

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 21st November 2025



Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Mrs Comfort

Another busy and productive week at school. It was lovely to see so many parents at school for our autumn term parent/teacher meetings - we had a great turnout. A few parents were not able to come to their scheduled meeting so the office staff will be making contact to book in face to face meetings to be held with teachers next week.

Linking Schools Project

Year 4 and Year 5 pupils have taken part in an exciting Linking Schools project this term! Ms Race and Miss Whiscombe report: "Year 4 and 5 are linking schools this year with St Nicholas CE Primary School in New Romney. They have created bunting to introduce themselves to St Nicholas and have recently received theirs in return. To kick off the programme, they have joined a nationwide online event with Joseph Coehlo which introduced the: Who Am I? learning. As the year progresses, there will be events to meet online together and eventually face to face with St Nicholas. We are very proud of the work they are completing and the children are very excited to meet their new friends!"

Local Visits

Class 3 and 5 have taken a trip to St. Mary's Church this week! Miss Sayer and Ms Race report: "This week, our children visited St. Mary's Church for a talk regarding the fascinating history of the church - some parts dating all the way back to the Roman era! They investigated the church with the church warden, asking interesting questions and listening intently. Two of our children demonstrated how loud they needed to speak to be heard from the pulpit, while the others listened out carefully. Additionally, Year 3 viewed the poppies displayed beautifully outside the church. We are very proud of our students and a lovely time was had by both year groups."



Class 2 also visited St Mary's Church this week. Ms Phengphachanh reports: "Otters Class learned interesting historical facts about when the church was first built. They spent time exploring the beautiful stained-glass windows, discovering the stories they tell and how they were carefully made. The children also learned about the church's structure and enjoyed a fun, informative visit."

Chilly Weather!

A cold wind is certainly blowing at the moment; please continue to ensure that children have clothing to keep them warm when they are playing outside. If you have any problems with providing uniform, a coat or shoes for your child please do make contact with Mrs Morris, our Family Liaison Officer.

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

There were a range of themes covered across Collective Worship this week which enabled the children to reflect on the value of coming to school.

The week began with Mrs Morris and Mr Lamprell explaining the importance of school attendance with the children being able to share many reasons as to why being in school is imperative - it was lovely to hear such a positive attitude from the children.

In addition, Revd. Melissa discussed the importance of kindness and how to act if someone is feeling worried in school. Pupils spoke about many strategies that they use (e.g. tell a trusted adult; use the worry box) that helps them. Moreover, two of our school's Christian Values - Respect and Friendship - were explored with the children focusing on how these key values can be shown in school. I wonder how you show respect and friendship on a daily basis?

Finally, despite the damp weather this morning, the children were in great spirit as a range of awards were celebrated - super work everyone!

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

We would like to remind you of 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 contact the school office.

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

Thought for the Week

cold
WEATHER
warm
WISHES

HOUSE POINTS

- 1st - **RAMSEY** - 295 points
- 2nd - **TEMPLE** - 255 points
- 3rd - **LANG** - 236 points
- 4th - **FISHER** - 221 points



GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

- 1st - **Class R** - 180 points
- Joint 2nd - **Class 2 & Class 5**
160 points

Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R – Turtles Class Learner of the Week is **Matilda!** Matilda always shows a positive attitude towards her learning and always tries her best. She is a kind friend to others and regularly demonstrates our school Christian values. In busy time, she has wowed us with her super drawing and stencil skills. Well done Matilda – we are all very proud of you!



Class 1 – **Natalia** is our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class as she always tries her best in all areas of learning. Natalia is very keen to learn and listens carefully in all lessons. She has greatly improved her letter formation and has learnt the names of 3D shapes in maths. Natalia is a kind friend and plays beautifully with her friends. Well done Natalia!

Class 2 – Our Learner of the Week in Otters Class is **Archie!** Archie follows our Christian values each day and has come into school happily all week. He always tries his best with his handwriting, and we have been impressed by the way he used clear pictorial methods to subtract two two-digit numbers in maths. His curiosity and respectful behaviour make us very proud. Well done Archie!

Class 3 – Puffins Class Learner of the Week is **Marcela!** Marcela has mastered the column method for both addition and subtraction in maths, and has even been creating and completing her own questions during free time! She always tries her best, never gives up, and approaches every challenge with determination. It has been a joy to see Marcela's beaming smile when she succeeds at something she has worked hard for. Well done Marcela!

Class 4 – **EVERYONE** in Penguins Class are our Learners of the Week! We have been so impressed by how much everyone has progressed with their learning and we are so proud of you all! Keep working hard together Penguins Class so that you can continue to be the fantastic class that you are!

Class 5 – **Logan** is our Learner of the Week in Orcas Class as he has shown our school values of Trust and Perseverance. We can see the effort that Logan is making, even when things are tough. He is engaged with his learning and made a huge effort with his work this week. We are so proud of you Logan – keep being the superstar that you are!

Class 6 – **ALL OF SEAHORSES CLASS** are our Learners of the Week for the brilliant effort, attitude and perseverance displayed. They all tried their hardest to be the best they could possibly be. We are proud of you all, and you should be proud of yourselves. Well done Seahorses!

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 Trussard

Spotlight on SEND...

COFFEE MORNING

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS



JOIN US FOR A MORNING OF CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Thursday 11th December at 9:00-10:00

All parents and carers welcome

Please bring a plastic container to transport your creations home

Mrs Charlotte Burkett - SENCO

Term 2 2025

Monday 24th November:
Class 5 Swimming

Tuesday 25th November:
Class 3, 4 & 5 – East Kent College
Enrichment Workshops
Class 6 Local Visit
Class 1 Local Visit
Football Club

Wednesday 26th November:
Class 5 Swimming
Drama Club
Multi-Skills Club
Art Club

Thursday 27th November:
Class 4 – Ukulele
Class 4 – 6 Football Match
Cricket Club
Computing Club

Friday 28th November:
Forest School
Class 6 – morning
Class 1 – Afternoon
Science Club

Wraparound Care

To register or book, please use the link below:

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



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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.



New Year, New Hobby

17 January 2026 10am-4pm
The Maison Dieu (Dover Town Hall),
Biggin Street, Dover CT16 1DL

**FREE
EVENT**
More than
30 groups
taking part!

Have a go at:

- Knitting
- Card making
- History and wildlife volunteering
- Writing
- Acting
- Crafts
- Singing
- Flower arranging
- Volunteering
- Local radio
- Jive, ballroom and line dancing

FREE Percussion sessions run by the
London Philharmonic Orchestra

Performances from local groups, including:

- Sound Waves Community Choir
- Temple Ewell Players
- Dover Operatic and Dramatic Society
- Fuddlers








www.dover.gov.uk/newhobby



Breakfast Club at St Mary's CEP, Dover

Breakfast Club starts at 8:00am and breakfast is served until 8:25am, and all children are then supervised in the hall until 8:40am.

Bookings can be made termly or weekly as required. We will try to be as flexible as we can where places are available, but bookings should be with us 24 hours in advance of when you require the service.

Monday 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cereal • Toast or crumpet with reduced sugar jam or reduced salt marmite • Squash or milk • Selection of fresh and dried fruit
Tuesday 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cereal • Beans on Toast or toast with reduced sugar jam or reduced salt marmite • Squash or milk • Selection of fresh and dried fruit
Wednesday 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cereal • Toast or Scotch pancakes with reduced sugar Jam or reduced salt marmite • Squash or milk • Selection of fresh and dried fruit
Thursday 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cereal • Toast or Waffles with reduced sugar Jam or reduced salt marmite • Squash or milk • Selection of fresh and dried fruit
Friday 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cereal or Porridge • Toast or children's choice served with reduced sugar jam or reduced salt marmite • Squash or milk or hot chocolate • Selection of fresh and dried fruit

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

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

Lunch Menu – Week Two Week Beginning Monday, 24th 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, 28 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. Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2.	Roast Chicken, Stuffing & Gravy 1 Vegetable & Chickpea Tart 1 Rustic Roasties Cabbage & Sweetcorn. Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2.	Pork Meatballs 1 Meatless Meatballs 1 Pasta 1 Broccoli & Carrots. Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2. Lemon Cake 1,3 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Fish Fingers 1,7 *Cheese Pizza 1,2 Skin on Fries or Pasta 1 Baked Beans & Sweetcorn. Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2. Cooks Choice 1,3.		
		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. Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2.	Chicken Tacos 1,2 Sweet Potato & Spinach Dhal 6 Savoury Rice 6 Broccoli & Mixed Veg. Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2.	Roast Pork Veggie Mashed 1,4 Rustic Roasties Swede & Peas. Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2.	Beef Bolognese Veggie Bolognese Pasta 1 Carrots & Sweetcorn. Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2. Chelsea Buns 1,4,12 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Fish Bites 1,7 Veggie Nuggets 1 Skin on Fries or Pasta 1 Baked Beans & Peas. Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2. Cooks Choice 1,3.
				WEEK 3	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. Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2.	Curried Chicken Chunks 12 Vegetable Frittata 2,3 Rainbow Rice Cauliflower & Peas. Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2.
Yoghurt & Fruit Compote 2 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Oat 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.	

All items are subject to availability.

All items with * can be made Vegan.
All items with ** can be made Dairy Free.

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](https://www.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.



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.

Helen Comfort - Executive Headteacher

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