

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 23rd January 2026

Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Mrs Comfort

A mixed-bag of weather this week, that being said the days are starting to lengthen which always feels a relief at this time of year.

The children have been enjoying a variety of activities when out on the playgrounds at morning break and lunchtime – hop-scotch and skipping has proved popular with Key Stage 1 while the older children have been taking part in archery and dodgeball.

As well as playing hard, the children have been working hard. It is always a joy to be able to drop into classrooms to see and hear in action the wonderful learning opportunities which our teachers and support staff provide for the children. The children are rightly proud of their achievements and keen to share their work.



Class 3 Family Collective Worship

Miss Sayer reports, 'Class 3 shared a variety of their fantastic learning during their Family Collective Worship today. They demonstrated balances, jumps and rolls from their gymnastics lessons, shared a range of interesting animal facts from their science fact files, and ended with a song about the Vikings. The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their learning with everyone.'



Reception Class Library Visit

Reception Class really enjoyed their first visit to Dover library this week. Mrs Tomkinson reports, 'Walking down together, we observed lots of things in our local area and were delighted to spot ducks swimming in the river. When we arrived at the library, we met one of the librarians who helped us to explore a wide range of picture books. The children then learnt about the difference between fiction and non-fiction books, before choosing a book to take back to school. Everyone loved the visit and the children have really enjoyed sharing and reading their library books in class.'



Reception Class September 2026

If you have a child due to start school in Reception Class in September 2026 (born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022), or know of anyone who is, and have not yet applied for a school place, please contact the school office for information.

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 **Nainika!** Nainika has settled into Turtles Class really well and has made lots of new friends. She has really enjoyed playing inside and outside. What a great start Nainika! Well done!



Class 1 – **Jamal** is our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class as he has worked really hard to improve his writing. He has written some brilliant facts about dogs and cats this week, and we have really noticed how Jamal has settled on the carpet and is trying very hard to listen carefully in lesson time. Well done Jamal!

Class 2 – Otters Class Learner of the Week has shown a fantastic attitude to learning, and tries their very best to listen carefully and follow instructions. We are especially proud of the effort they have put into their handwriting. They are also a kind and caring friend to others. What a brilliant week – well done!

Class 3 – Our Learner of the Week in Puffins Class is **Arnav** as he has had a super week! Arnav has created a fantastic fact file in science, and has really impressed us with his maths skills! He also enjoyed learning the Viking song in our music lessons, which he was excited to perform in our Puffins Class Family Collective Worship today. A fantastic week Arnav – well done!

Class 4 – **George** is our Learner of the Week in Penguins Class as he has impressed us all with his fantastic progress and attitude! George has applied himself well in English and has made a good start to our work on newspaper reports. He has also shown perseverance in science when building switches of different kinds to include in the electrical circuits. Well done George! We are so proud of you!

Class 5 – Orcas Class Learner of the Week in **Shriyanshi** as she has joined our class seamlessly and has been a good friend towards others! Shriyanshi has displayed our Christian values of perseverance and shown true resilience. We couldn't be prouder of her! An amazing start Shriyanshi – well done!

Class 6 – **EVERYONE** in Seahorses Class are our Learners of the Week for their perseverance and determination during our test week! Well done Seahorses Class!

Thought for the Week

WE DON'T GROW WHEN
THINGS ARE EASY,
WE GROW WHEN WE
FACE CHALLENGES.

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HOUSE POINTS

- 1st – **LANG** – 244 points
- 2nd – **RAMSEY** – 217 points
- 3rd – **TEMPLE** – 210 points
- 4th – **FISHER** – 169 points



GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

- 1st – **Class 6** – 144 points
- 2nd – **Class 5** – 142 points
- 3rd – **Class 3** – 136 points

Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

During Worship this week, the children made valuable contributions when we explored the positive impact that John the Baptist had, and how we overcome barriers in life.

Christians believe that in the Gospels, Jesus tells us that the Gospel (good news) includes a promise that when we make mistakes (and we all do), it's what we do after that makes the biggest difference. John had an important job to do on Earth, he had to prepare people for the arrival of Jesus and start spreading the message of God's love.

I wonder what challenges you have faced in life, and how you have overcome them? I wonder how we can help to share the message of God's love as John and Jesus did in their different ways?

In addition, it was lovely to hear a range of impressive reasons as to why our Learners of the Week were chosen - well done to you all! Furthermore, the children continue to work hard on their handwriting and presentation skills with examples being shared and celebrated (including our Presentation Awards!).

The week was ended with a special Family Worship delivered by Class 3 - thank you to those families who attended - the children shared learning positively and confidently.

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A PLACE FOR MEN

Mondays | 2pm - 4pm

 fb.com/doverbiglocal  [Charlton Centre | Dover](#)  **COMMUNITY FUND**

Mrs Debbie Morris – Family Liaison Officer

Spotlight on SEND...



We are pleased to invite you to our Kent Adult Education course, 'Little Green Warriors'.

Join us in an engaging and hands-on course, where families can explore practical steps to make a positive impact on the environment together.

Discover fun and creative ways with your child to help the environment by reducing, reusing and recycling.

The course is open to all parents/carers and their children, and will be hosted at St Mary's CEP between 3:15pm and 5:00pm on Thursday, 26th February 2026.






Please reply to our ParentMail form to confirm your attendance no later than Thursday, 12th February 2026.

Mrs Charlotte Burkett - SENCO

Breakfast Club at St Mary's CEP, Dover

Breakfast Club starts at 8:00am and breakfast is served until 8:25am; 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.

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

After School Wraparound Care

A message from Jack in A Box Education

We're excited to share that we'll be changing our name—but please be reassured that our values, quality of care, and commitment to your children remain exactly the same.

We will continue to offer our wrap-around care with the same flexible collection times and pricing:

- **Until 4:15pm** – £5.50
- **Until 5:00pm** – £10.00 (includes a hot snack)
- **Until 5:45pm** – £14.00 (includes a hot snack)

To help us manage places effectively, all sessions should be booked in advance using our online booking system (Olympuslc.magicbooking.co.uk).

This can be accessed by scanning the QR code on the image below, and we will also provide a simple step-by-step guide to support you.

Same-day bookings online can be made up until 11:00am. After this time, availability cannot be guaranteed.

If you need to request a booking after this time, please contact us on:

07879 755588 / stmarys@olympuslearningcollective.co.uk

Please note that responses may not be immediate, as messages can take time to be received and processed.

We continue to accept **Tax-Free Childcare**, which can save you up to 20% on fees. We also work alongside **Universal Credit**, allowing eligible families to claim back a portion of childcare costs.



Term 3 2026

Monday 26th January:

Dodgeball Club – Year 4, 5 & 6

Tuesday 27th January:

Class 6 Local Visit

Drama Club – Year 1, 2 & 3

Football Club – Year 4, 5 & 6

Wednesday 28th January:

Art Club – Year 1, 2 & 3

Thursday 29th January:

Class 4 Ukulele

Little Engineers Club – Year R, 1 & 2

Computing Club – Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

Friday 30th January:

Class 6 Local Visit

Forest School:

Class 5 – morning / Class R – afternoon

Archery Club – Year 1, 2 & 3



WE ARE CHANGING OUR NAME BUT OUR VALUES ARE STAYING THE SAME

WHAT STAYS THE SAME

- OUR COMMITMENT TO SAFEGUARDING AND WELLBEING
- OUR CHILD-CENTRED, INCLUSIVE PRACTICE
- OUR EXPERIENCED STAFF TEAM
- OUR HIGH EXPECTATIONS OF CARE AND EDUCATION
- OUR STRONG PARTNERSHIPS WITH FAMILIES
- OUR BOOKING SYSTEM

WHAT IS NEW

- A FRESH NEW NAME AND IDENTITY
- CONSISTENT STANDARDS ACROSS ALL SETTINGS
- MORE LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES
- A BIGGER LEARNING COMMUNITY
- A LONG-TERM VISION FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

SCAN THE QR CODE TO
BOOK/REGISTER



Lunch Menu – Week One Week Beginning Monday, 26th 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 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

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		WEEK 1 All items are subject to availability.	Vegetable Pasta Bake 1 Garlic Bread 1,4 Mixed Vegetables.	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 .
DATES: Week 1: 27 th Oct, 17 th Nov, 8 th Dec, 9 th Jan, 26 th Jan, 23 rd Feb, 16 th March.	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
Week 2: 3 rd Nov, 24 th Nov, 12 th Jan, 2 nd Feb, 2 nd March, 23 rd March.	Yoghurt & Fruit Compote 2 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 .	Carrot Cake 1,3 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Lemon Cake 1,3 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Cooks Choice 1,3 .	
Week 3: 10 th Nov, 1 st Dec, 19 th Jan, 9 th March, 30 th March	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
Allergens: 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 1 Pasta 1 Peas & Sweetcorn.	Chicken Tacos 1,2 Sweet Potato & Spinach Dhal 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.	
All items with * can be made Vegan. All items with ** can be made Dairy Free.	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 .	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 .	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 .	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 .	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 .	
WEEK 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
WEEK 3	Tomato Pasta 1 Garlic Dough Balls 1,4 Mixed Vegetables.	Mexican Beef Tortilla Bake 1,2 *Veggie Tacos 1 Pasta 1 Carrots & Peas.	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.	
WEEK 1	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 .	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 .	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 .	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 .	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 .	
WEEK 2	Yoghurt & Fruit Compote 2 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Iced 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 .	

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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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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