

# St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025



## Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



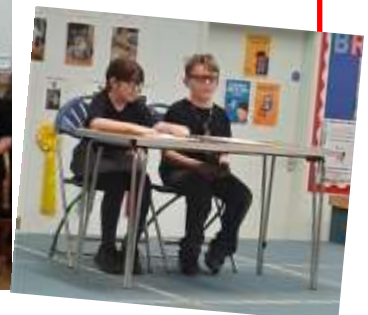
## A Message from Mrs Comfort

### Getting off to a good start!

Our Monday morning Collective Worship was a super beginning to the week for us all. The children were excited to see the school Christmas tree, the decorated Christmas hoops, the nativity set and the advent wreath in the hall – there is no mistaking that we are well and truly in advent now!



In addition to the Christmas preparation excitement on Monday morning, we were very pleased to welcome the families of our drama club children to our Collective Worship. These children have been rehearsing a dramatic presentation during their club sessions and were very pleased to present to a very appreciative audience.



### Reception Class and Key Stage One Cinema visit

Our three youngest classes of children wrapped up warm and headed to Cineworld on Tuesday morning for their annual festive outing. Mrs Wallis reports 'On Tuesday, our EYFS and KS1 classes visited Cineworld in Dover to watch 'A Paw Patrol Christmas'. The children loved visiting the cinema and enjoyed watching the Paw Patrol pups travel to the North Pole to save Christmas! Rubble, the construction pup learnt a valuable lesson about the true meaning of Christmas being beyond receiving presents. A great time was had by all!'



### Year 5 Library Visit

All children, and staff, are enjoying their visits to the newly refurbished Dover library. It was the turn of Class 5 this week. Miss Race reports 'This week, our children visited the refurbished Dover Library at the Discovery Centre. We were all amazed to see the new and improved children's area with a plethora of books in which to choose from. We are very excited to read our new books and can't put them down!'

### Key Stage Two Disco

It was sparkly outfits, twinkly lights and best dance moves all round on Thursday as children – and staff(!) – came together in the school hall for our annual Key Stage 2 Christmas Disco. Huge thanks to all involved in putting on this event and to the children for their conduct throughout.

### Little Lambs at the Parish Centre

Mrs Debbie Morris and some of our Year 6 pupils visited the Parish Centre on Friday morning to join with the weekly toddler Little Lambs group. Mrs Morris reports 'It was lovely to see our Year 6 children interacting and playing with the younger children at Little Lambs in a very kind and caring way. One of our Year 6 pupils commented that 'It was really good fun to play with children of different ages.'



### Kent Adult Education Christmas Crafts Family Session

What a festive-feeling there was in the school hall this week as lots of our families attended our Kent Adult Education (KAE) Family Session - Christmas Crafts. It was lovely to see many families spending quality time with their child/children engaging in Christmas arts and crafts - thank you to those who attended. Please do keep an eye out for future KAE Family sessions that we will be holding in school; it would be great to see you. If you would like more detail regarding these sessions, please do contact the school office.



## 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, 15<sup>th</sup> 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**

## **Learner of the Week**

**Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:**

**Class R** – Turtles Class Learner of the Week is Reagan! Reagan has shown a really positive attitude towards all of his learning this week and has enjoyed sharing lots of his ideas on the carpet. Reagan has impressed us with his fast blending skills in English, and challenged himself in maths. A fantastic week Reagan, well done!



**Class 1** – Our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class has settled in brilliantly and made many new friends. They are kind, considerate of others and always happy and smiling. They try their best with all areas of learning and are keen to be the best they can possibly be! We are all very proud of you – well done!

**Class 2** – **Zoe** is our Learner of the Week in Otters Class as she is a delight to teach. Zoe is an attentive member of our class and always has a kind heart. She consistently shows respect towards adults and has made an amazing effort across all subjects. Zoe has been working exceptionally hard in maths, showing real confidence and progress. Well done Zoe!

**Class 3** – Puffins Class Learner of the Week is **Effie** for her wonderfully positive attitude and the enthusiasm she brings into the classroom! She has shown great determination in every task and has really developed her independence this week. Effie has shared thoughtful ideas and creative vocabulary in English, and continues to be kind, focused and hardworking. Well done Effie!

**Class 4** – Our Learner of the Week in Penguins Class is **Lily-Marie** as she has made an excellent start on drafting her persuasive text in English, and has also become more confident with multiplication in maths. Lily-Marie has made a well-presented zig-zag book about herself as part of our Linking Schools Project, and we are also very proud that Lily-Marie has volunteered to read at the upcoming Carol Service next week. Well done Lily-Marie!

**Class 5** – **Jenifer** is our Learner of the Week in Orcas Class as she has shown our Christian values of perseverance, respect and peace. Class staff have also noticed Jenifer's developing maturity and she has made a great effort across all subjects. We are all so very proud of her. Well done Jenifer – a great week!

**Class 6** – Seahorses Class Learner of the Week is Paignton for the wonderful effort she has made to school life! Paignton has impressed us with her understanding in maths, and she has written an amazing letter in English! She is always extremely helpful and it is lovely to see her smile every day. An amazing week Paignton – well done!

## **HOUSE POINTS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – **LANG** – 171 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – **RAMSEY** – 141 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – **TEMPLE** – 120 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> – **FISHER** – 106 points



## **GOLDEN MANNER POINTS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – **Class 2** – 160 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – **Class 5** – 155 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – **Class 4** – 120 points

## Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

The children were excited to arrive into the school hall on Monday morning with our Christmas decorations up on show - it certainly feels Christmassy! Children explored the meaning of Advent and contributed positively in discussion.

The true meaning of Advent is a Christian season of waiting and preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ. It's a four-week period before Christmas that focuses on the anticipation of Christ's birth. The word 'Advent' comes from the Latin meaning of 'arrival' or 'coming'. Our Advent wreath was on display with our candles being lit accordingly - the candles symbolize Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. I wonder how you show these things during the festive period?

As always, Friday's Collective Worship rounded the week off with lots of celebrations shared, including our new Times Tables Rockstars trophies for KS2 - keep practising those timetables to win the trophy for your class! Well done everyone, a super reflective week for all.

### Thought for the Week

"IT IS THE BEAUTIFUL  
TASK OF ADVENT  
TO AWAKEN  
IN ALL OF US  
MEMORIES OF  
GOODNESS  
AND THUS TO OPEN  
DOORS OF HOPE."  
-POPE BENEDICT XVI

in Company  
CATHOLIC RADIO

## Term 2 2025

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December:

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December:  
KS2 Pantomime Trip

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December:  
Reception Class Christmas Family Event  
– 2:00pm

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December:  
SEND 'Christmas Crafts' Coffee Morning  
– 9:00am

Christingle Service  
Classes 1 & 2 Nativity Performance –  
2:15pm  
Class 4 – Ukulele

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December:  
Forest School  
Class 2 – morning  
Class 5 – Afternoon

**SANTA AT THE MUSEUM**  
6TH & 7TH DEC 2025  
10AM - 4PM  
BOOKING VIA WEBPAGE FOR SANTAS GROTTO  
RAFMANSTON.CO.UK

HE'S ON HIS WAY

SANTA'S  
'HELI-GROTTO'

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

\* SUBJECT TO CHANGE PLEASE VISIT WEBSITE FOR LATEST INFO. SEATING IS LIMITED IN DEATH COLLECTIONS. NEARBY CAR PARKS MAY BE SHUTTING BY 10:00AM/11:00AM/12:00PM/2:00PM/3:00PM/4:00PM. \* ALL DATE TIMES MAY VARY UPON WEATHER. BOOKING ADVISED FOR ALL EVENTS.



## 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%

## Spotlight on SEND...

COFFEE MORNING

## CHRISTMAS CRAFTS



JOIN US FOR A MORNING OF CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> 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

## Christmas Opening Hours

We will be closed from

12pm Christmas

Eve until 1<sup>st</sup>

January 2026

Normal service will resume from Friday 2nd January 2026.

Dover Foodbank  
Together with Trussard



## 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
- Dover Operatic and Dramatic Society
- Temple Ewell Players
- Fuddlers








[www.dover.gov.uk/newhobby](http://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.

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

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 One Week Beginning Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> 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
<b>WEEK 1</b> <b>DATES:</b> Week 1: 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb, 16 <sup>th</sup> March.  Week 2: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov, 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb, 2 <sup>nd</sup> March, 23 <sup>rd</sup> March.  Week 3: 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec, 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 9 <sup>th</sup> March, 30 <sup>th</sup> March.  <b>Allergens:</b> 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 <b>1</b> Garlic Bread <b>1,4</b> Mixed Vegetables.  Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans <b>2</b> .  Yoghurt & Fruit Compote <b>2</b> Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Beef Tacos <b>1,2</b> Veggie Burrito <b>1</b> Vegetable Rice. Carrots & Green Beans.  Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans <b>2</b> .  Carrot Cake <b>1,3</b> Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Roast Chicken, Stuffing & Gravy <b>1</b> Vegetable & Chickpea Tart <b>1</b> Rustic Roasties Cabbage & Sweetcorn.  Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans <b>2</b> .  Shortbread <b>1</b> Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Pork Meatballs <b>1</b> Meatless Meatballs <b>1</b> Pasta <b>1</b> Broccoli & Carrots.  Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans <b>2</b> .  Lemon Cake <b>1,3</b> Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Fish Fingers <b>1,7</b> *Cheese Pizza <b>1,2</b> Skin on Fries or Pasta <b>1</b> Baked Beans & Sweetcorn.  Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans <b>2</b> .  Cooks Choice <b>1,3</b> .	
	<b>WEEK 2</b>	Mixed Bean Wrap <b>1</b> Pasta <b>1</b> Peas & Sweetcorn.  Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans <b>2</b> .  Yoghurt & Fruit Compote <b>2</b> Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Chicken Tacos <b>1,2</b> Sweet Potato & Spinach Dhal <b>6</b> Savoury Rice <b>6</b> Broccoli & Mixed Veg.  Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans <b>2</b> .  Chocolate Cake <b>1,3</b> Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Roast Pork Veggie Meatloaf <b>1,4</b> Rustic Roasties Swede & Peas.  Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans <b>2</b> .  Shrewsbury Biscuit <b>1,3</b> Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Beef Bolognese Veggie Bolognese Pasta <b>1</b> Carrots & Sweetcorn.  Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans <b>2</b> .  Chelsea Buns <b>1,4,12</b> Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Fish Bites <b>1,7</b> Veggie Nuggets <b>1</b> Skin on Fries or Pasta <b>1</b> Baked Beans & Peas.  Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans <b>2</b> .  Cooks Choice <b>1,3</b> .
	<b>WEEK 3</b>	Tomato Pasta <b>1</b> Garlic Dough Balls <b>1,4</b> Mixed Vegetables.  Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans <b>2</b> .  Yoghurt & Fruit Compote <b>2</b> Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Mexican Beef Tortilla Bake <b>1,2</b> *Veggie Tacos <b>1</b> Pasta <b>1</b> Carrots & Peas.  Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans <b>2</b> .  Jod Cookie Bun <b>1,3</b> Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Sausages & Gravy <b>1,12</b> Quorn Sausage & Gravy <b>1</b> Mashed Potato Sweetcorn & Baked Beans.  Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans <b>2</b> .  Oat Cookie <b>1</b> Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Curried Chicken Chunks <b>12</b> Vegetable Frittata <b>2,3</b> Rainbow Rice Cauliflower & Peas.  Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans <b>2</b> .  Marble Sponge <b>1,3</b> Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Fish Fingers <b>1,7</b> *Cheese Pizza <b>1,2</b> Skin on Fries or Pasta <b>1</b> Peas & Sweetcorn.  Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans <b>2</b> .  Cooks Choice <b>1,3</b> .

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](https://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

<b>Friday 7 November 2025</b>	Online application process opens. Go to <a href="https://www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions">www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions</a> to register and apply.
<b>Thursday 15 January 2026</b>	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to <a href="mailto:kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk">kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk</a>
<b>Thursday 16 April 2026</b>	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm.
<b>Thursday 30 April 2026</b>	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.
<b>Wednesday 13 May 2026</b>	Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September – appeals information can be found at <a href="https://www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals">www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals</a> . You can only appeal for schools that were named on the application form.

## Need help?

Email [primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto: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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