

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 28th November 2025



Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Mrs Comfort

With advent commencing on Sunday, Christmas preparations are well under way at school. The stage has been set up in the school hall, ready for our annual infant nativity performance. The decorated class Christmas hoops have been hung and the school Christmas tree has been decorated by our Year 6 pupils. Many thanks to everyone involved in these important preparations.

East Kent College Electricity Talks

We welcomed staff and students from East Kent College into school on Tuesday afternoon. They delivered workshops to each of our key stage 2 classes on the theme of electrical safety. Miss Sayer reports *'Our KS2 classes recently took part in a fascinating electricity workshop hosted by Dover College. Throughout the visit, pupils explored a series of interactive stations where college students demonstrated the specialist equipment electricians use to stay safe. The children also had the chance to dress up in safety clothing and listened to an engaging talk on how to keep themselves safe around electricity. It was a thoroughly enjoyable and highly informative experience for all involved!'*



Year 6 Library Visit

Now that Dover Library has relocated to its newly refurbished site we have been able to start up our regular class library visits again. Year 6 kicked off this term's programme with their session this week. Mrs Miles reports *'Class Six visited the new home of Dover Library this week which was very exciting! The children had a talk from the librarian about all things books then were set free to explore! They had a great time browsing the selection of books on offer and cosying down in the calming space to read. They chose some exciting books from 'Adventures of a Christmas Elf' to 'The Mushroom of Doom' which they can't wait to read!'*



Dover League Fixture

Ms Phengphachanh reports 'Our amazing team began their first two matches of the season with great spirit, determination, and teamwork. In the latest match against Whitfield School, the children showed fantastic resilience and supported one another throughout. Although we did not secure a win, we are very proud of their effort, positive attitude, and how well they represented the school. We look forward to seeing them continue to grow and improve this season!'



Year 1 Local Visit

Class 1 visited St. Mary's Church on Tuesday morning. Mrs Wallis reports 'We were met by the Church Warden, Lindsay Powell-Williams. Lindsay gave us a fabulous tour of the 1000-year-old church and the children enjoyed learning about the many historical features inside the beautiful building. The children investigated the stain glass windows to think carefully about the stories behind the pictures and enjoyed looking at the large painted nativity scene. Many thanks to St. Mary's church for accommodating our visit.'



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

During Collective Worship, the children spoke about the importance of kindness and generosity - two attributes that are spoken about a lot as we lead into the Christmas celebrations!

The children explored the parable of Solomon, who demonstrated the importance of working hard and sharing what we have to others. I wonder how it makes you feel that some people don't have enough to eat? I wonder how it makes God feel when people don't share what He has provided?

The pupils were able to provide lovely examples of how they have shown kindness and generosity in school and in their own home-life.

A festive-feel was apparent in Singing Worship this week as the children begin to practice for upcoming Christmas events (KS1 Nativity/KS2 Christmas Carol Concert) - we look forward to seeing many of you there! The week was rounded off positively as a range of awards were celebrated, which brought glee and happiness to our St Mary's CEP family!





Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R – Our Learner of the Week has settled into Turtles Class so well that it's like they've always been with us! They are a kind friend to others and always try their best. They have wowed us with their super storytelling and writing. Well done – we are so proud of you!

Class 1 – Sonny is our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class! Sonny sits beautifully on the carpet and listens carefully in lessons. He has tried particularly hard with his handwriting, and didn't give up when he found it tricky. Sonny was super-proud of his progress and told us he 'didn't want to stop writing!'. What a superstar! Well done Sonny!

Class 2 – Otters Class Learner of the Week is **Noah** as he has been especially thoughtful in helping others with their learning and supporting everyone in class when needed. We are proud of the independence he demonstrated when tackling his maths questions, and he has shown fantastic sportsmanship playing football with the Year 1 children. Keep making us proud Noah!

Class 3 – Nelisiwe is our Learner of the Week in Puffins Class as she comes to school each day with a positive and enthusiastic attitude towards her learning! Nelisiwe is not only a hardworking learner but also a wonderful role model for others. She is a kind, caring and considerate friend, and always demonstrates our school values. Keep continuing to shine Nelisiwe!

Class 4 – Our Learner of the Week in Penguins Class is Teddy! Teddy has tried really hard to use the different strategies for multiplication, and has made sensible and relevant contributions to all our discussions. He has also co-operated well with others when planning and performing a television advertisement to see the new improved Robot Teacher! Well done Teddy – keep trying hard.

Class 5 – Zante is our Learner of the Week in Orcas Class as he has shown great determination and our Christian value of perseverance. Zante also had an amazing swimming session on Wednesday. He listened carefully to the swimming instructors and progressed from using a pool noodle to using floats to swim on his front and back across the pool. Well done Zante!

Class 6 – Seahorses Class Learner of the Week is **Vojtech** for the wonderful attitude and commitment he has shown at school! Vojtech has impressed us in maths, and also worked exceptionally hard to improve his reading! He always listens intently to know what is expected of him and is a wonderful role model for our class, always demonstrating our Christian values. An amazing week Vojtech – well done!

Spotlight on SEND...

COFFEE MORNING

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS



JOIN US FOR A MORNING OF CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

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

Please bring a plastic container to transport your creations home

Mrs Charlotte Burkett - SENCO

Please note time and location for this sale!

Baby and Children's Nearly New Sale

Clothes, Shoes, Maternity, Equipment, Toys, Books, Building, Shoes

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:
fosls2019@yahoo.com

Sandwich Nearly New Sale

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.

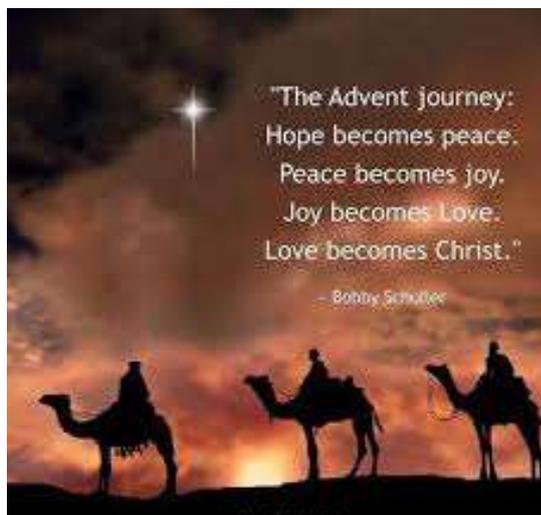
The course is open to all parents/carers and children and will be hosted at St Mary's CEP on Tuesday, 2nd December at 3:15pm.

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



HOUSE POINTS

- 1st - FISHER - 205 points
- 2nd - TEMPLE - 165 points
- 3rd - RAMSEY - 138 points
- 4th - LANG - 134 points

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

- 1st - Class 1 - 145 points
- 2nd - Class 5 - 130 points
- 3rd - Class 2 - 125 points

Term 2 2025

Monday 1st December:
Class 5 Swimming

Tuesday 2nd December:
Reception Class & KS1 Local Visit
Class 5 Local Visit
Christmas Crafts KAE Workshop 3:00pm

Wednesday 3rd December:
Little Lambs Visit
Class 5 Swimming

Thursday 4th December:
Class 4 Rescheduled Parent / Carer
Consultations
Class 4 - Ukulele
KS2 Christmas Disco

Friday 5th December:
Year 6 Local Visit
Forest School
Class 4 - morning
Class 3 - Afternoon

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS HAVE NOW
FINISHED FOR TERM 2**

SANTA AT THE MUSEUM
6TH & 7TH DEC 2025
10AM - 4PM
BOOKING VIA WEBPAGE FOR SANTAS GROTTQ
RAFMANSTON.CO.UK
HE'S ON HIS WAY
SANTA'S HELI-GROTTQ
Santa's grotto and present included in normal Museum admissions fee (Event T&Cs apply)
TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE DAY FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL
INFO@RAFMANSTON.CO.UK
RAF MANSTON HISTORY MUSEUM
PROJECTS AND CHANGE MUST BE OPEN TO ALL REASONS CIRCUMSTANCES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DEATH, COURT CASES, MEDICAL, EDUCATIONAL AND SPORTING BY JOINTCEFS AND/OR EXHIBITORS.
* CANCEL TIMES MAY VARY. * PLEASE BOOKING PLEASE BOOK BEFORE 20.00.00

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.**

Dover Foodbank
Together with Trussell

MOST needed ITEMS

CHRISTMAS 2025

- INSTANT MASH
- CEREAL
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- TINNED MEAT
- TINNED TOMATOES
- JAM OR SPREADS
- MICROAVE RICE
- FRUIT JUICE UHT
- BISCUITS
- HOT CHOCOLATE
- TOOTHPASTE
- DEODORANT
- SIZE 7 NAPPIES
- SHAMPOO

INFO@DOVER.FOODBANK.ORG.UK
UNIT 7, CHARLTON CENTRE, HIGH ST, DOVER
CHARITY NO. 1134251

Christmas Opening Hours

We will be closed from 12pm Christmas Eve until 1st January 2026

Normal service will resume from Friday 2nd January 2026.

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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

ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

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

A polite reminder that, for the health and safety of our children, we kindly request that hot food and drinks are **not permitted** in pupils' lunchboxes. If you have any questions regarding this, please do contact the school office. Thank you for your understanding.



Lunch Menu – Week Three Week Beginning Monday, 1st December 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
WEEK 1 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. 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 All items with * can be made Vegan. All items with ** can be made Dairy Free.	Vegetable Pasta Bake 1 Garlic Bread 1,4 Mixed Vegetables. Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 . Yoghurt & Fruit Compote 2 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Beef Tacos 1,2 Veggie Burrito 1 Vegetable Rice. Carrots & Green Beans. Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 . Carrot Cake 1,3 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Roast Chicken, Stuffing & Gravy 1 Vegetable & Chickpea Tart 1 Rustic Roasties Cabbage & Sweetcorn. Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 . Shortbread 1 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	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 .	
	WEEK 2	Mixed Bean Wrap 1 Pasta 1 Peas & Sweetcorn. Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 . Yoghurt & Fruit Compote 2 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Chicken Tacos 1,2 Sweet Potato & Spinach Dhal 6 Savoury Rice 6 Broccoli & Mixed Veg. Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 . Chocolate Cake 1,3 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Roast Pork Veggie Meatloaf 1,4 Rustic Roasties Swede & Peas. Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 . Shrewsbury Biscuit 1,3 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	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 . Yoghurt & Fruit Compote 2 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Mexican Beef Tortilla Bake 1,2 *Veggie Tacos 1 Pasta 1 Carrots & Peas. Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 . Jod Cookie Bun 1,3 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Sausages & Gravy 1,12 Quorn Sausage & Gravy 1 Mashed Potato Sweetcorn & Baked Beans. Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 . Oat Cookie 1 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Curried Chicken Chunks 12 Vegetable Frittata 2,3 Rainbow Rice Cauliflower & Peas. Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 . Marble Sponge 1,3 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Fish Fingers 1,7 *Cheese Pizza 1,2 Skin on Fries or Pasta 1 Peas & Sweetcorn. Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 . Cooks Choice 1,3 .

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.

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