 Mashed Potato Sweetcorn & Baked Beans.	Curried Chicken Chunks 12 Vegetable Frittata 2,3 Rainbow Rice Cauliflower & Peas.	Fish Fingers 1,7 *Cheese Pizza 1,2 Skin on Fries or Pasta 1 Peas & Sweetcorn. Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2.	
Yoghurt & Fruit Compote 2 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Seed Cookie Bun 1,3 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Oat Cookie 1 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Marble Sponge 1,3 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.		Cooks Choice 1,3.			

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/>

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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