

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 27th February 2026

Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Mrs Comfort

Term 4 has started well with fantastic school attendance this week - well done everyone! It is so nice to start to have the longer days and even some sunshine this week; long may that continue.

A polite reminder that the only earrings which children are allowed to wear to school are studs – no hoops or dangly earrings are allowed. Stud earrings have to be removed for PE and sport clubs, if your child cannot do this themselves then they should come to school without earrings on these days. Thank you for your support with this.

The month of March is certainly packed and will be keeping us all busy! Please see some highlights below:

SEND Coffee Mornings

Mrs Charlotte Burkett, our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator, hosted our regular coffee morning for parents at the end of last term. The coffee mornings aim to create a supportive and welcoming environment for parents, caregivers, and anyone involved with children who have special educational needs or disabilities. They are an opportunity for us to come together, share experiences, and foster a sense of community.

All parent/carers are welcome - a letter for each session will come out nearer the time reminding and asking you to sign up, just so we have enough chairs, cups and most importantly biscuits!

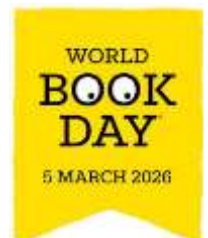
Future coffee mornings are shown below, they all start at 9:00am just after morning drop-off:

- **Wednesday 1st April**
- **Wednesday 20th May**
- **Wednesday 15th July**

If you have any questions regarding these sessions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or speak to Mrs Burkett.

World Book Day! Thursday 5th March 2026

We are excited to once again, celebrate World Book Day in school. 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. Every child will be given a £1.00 World Book Day token which can be used to exchange for one of a range of amazing World Book Day books that will be available in school.



To celebrate World Book Day 2026, we are giving those children (and staff) who wish to the opportunity to dress up as a favourite character from a book for the day. If you are able to bring in a donation (suggested £1.00) for the World Book Day charity that would be great but please don't worry if you are not able to donate; all children who wish to are welcome to wear costumes for the day. If, however, your child does not dress up in a book day costume, then school uniform is to be worn.

Parent-Carer Consultations

You will have been notified today of our forthcoming parent/carer and teacher meetings, please sign up for an appointment using our ParentMail system or contact the office. If you do not sign up we will issue you with an appointment.

As you know, we offer all parent/carers two dates to choose between – one of those dates will be with times between 3:30pm and 6:00pm. The other date offers times between 1:15pm and 3:15pm. We hope to meet the needs of all families in this way.

- Teachers for all classes will be available on **Monday, 16th March**, 3:30pm – 6:00pm.
- On the afternoon of **Tuesday, 17th March**, 1:15pm – 3:15pm, Mrs Tomkinson (Reception Class), Miss Sayer (Class 3) and Ms Race (Class 5) will meet with parents.
- On the afternoon of **Thursday, 20th March**, 1:15pm – 3:15pm, Mrs Wallis (Class 1), Miss Phengphachanh (Class 2), Miss Morris (Class 4) and Mrs Fagg (Class 6) will meet with parents.

If you come to a meeting between 1:15pm and 3:15pm you will be able to take your child(ren) home from school when your conversation with the teacher is finished. We look forward to seeing you in school for these important meetings.

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 **Roma!** Roma comes into class each day with a smile on her face, ready to learn. She is also making lots of new friends and loves to play in class with them. Well done Roma!

Class 1 – Our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class is **Jason!** Jason has had a fantastic week and has tried hard to fill our Kindness Jar by being polite, sensible and a good friend to others. He always tries hard with his learning and has enjoyed re-telling Goldilocks and the Three Bears in English. Well done Jason!

Class 2 – **Arthur** is our Learner of the Week in Otters Class as he has shown fantastic effort and a real determination to persevere with his learning! He is more focused in class and making great progress as a result. Arthur has been fascinated by our history topic, and shows great understanding of multiplication in maths. Keep up the brilliant effort and positive attitude Arthur!

Class 3 – Puffins Class Learner of the Week is **Catalina** as she has truly impressed class staff with her creativity during our writing lessons. Catalina used rich and interesting adjectives and put maximum effort into every part of her work. A brilliant week Catalina – keep shining, keep believing in yourself, and keep up the fantastic work!

Class 4 – Our Learner of the Week in Penguins Class is **Caitlin** as she has made a really positive start to Term 4! Caitlin reads our English text fluently and with good understanding. She is also trying really hard with her multiplication tables and is working hard to improve her scores. Well done Caitlin – we are very proud of you!

Class 5 – Yasmina is our Learner of the Week in Orcas Class as she has made a concerted effort to follow our school's Christian values of friendship, respect and perseverance. She has displayed this through her effort in lessons and during play. Yasmina is a kind friend to others and a pleasure to have in Orcas Class. Yasmina, you are amazing!

Class 6 – Seahorses Class Learner of the Week in **Sonya** for the brilliant effort she has made in class. She has settled into St Mary's CEP wonderfully and is trying her best to join in with lessons; watching intently to understand what is expected of her. Sonya is hardworking and is a brilliant artist. She demonstrates wonderful manners and politeness and we are all so proud of her. Well done Sonya!



PE kit and footwear

A polite reminder that your child should have their PE kit in school with them every day, which hangs on their peg or stored in their locker, in a draw string bag. For health and safety, your child must wear the correct clothing when participating in PE lessons.

Please find below class PE sessions for **Term 4 2026**:

- **Year R** - Thursday
- **Year 1** - Tuesday and Friday
- **Year 2** - Thursday and Friday
- **Year 3** - Monday and Wednesday
- **Year 4** - Wednesday and Friday
- **Year 5** - Monday and Wednesday
- **Year 6** - Tuesday and Thursday

PE kit consists of a pair of trainers or plimsolls, a t-shirt matching your child's house colour and a pair of black or blue PE shorts. It is advisable to provide your child with a jumper and tracksuit bottoms for colder weather.

Stud earrings are not permitted and must be removed for PE lessons.



For Gymnastics and Dance, children will work in bare feet, which is best for gym and dance work. If your child really does not want to work in bare feet, they may wear a pair of soft-soled plimsolls, not trainers. The plimsolls can only be used for PE in the school hall and may not be worn at other times outside.

Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

What a lovely start to Term 4 as the children have participated positively in this week's Collective Worships.

Pupils explored the meaning of Lent and what might it look like for them - perhaps giving up chocolate or spending less time on a device?

As Christians prepare for Easter, they spend time to remember Jesus spending 40 days in the desert, fasting and praying. I wonder how Jesus would have felt during this time? I wonder if you have ever been 'tempted' to do something - I wonder how easy it is to do the right thing?

The children had moments of stillness and reflection time to relate this to things in their own lives. Singing voices and celebration awards were as joyful as ever with the children participating well in both Singing and Celebration Worship respectively.

Go with the Flo...

JOIN THE GREAT BRITISH
SPRING CLEAN
13th - 29th March



Come and join us. Everyone is welcome.

Saturday 14 March	The Dog at Wingham	10am - 12pm
Saturday 14 March	Ash Village Hall, Queen's Rd, Ash	1pm - 3pm
Tuesday 17 March	Western Heights, Dover	10am - 12pm
Wednesday 18 March	Elvington Recreation Ground, St John's Road	10am - 12pm
Friday 20 March	Sandwich Guildhall	10am - 12pm
Saturday 21 March	Gun Park Recreation Ground, Eastry	10am - 12pm
Saturday 21 March	King George V Recreation, St Margaret's-at-Cliffe	1pm - 3pm
Monday 23 March	Keansley Abbey, Dover	10am - 12pm
Tuesday 24 March	Victoria Park, Deal	10am - 12pm
Wednesday 25 March	Pencaster Park, Dover	10am - 12pm

ONE BAG BIG DIFFERENCE



Email: envcrime@dover.gov.uk
or call 01304 872289 to discuss
this year's campaign
dover.gov.uk/gbsc

Please scan the QR code
to report litter or visit
dover.gov.uk/report



Mrs Debbie Morris – Family Liaison Officer

HOUSE POINTS

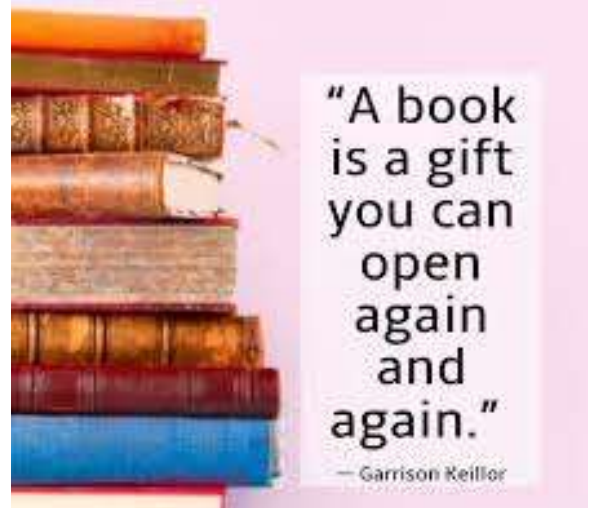
- 1st - FISHER - 337 points
- 2nd - TEMPLE - 318 points
- 3rd - RAMSEY - 295 points
- 4th - LANG - 252 points



GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

- 1st - Class 4 - 124 points
- 2nd - Class R - 122 points
- 3rd - Class 6 - 120 points

Thought for the Week



Term 4 2026

Monday 2nd March:

National Secondary School Offer Day
Dodgeball Club – Year 4, 5 & 6
Travelling Book Fair – 3:15pm

Tuesday 3rd March:

Class 3 Local Visit
Football Club – Year 4, 5 & 6

Wednesday 4th March:

Class 3 Art Workshop
Art Club – Year 1, 2 & 3

Thursday 5th March:

World Book Day – Year R to 5
Class 6 Local Visit
Class 4 Ukulele
Little Engineers Club – Year R, 1 & 2
Computing Club – Year 3, 4, 5 & 6
KS2 Football Match

Friday 6th March:

Forest School:

Class R – morning / Class 4 – afternoon
Archery Club – Year 1, 2 & 3



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.

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LEARNING COLLECTIVE

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



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 Two Week Beginning Monday, 2nd March 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.	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.
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 All items are subject to availability.		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.

- Allegens:**
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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