

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 30th January 2026

Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Mrs Comfort

Goodness me what a lot of rain we seem to have had this week! Can you believe we are at the end of the first month of this year already? As January draws to a close, I am pleased to share below a number of events which will be happening at school over the coming weeks.

Safer Internet Day 10th February 2026

Safer Internet Day 2026 will take place on the 10th of February 2026, with celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'.

Everyone's talking about AI, and with many children and young people hearing about and using AI online, it's important they have the skills and confidence to make safe choices when they are using smart technology. This Safer Internet Day we are exploring the impact of AI on all of our lives, looking at how AI can be used for good, and giving advice and guidance that empowers people to use AI safely and responsibly.

At School we will hold a special Collective Worship and carry out activities in Computing lessons that will contribute to classroom displays.

Year 6 Little Lambs Visit

Our Year 6 termly trip to Little Lambs took place again this week. Mrs Morris reports, *'It is always a real pleasure to be involved in this activity. Again, I was amazed by the gentleness and kindness shown by our children as they played and interacted with the young ones. The children always enjoy our visits to Little Lambs. One child commented today on the walk back to school 'That was such fun I wish I could come every time' and his partner replied with 'Me too'.*



Open Afternoon – Wednesday, 11th February 3.15pm

Our planned 'open afternoon' will be happening in classrooms on Wednesday, 11th February between 3:15pm – 4:15pm. This is an excellent opportunity to see your child's learning environment; look at your child's workbooks; as well as talk to class staff with any questions that you may have. You are welcome to 'drop in' to other classrooms if you have multiple children at the school.

'Travelling Books' Book Fair – Thursday, 26th February to Monday, 2nd March 2026

We will be hosting our annual book fair, led by 'Travelling Books', in our school hall between Thursday, 26th February and Monday, 2nd March. Our fairs are always incredibly successful and your support helps us to 'top up' our book stock in the classrooms and library. The book fairs will be held in the hall from 3.15pm to 4.00pm on these days. **Please note, payment is cash only.** We look forward to seeing you there!

World Book Day - Thursday, 5th March 2026

We are excited to once again, celebrate World Book Day in school, this year on Thursday 5th March. World Book Day is a charity with an aim to: "change lives through a love of books and shared reading". The World Book Day charity offers every child and young person the opportunity to have a book of their own.

To celebrate World Book Day 2026, we will be dressing up as a favourite character from a book – if you are able to, bring in a donation (suggested £1.00) for the World Book Day charity. If you chose for your child not to dress up, then school uniform is to be worn. Further details regarding this event will be shared in due course.

Class 6 Local Visit

Class 6 had a wonderful (and rainy) trip to the library on Tuesday morning. Mrs Miles reports, *'The children loved browsing the new selection of books on offer, sharing stories and exploring the variety of genres available. Everyone chose a great book and enjoyed reading them once we returned to school. We cannot wait for our next visit!'*



School Attendance

Overall school attendance is extremely strong at the moment – well done everyone!

St Mary's CEP School Website – Translate Function

This useful function on our website allows the user to translate the information displayed in to a chosen language. The user will need to click on the icon in the top-right corner of our website (as circled in the image below); an option to 'translate' will then appear (as shown by the arrow). If you need any support with this, please do contact the school office.



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

Pre-School Stay & Play Session

If you have a pre-school child, we would like to warmly invite you to attend a 'pre-school stay and play' session at **1:45pm on Wednesday, 4th February.**

This event is a fantastic opportunity to come in to our lovely school and have a cup of tea and a chat with other parents from the local Little Lambs toddler group, whilst your children enjoy playing together.



If you would like to attend our Stay and Play session, please reply to the recent ParentMail form by Monday, 2nd February. We hope you are able to join us.

Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

During Collective Worship this week, pupils explored the reasons why Christians follow the example of Jesus Christ; this included talking through the parable, 'The Miraculous Catch of Fish'. Christians believe that Jesus is the best person to follow as he gave an excellent example of how to live a good life.

I wonder what particular examples you set which enables you to lead a good life? The children made links to our school Christian values and how these support in making good choices and having successful days.

In addition, the pupils had a wonderful Singing Worship, with a range of songs sung with positivity and enthusiasm. Our final Collective Worship of the week involved awards and celebrations - Learners of the Week, Presentation Cups, TTRS trophies, House Point winners etc. Well done to everyone who continues to try their hardest and flourish with their learning.

Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R – Turtles Class Learner of the Week is **Dottie!** Dottie has shown a really positive attitude towards all her learning this week. She has demonstrated good listening skills and has enjoyed sharing lots of her ideas. Well done Dottie!

Class 1 – **Abeishan** is our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class as he works hard in all tasks to achieve his very best! Abeishan is an excellent reader and has enjoyed learning new sounds in English, and has tried hard to understand subtracting in different ways in maths. He sits beautifully and listens to the adults in the classroom. Well done Abeishan!

Class 2 – Our Learner of the Week in Otters Class is **Ryan** as he made fantastic progress in reading! Ryan confidently volunteered to read a story to the whole class this week. He is kind and accommodating, and consistently tries his very best. Keep up the amazing work Ryan!

Class 3 – Puffins Class Learner of the Week is **Patrena** as she has been an all-round superstar in every way! She has demonstrated fantastic skills in maths, and used interesting vocabulary to enhance her writing in English! Patrena is such a valued member of Puffins Class and she is kind, considerate and sets a fantastic example for others. Keep up the super work Patrena!

Class 4 – **Ronnie** is our Learner of the Week in Penguins Class as he is always reliable and diligent, but he has been particularly impressive this week! Ronnie wrote an excellent story in English, and we definitely have a budding reporter among us! He has also been working accurately on our recent multiplication unit, constantly striving to improve his test scores. Well done Ronnie!

Class 5 – Our Learner of the Week in Orcas Class is **Lenka** as she has displayed our Christian value of perseverance. Lenka has shown integrity and hard work in maths when tackling some pretty tricky topics. We have seen how proud she is as her confidence has grown. Well done Lenka – you are amazing!

Class 6 – **Aidan** is our Learner of the Week in Seahorses Class for the wonderful attitude he has demonstrated towards all of his learning! Aidan has been more focused and his contributions to whole class learning are always valuable to others. He is a fantastic mathematician, and we have been impressed with the amazing knowledge and skills he has. A brilliant week Aidan – well done!



Thought for the Week



On **Friday 6th February**, St Mary's CEP School will be 'mega maths' fundraising for the **NSPCC Number Day**.



In school, your child will have a fun-filled day of maths activities and games as well as learning about the charity's services - how they help and support children.

For a donation of £1.00, we would like the children to take part in '**Dress up for Digits**'. The children are asked to wear clothing with visible numbers. Alternatively, your child could create their own 'number themed' clothing. **If your child chooses not to dress up, then school uniform is to be worn as normal.**

If you would like to discuss your child's well-being in school, please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher or contact Mrs Debbie Morris (our Family Liaison Officer).

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to the day.



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

Go with the Flo...



JOIN OUR ONLINE SPEAK OUT PARENTS SESSION



Your voice matters
Let's shape family support in Kent together!

Share your thoughts and experiences as parents around Online Safety, what's working well for parents, where parents need more support, and how parents support children and young people navigate the digital world

Sessions available:

Saturday 31st January
10am - 11am

Join this session to receive a £20 Love to Shop voucher

JANUARY TOPIC
Online Safety

To book follow the link in the description or to find out more contact partnershipandparticipationteam@kent.gov.uk

Mrs Debbie Morris – Family Liaison Officer



Online Courses February 2026

Course Code	Course Title	Start	End	Day	Start Time	End Time
152993	Fathers Matter	03/02/26	03/02/26	Tuesday	19:00	21:00
151653	Strategies to Support Your ADHD Child - Webinar	04/02/26	04/02/26	Wednesday	10:00	11:00
152987	Supporting Your Teenager with their Mental Health	04/02/26	04/02/26	Wednesday	19:00	21:00
152992	First Aid for Babies	09/02/26	09/02/26	Monday	10:00	12:00
151161	Supporting Your Child's Anxiety	10/02/26	10/02/26	Tuesday	19:00	21:00
152988	Calm Together - Emotional Regulation You and Your Child	10/02/26	10/02/26	Tuesday	09:30	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.kentadulteducation.co.uk

and enter the course code into the search box.

For further information email businesssupport2@kent.gov.uk

Call 03000 41 22 22



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Term 3 2026

Monday 2nd February:

Dodgeball Club – Year 4, 5 & 6

Tuesday 3rd February:

Class 5 Local Visit

Drama Club – Year 1, 2 & 3

Football Club – Year 4, 5 & 6

Wednesday 4th February:

Little Lambs Visit, St Mary's CEP – 1:45pm

Art Club – Year 1, 2 & 3

Thursday 5th February:

Reception Class Dress-Up Day

KS1 & KS2 - Math's Mastermind Inter-House Event

Class 4 Ukulele

Little Engineers Club – Year R, 1 & 2

Computing Club – Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

Friday 6th February:

NSPCC Number Day

Forest School:

Class 6 – morning / Class 1 – afternoon

Archery Club – Year 1, 2 & 3



Parent Support Advice Drop-In



A safe, supportive space for parents/carers and children, aged 0-19 years, to explore a range of support around family life.

DATE: Wednesdays

TIME: 12:30pm - 2pm

VENUE: Buckland Family Hub, St Nicholas Church, The Linces, Dover, CT16 2BN

Term time only.

Booking not required for these sessions.

Visit your local Family Hub today

www.kent.gov.uk/familyhub



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

HOUSE POINTS

- 1st - **RAMSEY** - 316 points
- 2nd - **LANG** - 310 points
- 3rd - **TEMPLE** - 253 points
- 4th - **FISHER** - 230 points



GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

- 1st - **Class 3** - 165 points
- 2nd - **Class 5** - 160 points
- 3rd - **Class 1** - 151 points

After School Wraparound Care

A message from Olympus Learning Collective

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

We 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.



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 Two Week Beginning Monday, 2nd February 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

 <p>whole SCHOOL meals</p> <p>DATES: Week 1: 27th Oct, 17th Nov, 8th Dec, 9th Jan, 28th Jan, 23rd Feb, 16th March.</p> <p>Week 2: 3rd Nov, 24th Nov, 12th Jan, 2nd Feb, 2nd March, 23rd March.</p> <p>Week 3: 10th Nov, 1st Dec, 19th Jan, 9th March, 30th March</p> <p>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</p> <p><i>All items with * can be made Vegan.</i> <i>All items with ** can be made Dairy Free.</i></p>		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		All items are subject to availability.	WEEK 1			
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.	Fish Fingers 1,7 *Cheese Pizza 1,2 Skin on Fries or Pasta 1 Baked Beans & Sweetcorn. Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2.	
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Yoghurt & Fruit Compote 2 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Carrot Cake 1,3 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.		Shortbread 1 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.			
WEEK 2						
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. Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2.	
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Yoghurt & Fruit Compote 2 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Chocolate Cake 1,3 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Shrewsbury Biscuit 1,3 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Chelsea Buns 1,4,12 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.			
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. Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2.		
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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-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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