

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 6th February 2026

Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Mrs Comfort

Fantastic Forest School

We are blessed to have such fantastic Forest School facilities on our school site with every class being able to undertake regular Forest School lessons with a qualified Forest School teacher. Mrs Tomkinson has recently captured photographs of the children in action and recorded their thoughts – these are on display in school and published also in this newsletter for you all to enjoy.

Forest School at St. Mary's CEP

From our youngest children in EYFS to our confident Year 6 pupils, everyone enjoys learning at Forest School.

Children take part in exciting activities such as climbing, building, investigating and exploring nature. They learn to work together, try new things and ask curious questions about the world around them. Along the way, they develop new skills, grow in confidence and resilience, and enjoy fun, muddy adventures that make learning exciting and memorable.

"We're making sunflowers!"

"Me making soup for my friends"

"I'm drawing round the stencils. It's gunna be a bird"

"I really like nature. It's so beautiful"

"We are making a pattern"

"We are trying to find something to match every colour on the chart"

"Look at me... I can swing really high!"



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 as well and do please take a moment to admire our lovely new displays on the top corridor.

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 **Diana!** Diana could be learner of the week every week as she always follows the school rules, and tries her best in everything she does. Diana is a kind friend to others, and a pleasure to have in Turtles Class. Well done Diana!

Class 1 – **Reign** is our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class as he has been trying really hard in the classroom and has sat beautifully on the carpet. Reign has joined in with great enthusiasm with all our learning and has enjoyed learning about the numbers twenty to fifty. A brilliant week Reign – well done!

Class 2 – Our Learner of the Week in Otters Class is **Judith** as she has settled in beautifully and shown a wonderful attitude to learning! Judith is always polite, follows instructions well, and makes a real effort in all class activities. We are so proud of her and very happy to have her in Otters Class. Well done Judith!

Class 3 – **Logan** is our Learner of the Week in Puffins Class as he has had a fantastic week! Logan has impressed us with his positive work ethic and the high quality of the work he has produced this week. Logan was focused, calm and performed really well in our maths assessments, and worked hard to improve his diary entry in English. Keep being you Logan – we are very proud!

Class 4 – Penguins Class Learner of the Week is **Martin** as he has been making a good effort to listen and follow instructions, which is clear to see when he is completing set tasks. Martin's times tables results have improved dramatically and he is very proud of his scores! A brilliant week Martin – well done!

Class 5 – Our Learner of the Week in Orcas Class is **Sara** as she has made a concerted effort to follow our school Christian values! Sara has displayed this both in lessons and during play. We have seen a vast improvement and it has allowed good progress in her learning. Well done Sara – you are amazing!

Class 6 – Seahorses Class Learner of the Week is **Phoenix** for the wonderful attitude and commitment he has shown at school! Phoenix has impressed us in maths with his mental arithmetic calculations, and worked exceptionally hard to improve his reading. He has also created wonderful electrical circuit diagrams in science. An amazing week – well done Phoenix!

Thank
You for
being
absolutely
Brilliant

Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

During this week, the children explored parables from the Bible which enabled them to reflect on how Jesus supported vulnerable individuals within the community. Christians believed that Jesus would not disregard anyone who was in need of help. Through these parables, it was shared that many people suffered from extreme illnesses and had to be isolated away from the rest of their community - Jesus engaged with these individuals and healed them (*'Jesus felt sorry for the man, so he put his hand on him, instantly he was healed - Mark 1:40-45*).

I wonder how you help others within your community? I wonder how we can show kindness towards others in need?

As well as an engaging Celebration Worship, we were treated to a 'number-tastic!' Collective Worship today to recognise NSPCC Number Day. With many pupils 'dressed up for digits', they learned about the importance of the charity and why we take part in this important day - the children also completed some fun problem-solving-maths activities!

Spotlight on SEND...



GREEN WARRIORS

Reduce, reuse and recycle
for a greener future!

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

Where:

St Mary's CEP School, Dover

Date:

Thursday, 26th February 2026

Time:

3:15pm to 5:00pm

To book a place please contact:

office@stmarysprimary.net / 01304 206887



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Mrs Charlotte Burkett - SENCO

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Mrs Debbie Morris – Family Liaison Officer

Thought for the Week



Term 3 2026

Monday 9th February:
Dodgeball Club – Year 4, 5 & 6

Tuesday 10th February:
Class 1 Local Visit
Drama Club – Year 1, 2 & 3
Football Club – Year 4, 5 & 6
Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 11th February:
Open Afternoon – 3:15pm
Art Club – Year 1, 2 & 3

Thursday 12th February:
Class 5 Local Visit
Class 4 Ukulele
Little Engineers Club – Year R, 1 & 2
Computing Club – Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

Friday 13th February:
Forest School:
Class 4 – morning / Class 2 – afternoon
Archery Club – Year 1, 2 & 3
LAST DAY OF TERM 3

**TERM 4 BEGINS ON
MONDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY 2026**



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
152967	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
152966	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

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After School Wraparound Care

A message from Olympus Learning Collective

We offer our wrap-around care with 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.

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** - 360 points
 2nd - **LANG** - 340 points
 3rd - **TEMPLE** - 319 points
 4th - **FISHER** - 267 points



GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

- 1st - **Class 2** - 125 points
 2nd - **Class 5** - 120 points
 3rd - **Class 1** - 110 points

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AFTERSCHOOL CARE

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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, 9th 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>		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 .	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 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	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 All items with * can be made Vegan. All items with ** can be made Dairy Free.	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY		
WEEK 2 All items are subject to availability.	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 . Cooks Choice 1,3 .		
WEEK 3 All items are subject to availability.	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 . 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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<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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