

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



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026

## Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



## A Message from Mrs Comfort

### After School Clubs

After school clubs started up again this week. I am pleased to say that these are running well and children are enjoying these activities at school. The clubs are all full for this term and next. Do look out for information which will be coming out towards the end of Term 4 if you wish your child to attend during the summer terms.



### Year 6 Family Collective Worship

Class 6 led our Collective Worship on Friday. Mrs Fagg reports "Year 6 shone when they performed their final primary school Family Collective Worship today and they did themselves proud. They displayed their enjoyment of our class text, William Shakespeare's 'Macbeth' through drama, artwork and sharing their English written work. They read confidently and enthusiastically; they demonstrated wonderful acting skills, immersing themselves into the story to portray the characters effectively and accurately, bringing the story to life. A truly memorable moment. Well done Year 6, you were amazing!"



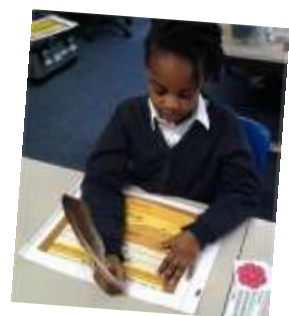
### Can you help to solve a mystery?!

We received a parcel into school last week which contained a chess trophy belonging to our school. The last inscription was 1998 - Andrew Goodacre. There was no note nor a valid return address. Does anyone have links to who may have sent this to us? If so do please let us know!



### Dig Deep

Class 3 were lucky enough to welcome an archaeologist into school this week to talk about throughout history, some of which were even linked to Dover. Miss Sayer reports "The children had the exciting opportunity to handle real artefacts and learned how archaeologists excavate underground to uncover objects made and used in the past. This gave them a fascinating insight into what life was like thousands of years ago. It was an awe-inspiring, fun-packed morning enjoyed by all!"



### Forest School

Even in the wet weather the children continued to enjoy their Forest School sessions. Mrs Fagg reports "Year 6 had a wonderful time during their Forest School afternoon last Friday. Sadly, the weather meant that they could not go outside, however it didn't dampen their fun. The children explored the 'RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch'; they used binoculars to discover the variety of birds around our school site. They then created different bird feeders: a slimy activity with unique aromas, which prompted a variety of facial expressions. They then did some wonderful sketches of birds and discovered some interesting bird facts. A fun afternoon had by all."



### Reception Class 2026

Applications for our new class of Reception children who will start in September have now closed.

Lots of families have already expressed an interest with many coming to visit our school over recent weeks. Do spread the word to anyone you know with a child born between **1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022** and encourage them to book in a time to meet with Mr Lamprell.

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 **Abdullahi** as he has shown a positive attitude towards his learning! Abdullahi has been joining in and persevered, even when he has found things tricky! He has wowed us all with his super counting skills. Well done Abdullahi!



**Class 1** – **Ariana** is our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class as she has worked really hard to improve her writing and letter formation. She has shown perseverance in all tasks and has asked brilliant questions in science. Ariana is a kind friend to other and a pleasure to have in Starfish Class. A great week Ariana – well done!

**Class 2** – Our Learner of the Week in Otters Class is **Asia!** Asia has made lots of new friends since joining our class, and is always smiling. Asia has tried very hard, even when she has found things difficult, and is settling into school life well. Keep making us proud Asia!

**Class 3** – **Piper** is our Learner of the Week in Puffins Class as she has had a very positive and productive week! Piper has taken on some tricky challenges in maths, and she loved researching how to care for a snake in science. She is a kind and considerate member of our class and is always ready to help others. Keep up the great work Piper!

**Class 4** – Penguins Class Learner of the Week is **Lexie-Mae** as she has had a great week in so many different ways! Lexie-Mae has made a good start in her English work and thought carefully about her spelling and word-building when forming sentences. Her understanding in maths is developing well, and she has thoroughly enjoyed our science lessons. Well done Lexie-Mae – keep being the best you can be!

**Class 5** – **Richard** is our Learner of the Week in Orcas Class as he always displays our Christian values of perseverance and trust. Richard has worked diligently this term to improve his learning, which has enabled excellent progress. He has shown true academic integrity and rigor, and we couldn't be prouder! Well done Richard!

**Class 6** – Our Learner of the Week in Seahorses Class is **Gracie** for the brilliant effort she has made towards all of her work! Gracie has been focused and keen to share her knowledge. We have been extremely impressed with the commitment and effort Gracie has towards all of her learning, despite challenges. An amazing week Gracie – well done!

## Go with the Flo...

Our Breakfast Club has become very popular recently and we are really pleased about that.



However, this does mean that, unfortunately, we can't be as flexible regarding booking places for your child/children. We are therefore asking that if you haven't completed the pre-booking form and you need a place at the breakfast club, you **MUST** contact the office by 4.30pm the day before to check that a space is available.

Obviously, we do not want to be turning children away on the day who haven't booked in advance but this may become necessary due to staffing levels.

Further information about our Breakfast Club, including our menu, can be found elsewhere in this newsletter, and on our website.

**Mrs Debbie Morris – Family Liaison Officer**

## Spotlight on SEND...



**We are pleased to invite you to our Kent Adult Education course, 'Managing Children's Behaviour'.**

- Learn about why children behave in certain ways and how parents can positively influence their children's behaviour
- Take part in discussions with other parents
- Try out new strategies at home and talk about how these worked
- Improve family life and your relationship with your children

**The course is open to all parents/carers and will be hosted at St Mary's CEP  
9:30am and 11:30am**

**Wednesday, 21st January to Wednesday, 11th February 2026**

Please contact the school office to confirm your attendance.

**Mrs Charlotte Burkett - SENCO**

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

This week, the children continued to learn about Jesus' childhood. Christians believe that Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple - they thanked God for their baby and offered a sacrifice of two doves in thanks to God.

I wonder what your parents did when you were born? I wonder what they did to celebrate? Christians today thank God for their babies during the service of baptism or thanksgiving.

In addition, the children enjoyed Singing and Celebration Worship with a range of songs and awards sang and shared respectively. Class 6 rounded our week off with an excellent Family Worship - learning was delivered with confidence, well done! Thank you to all the families that attended.

### HOUSE POINTS

- 1<sup>st</sup> - **TEMPLE** - 198 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - **LANG** - 162 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - **FISHER** - 128 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> - **RAMSEY** - 126 point



### GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

- 1<sup>st</sup> - **Class 4** - 140 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - **Class 5** - 130 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - **Class 6** - 117 points

## Thought for the Week



## Term 3 2026



Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January:  
Dodgeball Club – Year 4, 5 & 6

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January:  
Reception Class Local Visit  
Drama Club – Year 1, 2 & 3  
Football Club – Year 4, 5 & 6

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January:  
KAE Course 'Managing Children's Behaviour' – 9:30am  
Art Club – Year 1, 2 & 3

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January:  
Class 4 Ukulele  
Little Engineers Club – Year R, 1 & 2  
Computing Club – Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January:  
Class 3 Family Collective Worship  
Forest School: Class 2 – morning / Class 3 – afternoon  
Archery Club – Year 1, 2 & 3

## DOVER SWAP SHOP



HAS YOUR CHILD OUTGROWN THEIR  
TOYS, CLOTHES OR BOOKS?  
IF SO, BRING ITEMS IN GOOD CONDITION TO THE SWAP  
SHOP WHERE YOU CAN SWAP THEM FOR THE  
NEXT SIZE AND DIFFERENT TOYS

17th January  
11am to 1pm



**BEACON CHURCH HALL**  
**BARTHOLOMEW STREET**  
**DOVER. CT16 2LH**



### Online Courses January 2026

Course Code	Course Title	Start	End	Day	Start Time	End Time
152991	Managing Sleep	09/01/26	09/01/26	Friday	10:00	12:00
152918	Exploring Behaviour Strategies	13/01/26	13/01/26	Tuesday	09:30	11:30
152982	Autism Awareness	13/01/26	03/02/26	Tuesday	09:30	11:30
152985	Strategies to Support Your ADHD Child - Webinar	13/01/26	13/01/26	Tuesday	19:00	20:00
151041	Introduction to Working with Children	15/01/26	12/02/26	Thursday	17:30	19:30
153004	Supporting Your Child's Anxiety	21/01/26	21/01/26	Wednesday	19:00	21:00
153173	Supporting Your family through our Screen Obsessed World	27/01/26	27/01/26	Tuesday	19:00	21:00
153189	Keeping Up with the Children-Maths	13/01/26	3/2/26	Tuesday	9:30	11:30

To help us provide the best possible experience for you, please let us know if you or your child have any disabilities or particular support needs.



To book your place on one of these FREE courses, scan the QR code or go to [www.kentadulthoodeducation.co.uk](http://www.kentadulthoodeducation.co.uk)

and enter the course code into the search box.

For further information email [businesssupport2@kent.gov.uk](mailto:businesssupport2@kent.gov.uk)

Call 03000 41 22 22



Kent Adult Education is part of Community Learning and Skills

[kentadulthoodeducation.co.uk](http://kentadulthoodeducation.co.uk)

Bringing learning to life

## 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 daily, weekly or termly 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.

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.



## BREAKFAST CLUB MENU

<b>Monday</b> 	Cereal Toast or crumpet with reduced sugar jam or reduced salt marmite Squash or milk Selection of fresh and dried fruit
<b>Tuesday</b> 	Cereal Fruit bread or toast with reduced sugar jam or reduced salt marmite Squash or milk Selection of fresh and dried fruit
<b>Wednesday</b> 	Cereal Toast or Scotch pancakes with reduced sugar Jam or reduced salt marmite Squash or milk Selection of fresh and dried fruit
<b>Thursday</b> 	Cereal Toast or Waffles with reduced sugar Jam or reduced salt marmite Squash or milk Selection of fresh and dried fruit
<b>Friday</b> 	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

## 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



*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%

## Lunch Menu – Week Three Week Beginning Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026

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 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

 <b>whole school meals</b>		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		<b>WEEK 1</b> All items are subject to availability.	Vegetable Pasta Bake <b>1</b> Garlic Bread <b>1,4</b> Mixed Vegetables.	Beef Tacos <b>1,2</b> Veggie Burrito <b>1</b> Vegetable Rice Carrots & Green Beans.	Roast Chicken, Stuffing & Gravy <b>1</b> Vegetable & Chickpea Tart <b>1</b> Rustic Roasties Cabbage & Sweetcorn.	Pork Meatballs <b>1</b> Meatless Meatballs <b>1</b> Pasta <b>1</b> Broccoli & Carrots. Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans <b>2</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.	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	
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.	Yoghurt & Fruit Compote <b>2</b> Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Carrot Cake <b>1,3</b> Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans <b>2</b> . Shortbread <b>1</b> Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Lemon Cake <b>1,3</b> Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Cooks Choice <b>1,3</b> .	
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>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	
<b>Allergens:</b> 1. Gluten/Wheat 2. Dairy/Milk 3. Eggs 4. Soya/Soyabeans 5. Mustard 6. Celery 7. Fish 8. Molluscs 9. Shellfish/Crustaceans 10. Sesame Seeds 11. Nuts 12. Lupins 13. Sulphur Dioxide 14. Peanuts	Mixed Bean Wrap <b>1</b> Pasta <b>1</b> Peas & Sweetcorn.	Chicken Tacos <b>1,2</b> Sweet Potato & Spinach Dhal <b>6</b> Savoury Rice <b>6</b> Broccoli & Mixed Veg.	Roast Pork Veggie Meatloaf <b>1,4</b> Rustic Roasties Swede & Peas.	Beef Bolognese Veggie Bolognese Pasta <b>1</b> Carrots & Sweetcorn.	Fish Bites <b>1,7</b> Veggie Nuggets <b>1</b> Skin on Fries or Pasta <b>1</b> Baked Beans & Peas.	
All items with * can be made Vegan. All items with ** can be made Dairy Free.	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans <b>2</b> . Yoghurt & Fruit Compote <b>2</b> Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans <b>2</b> . Chocolate Cake <b>1,3</b> Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans <b>2</b> . Shrewsbury Biscuit <b>1,3</b> Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans <b>2</b> . Chelsea Buns <b>1,4,12</b> Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans <b>2</b> . Cooks Choice <b>1,3</b> .	
<b>WEEK 2</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	
<b>WEEK 3</b>	Tomato Pasta <b>1</b> Garlic Dough Balls <b>1,4</b> Mixed Vegetables.	Mexican Beef Tortilla Bake <b>1,2</b> *Veggie Tacos <b>1</b> Pasta <b>1</b> Carrots & Peas.	Sausages & Gravy <b>1,12</b> Quorn Sausage & Gravy <b>1</b> Mashed Potato Sweetcorn & Baked Beans.	Curried Chicken Chunks <b>12</b> Vegetable Frittata <b>2,3</b> Rainbow Rice Cauliflower & Peas.	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> . Yoghurt & Fruit Compote <b>2</b> Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans <b>2</b> . Iced Cookie Bun <b>1,3</b> Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans <b>2</b> . Oat Cookie <b>1</b> Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans <b>2</b> . Marble Sponge <b>1,3</b> Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans <b>2</b> . Cooks Choice <b>1,3</b> .	

## Medication in School

If your child requires medication throughout the school day, please hand this in at the office and complete a Parental Agreement for the Administration of Medicines form. Please do not send any medication to school with your child, or in their school bag.

Please also be advised, antibiotics can only be administered by the office if they are to be taken four times a day.

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<https://www.st-marys-dover.kent.sch.uk/>

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Marys-Ch-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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