

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 6th March 2026

Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Mrs Comfort

The National Year of Reading

In line with our ongoing work to promote the joy of reading with all of our pupils, most particularly during this National Year of Reading, we celebrated World Book Day on Thursday.

Staff and children looked amazing in their costumes – HUGE thanks to everyone for making such an effort. Do please enjoy these photographs which capture the spirit of the day so well and read the children's thoughts about the day.

"I enjoyed reading books and making bookmarks"



"It is brilliant seeing everyone dressed up"



"It was really fun doing all our artwork based on a class book, we are doing Harry Potter."

"It is really fun on World Book day as we get to pretend to be different characters from books and bring in books from home"



"I loved doing all the World Book Day activities and reading with my friends in the classroom."



"I loved reading with my friends"



Class R
Elmer



Class 1
The Very Hungry Caterpillar



Class 2
The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe



Class 3
The BFG



Class 4
Harry Potter



Class 5
Charlie & the Chocolate Factory



Class 6
Diary of a Wimpy Kid

Travelling Book Fair

Many thanks to all the parents who supported our recent travelling book fair. With your help our school has been awarded over **£253.00** of free books for our classes!

We really appreciate your enthusiasm to buy books and help us to raise additional money!

My Mum 2026

Thank you to all parents who gave permission for their child to participate in the 'My Mum' picture special to celebrate Mother's Day this year. The pictures which our pupils drew will be published in the East Kent Mercury newspaper on Thursday 12th March. Do be sure to look out for these pictures.

Parent-Carer Consultation Meetings

We look forward to seeing you at our forthcoming parent-carer meetings. You have already received information about how to book in for these, the deadline for doing so is **Monday, 9th March**. Please contact the school office if you need help with this.

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 and hoping that we get some good spring weather!

Mrs Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Safety in Action – Year 6 Trip

Year 6 went on an exciting excursion to Folkestone, on the train, yesterday for their 'Safety in Action' event. Mrs Fagg reports 'The children took part in a range of workshops with other schools learning about how to be safe in a range of scenarios and how to deal with them appropriately, from CPR to street safety. The children found it interesting and were extremely inquisitive at each workstation; they represented the school brilliantly and we were proud of how they conducted themselves during the whole trip'.

Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:



Class R – Turtles Class Learner of the Week ALWAYS tries their best and is a kind friend to others. This week they have been working hard to improve their letter formation. They also enjoyed writing a shopping list for the Farmer in our class story. Well done – a brilliant week!

Class 1 – Our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class is **Kayden!** Kayden has had a fantastic week and has tried hard to learn about measuring height and length. He is always polite, helpful, sensible and a good friend to others. Kayden always tries hard with his learning and enjoyed reading The Very Hungry Caterpillar on World Book Day. Well done Kayden!

Class 2 – **Elizabeth** is our Learner of the Week in Otters Class! She is commended for her great effort in reading and the progress she is making. Elizabeth is always smiling and is a kind, supportive friend to others. She has tried her best in maths this week and did well recognising equal groups as we begin working towards multiplication. Keep making us proud Elizabeth!

Class 3 – Puffins Class Learner of the Week is **Chester** as he has tried his very best with all his learning and we are incredibly proud of everything he has produced! In maths, Chester has confidently converted units of measure, added and subtracted lengths, and calculated the perimeter of shapes with ease. He has really enjoyed learning about seed dispersal in science, and overall has had a fantastic week! Keep up the great work Chester!

Class 4 – **ALL OF PENGUINS CLASS** are our Learners of the Week for behaving impeccably when we had special visitors on Thursday who watched our ukulele lesson! Everyone followed instructions carefully, worked cooperatively, showed respect and most importantly ... smiled and enjoyed the lesson! Well done Penguins Class!

Class 5 – **Christopher** is our Learner of the Week in Orcas Class as he has made a concerted effort to follow our school's Christian values of peace, trust and friendship. He has displayed this through his effort in both lessons and playtime. We are all so proud of you Christopher! A brilliant week – well done!

Class 6 – **EVERYONE** in Seahorses Class are our Learners of the Week for the trust and responsibility they showed on our trip yesterday! They represented St Mary's CEP brilliantly; we were proud of their behaviour, interest and participation. They were respectful when travelling on the train to the venue, as well at the event itself. Well done Seahorses Class!

Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

This week the children focused on the parable of Jesus feeding the 5000. Christians believe that people came from afar to visit Jesus due to the kindness and compassion that he showed - he performed many miracles. Christians believe that Jesus teaches, but also cares for people's hunger in remote places (as referenced in this parable). I wonder how we can help others in our community? I wonder how we might bless our community by sharing acts of kindness?

In addition, Mrs Wallis delivered a fun-packed World Book Day Collective Worship; a range of information was shared during the day with the children looking fantastic in their costumes, and participating positively in the activities. Moreover, many reasons linked to our school's Christian Values and key rules were read aloud in today's Celebration Worship as the pupils rounded off a positive week full of memorable learning experiences - well done all.

Art Club – Mrs Morris reports...

I have always had a real passion for making 'stuff' from clay so I decided to let the children at Art Club have a go at making their own creations. We started last term by making tiles. Every child was given a slab of clay and they made a print of their hand and then decorated around it with various stamps. The children were so excited and wanted to take their tiles home immediately.



However, once the firing and glazing process was explained to them they then demonstrated real patience waiting until they could finally see their finished works of art. I am sure you will agree that they are all truly amazing and beautiful. This term we are making pinch pots. I can't wait to see what to see the finish results.

Mrs Debbie Morris – Family Liaison Officer

HOUSE POINTS

- 1st – **TEMPLE** – 243 points
- 2nd – **LANG** – 240 points
- 3rd – **RAMSEY** – 210 points
- 4th – **FISHER** – 191 points

A vertical advertisement for School Milk. At the top, it asks "Is your child registered for SCHOOL MILK?". Below this, it specifies "Child UNDER 5" and "Child OVER 5". A cartoon character of a girl in a school uniform holding a milk carton is in the center. Text at the bottom says "REGISTER YOUR CHILD TODAY" and provides the website "www.coolmilk.com" and a QR code. It also includes contact information: "Need help? Send us a message at www.coolmilk.com/contact or give us a call on 0800 321 3248".

Thought for the Week



GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

- 1st – **Class R** – 142 points
- 2nd – **Class 6** – 135 points
- 3rd – **Class 2** – 124 points

Term 4 2026

Monday 9th March:

Dodgeball Club – Year 4, 5 & 6

Tuesday 10th March:

Class 4 Local Visit

Football Club – Year 4, 5 & 6

Wednesday 11th March:

Class 5 Local Visit

Art Club – Year 1, 2 & 3

Thursday 12th March:

KS2 Inter-House Spelling Bee

Class 4 Ukulele

Little Engineers Club – Year R, 1 & 2

Computing Club – Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

Friday 13th March:

Class 1 Family Collective Worship

Forest School:

Class 1 – morning / Class 6 – afternoon

Archery Club – Year 1, 2 & 3

PE Day's - Term 4 2026

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

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

AFTERSCHOOL CARE



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%



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



Lunch Menu – Week Three Week Beginning Monday, 9th 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

whole school meals		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1 WEEK 2 WEEK 3	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	*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.	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 .

- 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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