

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 13th March 2026

Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Mrs Comfort

A mixed bag of weather this week – once the fog had cleared it was lovely to see some sunshine, especially as we have had two classes out and about exploring the local area.

Class 4 Library Visit

Class 4 headed out to Dover Town Library on Tuesday. Children in all classes love these visits. They enjoy browsing the collection of books and each checking one out to bring back to school until their next visit. Mrs Sarah Morris reports "On Tuesday morning, the children in Class 4 visited Dover Library. The weather was kind to us, and we managed to stay dry on the walk to the town centre (unlike last time!). We are proud to say that we all returned the books we had borrowed in good condition, ready for other children to enjoy. Since we are all enjoying 'Kensuke's Kingdom', we used our knowledge of alphabetical order to locate other books by Michael Morpurgo. As we were leaving, the librarian reminded us that, if we visit with a grown up from home, we can borrow up to THIRTY books! She also told us about some of the other exciting events planned for the future.... More details to follow. We are all looking forward to enjoying the books we borrowed."

'Dog Man is my favourite, and it's funny.' Teddy



'I am trying to read all of the Isadora Moon books.' Nela



'I have read another book by Ben Fogle and I liked it.' Adrian



'I picked 'Cringe Club' because it looks fun!' Sana



Class 1 Family Collective Worship

The children and staff in Class 1 were very happy to invite family and friends to their Collective Worship on Friday. Mrs Wallis reports, "The children enjoyed displaying some of their recent learning in class. They re-told the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears with enthusiasm and then sang a song that they had learnt together. Class 1 were very proud to show the puppets that they had made in their Design Technology topic. Well done Class 1!"



Class 5 Dover Castle Trip

Class 5 walked up the hill to the Castle on Wednesday for their annual trip – as you know each class visits the castle every year. The focus of the visit for this class was the Tudors, in support of their current history learning. The children had a super time and were a credit to the school. Miss Race reports *"Class 5 went to visit Dover Castle as part of our History Tudors Topic. Highlights were the siege play area, medieval tunnel and the tour of the wartime tunnels and Operation Dynamo exhibits. The children reported: "This was the best day, ever!", "My favourite part was Operation Dynamo and hearing about the history" and "My favourite part was the siege play area with my friends". The adults in Class 5 were very proud of the children who were engaged throughout. Great job, Class 5!"*



Key Stage 2 Spelling Bee

Mrs Wallis introduced our school community to a competitive Spelling Bee this week. A Spelling Bee is a competition where contestants are asked to spell words aloud, usually of varying difficulty, with the goal of being the last person remaining after others are eliminated for incorrect spelling. Our children worked in house teams and, in front of their peers, tried their best to spell some very tricky words! The children all worked hard within their teams. Mrs Wallis reports, *"We held a Key Stage Two House Spelling Bee in school yesterday. The most confident spellers were chosen for each House and then the children worked collaboratively in House teams to compete against each other. The teams were each tasked with spelling 10 words, which they then had to stand up and read aloud to get their point. The teams did brilliantly, spelling words such as: aggressive, temperature, dictionary and February! Congratulations to Green Ramsay who won the Year 3 and 4 competition with 10 points, and to Blue Lang who won after a nail-biting 'spell-down' with Red Temple after both teams drew with 9 points each."*



Fundraising

As always, thank you for your generosity in donating to the various charitable fundraisers which we support each year. As you know we set dates for the whole school year months in advance and share these with you in September. When we set this year's dates, Comic Relief had not confirmed their date so it was not in our schedule. I am aware, however, that this event is happening next week.

As a school we have already committed to our fundraisers for the year which you have supported. In addition, we have events over the coming months – Easter Egg Hunt and summer trips for example, which will be an expense to families. We are also hoping to run a school sponsored fundraiser later this year. As a result, we are not observing Comic Relief this year as I feel we have asked you for enough. If, as a family, you wish to make a donation, ways to do so are widely publicised by the BBC on the day (20th March) and online. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

Wishing you all a lovely 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 **Michal** as he always tries his best and perseveres even when he finds something tricky! Michal has been working SO hard to develop his handwriting and letter formation. Well done Michal – we are all so proud of you!

Class 1 – Our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class is **Ellis**! Ellis has had a great week and has tried hard to learn about measuring and comparing mass. He has been polite, helpful, sensible and good at listening to instructions. Ellis has tried really hard with his writing, and is improving his letter formation. A brilliant week Ellis – well done!

Class 2 – **Asra** is our Learner of the Week in Otters Class as she is settling into school so well and becoming more confident each day! Asra listens carefully to instructions and tries hard in lessons. She is beginning to form some letters correctly and is making a good effort to complete tasks. Keep making us proud Asra!

Class 3 – Puffins Class Learner of the Week is **Noah** as he has had a fantastic week! Noah has tried his best with all his learning and has produced some brilliant work. Noah really impressed us when he took part in our Inter-House Spelling Bee this week. He worked well as part of a team and showed confidence when standing up to recite some of the spelling. We are all so very proud of you Noah – well done!

Class 4 – Our Learner of the Week in Penguins Class is Zala as she is making great progress in all areas of her learning, and continues to challenge herself in order to make further improvements. Zala has demonstrated an excellent grasp of our recent work on fractions in maths, and is reading our class novel in English confidently and has been able to identify techniques writers use to build suspense. We have also noticed Zala being a true 'friend in need' to some of her peers. Well done Zala!

Class 5 – **Bella** is our Learner of the Week in Orcas Class as she was a joy during our recent trip to Dover Castle. She represented the school with pride, was fascinated in all she saw and clearly had a wonderful time! Bella displayed our values of trust, respect, peace and friendship. We were all so proud of you Bella and so pleased you enjoyed the trip as much as you did. You are amazing!

Class 6 – EVERYONE in Seahorses Class are our Learners of the Week for the determination, trust and patience they have demonstrated this week. They showed amazing perseverance throughout the entire week. They listened (they were impeccably behaved) and were determined to try their best each day, and as a result have made great progress. You should be proud of yourselves! Well done Year 6!

Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

During Worship this week, the children focused on the parable of Zacchaeus and the importance of listening.

Christians believe that Zacchaeus was a traitor as he collected taxes for the Roman occupiers, and very likely for himself too. He was rich but I wonder if he was happy? The children explored why Jesus was not too busy to go and listen to Zacchaeus and help him change his views; we also discussed examples of why listening to others is so important. We spoke about the importance of reflection and listening to one's self so that we can improve and not make the same mistake.

In addition, the pupils were in fine voice as they continue to practice for the Easter Service, which will be happening at the end of this term at St Mary's Church - exciting! And finally, Class 1 treated us to a fantastic Worship today as they shared their current learning with joy and confidence.

Thought for the Week

Some old-fashioned
things, like
fresh air and sunshine
are hard to beat.

- Laura Ingalls Wilder



Go with the Flo...

DOVER FOODBANK MOST needed ITEMS

MARCH 2026

- CUPPA SOUPS
- UHT MILK
- FRUIT JUICE (UHT)
- TINNED FISH
- TINNED SPAGHETTI
- JAM AND SPREADS
- TINNED FRUIT
- CUSTARD
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- PASTA SAUCES
- TINNED BEANS
- PASTA N SAUCE
- NOODLES
- CLEANING PRODUCTS

PLEASE NOTE

We have plenty
of pasta & pulses

INFO@DOVER.FOODBANK.ORG.UK
UNIT 7, CHARLTON CENTRE, HIGH ST, DOVER
CHARITY NO. 1212861

Mrs Debbie Morris – Family Liaison Officer

Football League Match Report

On Thursday 5th March, St Mary's CEP football team played a league match against River Primary School.

The team showed great teamwork, determination and a positive attitude throughout the game. The defence worked hard to make important tackles and clearances and the team celebrated a well-earned goal after some excellent passing. River Primary School proved to be strong opponents. Well done to all the players for their effort, teamwork and sportsmanship.



GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

1st – Class 2 – 122 points

2nd – Class 6 – 115 points

3rd – Class 3 – 110 points

HOUSE POINTS

1st – LANG – 191 points

2nd – TEMPLE – 157 points

3rd – RAMSEY – 129 points

4th – FISHER – 115 points



Term 4 2026

Monday 16th March:

Parent / Carer Consultations – All classes

3:15pm – 6:00pm

Dodgeball Club – Year 4, 5 & 6

Tuesday 17th March:

Class R Local Visit

Parent / Carer Consultations – Year R, 3 & 5

1:15pm – 3:15pm

Football Club – Year 4, 5 & 6

Wednesday 18th March:

Art Club – Year 1, 2 & 3

Thursday 19th March:

Parent / Carer Consultations – Year 1, 2, 4 & 6

1:15pm – 3:15pm

Class 4 Ukulele

Little Engineers Club – Year R, 1 & 2

Computing Club – Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

Friday 20th March:

Class 6 Local Visit

Year 5 & 6 Dover League Football Match

Forest School:

Class 3 – morning / Class 2 – afternoon

Archery Club – Year 1, 2 & 3

Is your child registered for SCHOOL MILK?

Child
UNDER 5

Every child under the age of five is entitled to free school milk. Simply register your child online.



Child
OVER 5

Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised cost of around £30 per term. Register your child and pay online.

Children in receipt of benefits-based free school meals are eligible for free school milk. Speak to the school for further information.

Free milk for under 5s funded by the Department of Health and milk for over 5s subsidised by BIFMA.

REGISTER YOUR CHILD TODAY

Register online
www.coolmilk.com



Need help?
Send us a message
at www.coolmilk.com/contact
or give us a call on 0800 321 3248

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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OLYMPUS
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

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**



Lunch Menu – Week One Week Beginning Monday, 16th 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 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 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.	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.	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		*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.	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
	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 .	

- 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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