

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 13th February 2026

Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Mrs Comfort

As we end this term we are already half-way through this academic year! I would like to thank all families for their support and the children and staff for their hard work.

Open Afternoon

It was lovely to see so many of you on Wednesday at our Open Afternoon. I hope you enjoyed looking at your child's workbooks and seeing our fabulous display boards as you walked around the school.

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 10th February, like many other schools across the country, we took part in Safer Internet Day. Mrs Miles reports, *"This year, the theme was, 'Smart tech, safe choices - exploring the safe and responsible use of AI.' The children took part in a whole school assembly and completed a range of activities throughout the day, exploring how to use technology, and AI, safely and responsibly in our modern world."*



NSPCC Number Day

Last week we were 'mega maths' fundraising for the NSPCC Number Day. Mrs Fagg reports, *"The children participated in a range of number-fun maths activities and games and learnt about the charity's services, how they help and support children. It was amazing to see the wonderful, and diverse, number themed clothing, promoting the importance of numbers. Well done everyone - a great fundraising event!"*

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).



Reception Class Dress-Up Day

Class R thoroughly enjoyed their 'Future Careers' Dress-Up Day on Thursday, linked to their learning in PSHE. Mrs Tomkinson reports, "We were joined by doctors, teachers, firefighters, astronauts, vets, chefs, and many more. The children took part in fun, hands-on activities related to their chosen careers and loved sharing their dreams with friends. It was an exciting day filled with learning, imagination, and big future plans!"



"Cooking"



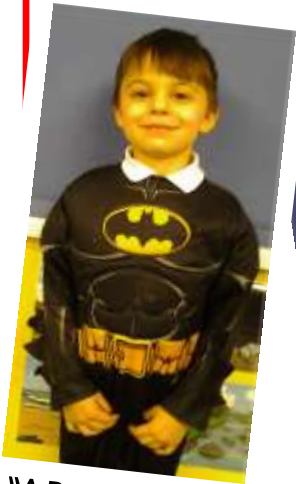
"Vet"



"I would like to be, when I grow up, a teacher, so I need to be good at writing and reading"



"I want to be a doctor"



"A Batman. I need to save people"



"I would like to be a vet"



"I would like to be a ballerina"



"Me be a firefighter"



"I be a vet. Look after animals"



"I want to be an astronaut and I need to learn flying in space and going in the rocket ship"



"I like to be, when I grow up, a mermaid and I need to learn how to swim"



"I wanna be a princess and a good dancer"



"I like to be a superhero and save people"



"I want to be a vet when I grow up"

Maths Mastermind Inter-House Event

On Thursday, St Mary's CEP took part in the Maths Mastermind Inter-House Event. Mrs Fagg reports, "Each year group collaborated, and competed, in their house teams to problem solve three, age-appropriate mathematical challenges, earning points for their house. Such amazing teamwork, perseverance and resilience was demonstrated by all and mathematical abilities shone throughout the event. The 'Maths Mastermind' winning house is Red Temple; each member will receive a certificate to commemorate their achievement. Well done St Mary's CEP, you were all shining stars!"



End of Term 3

The school breaks for half term today. Term 4 begins on **Monday, 23rd February** and I look forward to seeing everyone back at school on that day.

Wishing you all a good half term break.

Mrs Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Class 5 Local Visit

Class 5 visited Dover seafront this week. Miss Race reports, "Class 5 went to view Dover's seafront as part of their Geography fieldwork.

Pupils used a tally chart to record the types of litter we saw, such as plastics, paper, fishing nets and lines, as well as the effect of the ferries on Climate Change and our oceans. The children then analysed the effect of the litter found on the local ecosystem. We enjoyed our walk and the children benefited from seeing the impacts first hand."



Forest School Chinese New Year

Class 6 had a wonderful time at Forest School last week celebrating Chinese New Year.

Mrs Fagg reports, "The children made their own chopsticks and chopped vegetables for their noodles. They also created Chinese pictures using charcoal and stencils - As well as having the usual 'muddy fun!'."





Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R – Turtles Class Learner of the Week is **Lily**! Lily could be Learner of the Week every week as she always shows a positive attitude towards her learning and loves a sticker challenge! She has amazed us with her brilliant writing and independently sounded out the words in her sentence. Well done Lily – we are super proud of you!

Class 1 – **Reggie** is our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class as he has tried hard to fill our classroom Kindness Jar with pom-poms by being polite, sensible and a good friend to others. Reggie always tries hard with his learning and has enjoyed re-telling the story of 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea', and counting to 50. Well done Reggie!

Class 2 – Our Learner of the Week in Otters Class is **Victoria**! Victoria has settled in very well and is a confident learner. She is independent and has made some lovely friendships. She has a fantastic attitude to writing and thoughtfully re-reads her sentences to check if they make sense. Victoria is a kind and supportive friend to others and a pleasure to have in Otters Class. Well done Victoria!

Class 3 – Puffins Class Learner of the Week is **Celeste** as she has put an incredible amount of effort into everything this week! Celeste wrote a fantastic poem in our English lessons, using rich and imaginative vocabulary to describe a duck. She has also tackled some challenging problems in maths involving dividing 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers; persevering when she found things difficult and not giving up until she succeeded. Keep up the fantastic work Celeste!

Class 4 – **Grace** is our Learner of the Week in Penguins Class as she has made a confident start to our recent maths work on length and perimeter. Grace has also produced a great set of instructions in English on how to keep the tooth fairy happy. Her writing included all of the important features and also had some inventive touches. Well done Grace!

Class 5 – Orcas Class Learner of the Week is **Vivien** as she has been trying her best in all her learning! Vivien displays our Christian values of perseverance and trust, and has shown an increasing maturity. She was very engaged in our geography field trip this week and has been an absolute superstar! A brilliant week Vivien – well done!

Class 6 – Our Learner of the Week in Seahorses Class is **Lara** for the brilliant effort she has made in class this week! Lara has particularly shone in English and is always proud when she has been successful. She is keen to learn in every lesson; asking what we are doing throughout the day. Lara always tries her best, even when faced with challenges. An amazing week Lara – well done!

Go with the Flo...

I wanted to take a moment to talk about the importance of children wearing clean and well-maintained glasses to school.



Having worn glasses myself since I was at primary school, I know how frustrating it can be when you are unable to see clearly. Good vision is key to helping children learn and participate fully in class. When children's glasses are dirty or broken, it can make it tough for them to see what they need to, which can lead to frustration and impact their schoolwork.

By making sure their glasses are clean and in good shape, we can help boost their confidence and make learning a lot easier and more enjoyable. Let's work together to ensure our children have everything they need to succeed in the classroom!

Mrs Debbie Morris – Family Liaison Officer

Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

As the final week of Term 3 comes to an end, the children shared some good reflections as to what they have learnt in Collective Worship.

Revd. Melissa shared the parable of 'Sermon on the Mount' which links with one of our school's Christian values of 'Peace'. Christians believe that Jesus spent a lot of time talking to those who followed him about God and his Kingdom. Many of these messages went against what society tells us - love those who hurt you and forgive people.

The children explored being humble, being peacemakers, and standing up for injustice. I wonder why this is important? In addition, the pupils were able to contribute examples of showing 'peace' in school.

Moreover, other Worship this week included an online-safety/AI themed Safer Internet Day, as well as our final Celebrations to round off what has been a splendid term - well done to everyone!

Thought for the Week



KENT LIBRARIES HALF TERM EVENTS

Hearts and Crafts

Deal Library, Broad Street, Deal CT14 6ER

Tuesday, 17th February - 11:00am - 12.30 pm

Just drop in, no need to book
Suitable for ages 4 - 11 years
Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult

For more information email
deallibrary@kent.gov.uk
or call 03000 41 31 31

Who will you share your heart with?

Dover Library, Market Square, Dover, CT16 1PH

Thursday, 19th February, 10:00am-12:30pm

Just drop in, no need to book
Suitable for ages 4 - 11 years
Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult

For more information email
doverlibrary@kent.gov.uk
or call 03000 41 31 31

World Book Day Costume Swap

Deal Library, Broad Street, Deal CT14 6ER

Pick up a new-to-you World Book Day costume for free

Running until Thursday, 5th March, during usual library opening hours

For more information email
deallibrary@kent.gov.uk

Term 4 2026

Monday 23rd February:

Dodgeball Club – Year 4, 5 & 6

Tuesday 24th February:

Class 2 Local Visit

Drama Club – Year 1, 2 & 3

Football Club – Year 4, 5 & 6

Wednesday 25th February:

Art Club – Year 1, 2 & 3

Thursday 26th February:

Travelling Book Fair – 3:15pm to 4:00pm

Class 4 Ukulele

Little Engineers Club – Year R, 1 & 2

Computing Club – Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

Little Green Warriors KAE Family Workshop – 3:15pm – see further details below

Friday 27th February:

Travelling Book Fair – 3:15pm to 4:00pm

Forest School:

Class 3 – morning / Class 5 – afternoon

Archery Club – Year 1, 2 & 3

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



For more information scan the QR code

kentadulthoodeducation.co.uk

FREE, Fun & Informal

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.

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.

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

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LEARNING COLLECTIVE

HOUSE POINTS

- 1st - **RAMSEY** - 318 points
 2nd - **TEMPLE** - 313 points
 3rd - **FISHER** - 261 points
 4th - **LANG** - 245 points



GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

- 1st - **Class 5** - 125 points
 2nd - **Class 1** - 143 points
 Joint 3rd
Class R, Class 3 & Class 6 -
 125 points

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%



Lunch Menu – Week One
Week Beginning Monday, 23RD 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

whole school meals						
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
WEEK 1 DATES: Week 1: 23 rd Feb, 16 th March. Week 2: 2 nd Feb, 2 nd March, 23 rd March. Week 3: 9 th Feb 9 th March, 30 th March	Cheese Whirl & Saubé Potatoes 1,2 Vegetable Pasta Bake 1 Garlic Bread 1,4 Peas & Baked Beans Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 . Chocolate Krispie Cake 1,2,4 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Beef Tacos 1,2 Veggie Burrito 1 Vegetable Rice Carrots & Green Beans. Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 . Carrot Cake 1,3 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Roast Chicken, Stuffing & Gravy 1 Vegetable & Chickpea Tart 1 Rustic Roasties Cabbage & Sweetcorn. Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 . Shortbread 1 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Pork Meatballs 1 Meatless Meatballs 1 Broccoli & Carrots. Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 . Lemon Cake 1,3 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	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 2 All items are subject to availability.	*Cheese Pizza 1,2 Mixed Bean Wrap 1 Pasta 1 Peas & Sweetcorn. Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 . Jelly Yoghurt & Fruit Compote 2 Fresh Fruit.	Chicken Tacos 1,2 Sweet Potato & Spinach Dhal 6 Savoury Rice 6 Broccoli & Mixed Veg. Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 . Chocolate Cake 1,3 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Roast Pork Veggie Meatloaf 1,4 Rustic Roasties Swede & Peas. Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 . Shrewsbury Biscuit 1,3 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Beef Bolognese Veggie Bolognese Pasta 1 Carrots & Sweetcorn. Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 . Chelsea Buns 1,4,12 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	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	Mac 'n' Cheese 1,2 Tomato Pasta 1 Garlic Dough Balls 1,4 Mixed Vegetables. Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 . Cornflake Crunch 1,2,4 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Mexican Beef Tortilla Bake 1,2 *Veggie Tacos 1 Pasta 1 Carrots & Peas. Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 . Iced Cookie Bun 1,3 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Sausages & Gravy 1,12 Quorn Sausage & Gravy 1 Mashed Potato Sweetcorn & Baked Beans. Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 . Oat Cookie 1 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.	Curried Chicken Chunks 12 Vegetable Frittata 2,3 Rainbow Rice Cauliflower & Peas. Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 . Marble Sponge 1,3 Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit.

- Allergens:**
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.*

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.

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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