

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 20th March 2026

Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Mrs Comfort

Meningococcal Disease in Kent

I hope that you have already read the information sent out this week regarding the recent outbreak of meningococcal disease in Kent. St Mary's CEP school leaders attended a virtual meeting for Kent Headteachers with representatives from the Department for Education, The UK Health Support Agency and Kent County Council this week.

There are some clear messages for all families and staff to be aware of:

1. We are to continue to operate school as usual with children attending unless they are unwell.
2. The spread of the meningococcal disease is **not** the same as Covid which spreads very easily. In order to transmit the meningococcal disease, you have to have *very close* personal contact with someone (typically mouth to mouth kissing).
3. Look out for symptoms of being/feeling unwell e.g. high temperature, severe headache, stiff neck, dislike of bright lights, vomiting or diarrhoea, joint or muscle pain. A rash can appear but **don't feel you have to wait** for the rash to seek medical help.
4. If you or your child is unwell with symptoms that could be meningococcal disease, particularly if becoming more unwell, then call 111 or contact your GP or go to the Urgent Treatment Centre at Buckland or Deal Hospital or call 999 or go to Accident and Emergency at QEOM, Margate or William Harvey, Ashford.

Parent/Teacher Consultation Meetings

Thank you to all those of you who attended these meetings this week, I know how beneficial these are for teachers, parents and the children. Good partnership between home and school is so important and helps us all to do the very best for the children.

Easter Service St Mary's Church – Tuesday, 31st March 2026

You will know from the schedule of dates sent out at the start of the year, and from a letter which came out last week, that we will shortly be holding our annual Easter Service at St Mary's Church. We look forward to seeing you on the day, from 9:20am, with the service starting at 9:30am.

Easter Egg Hunt

On Wednesday, 1st April, we will be hosting our annual Easter Egg Hunt on our top school playground (Laureston Place). The event will start at 3:20pm and finish at approximately 4:00pm.

In order to participate in the Easter Egg Hunt, children **MUST** have a ticket. These can be purchased from the school office **by this Friday, 20th March**. Happy hunting!

Mr Lamprell and Little Lambs

Mr Lamprell was very pleased to take a group of Year 6 ambassadors to visit Little Lambs at the Parish Centre this morning. Mr Lamprell reports, *'The children thoroughly enjoyed their time at the Little Lambs Toddler session. It was lovely to see the children interacting with the families demonstrating our school's Christian Values. As well as an opportunity for families to see our fantastic St Mary's CEP pupils, it was a valuable time for the Y6 children to display their oracy and social skills as they played with the toddlers. Moreover, it was pleasing to hear positive feedback from families at the session, which included them planning to send their 'little-ones' to St Mary's CEP when they reach Reception-age!'*



"I loved showing the younger children the toys"



"The little children were very cute, I enjoyed showing them how to ride the scooter"



"One of the families I spoke to remember us from last time when we visited Little Lambs - it was fun!"

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

Kent Adult Education Family Session – Twig People Tuesday, 21st April 2026

We are delighted to invite you and your child / children to our Kent Adult Education family session, 'Twig People' - a captivating workshop designed to spark creativity and foster a deeper connection with nature in families!

In this session, parents and carers will embark on an outdoor adventure with their children, exploring the wonders of the natural world through engaging activities centred around twig crafting.

Led by experienced tutors, this workshop provides a nurturing environment where families can bond, learn, and create together while cultivating empathy for wildlife and habitats.

Suitable for children aged 3 - 11, "Twig People" promises an unforgettable journey of outdoor exploration and creativity for the whole family!

We hope you are able to join us as we venture into the great outdoors and bring our twig creations to life!

This session is open to all parents/carers and their children, and will be hosted at St Mary's CEP between 3:15pm and 5:00pm on Tuesday, 21st April 2026.

Please confirm your attendance by completing the recent ParentMail form, or contacting the school office, no later than **Friday, 27th March 2026.**





Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R – Turtles Class Learner of the Week is **Ellis** as he has been working really hard to develop his handwriting and letter formation. This week Ellis has enjoyed writing a set of instructions for Mr Lamprell, explaining how to plant a bean! Well done Ellis – Mrs Tomkinson and Mrs Cassingena are so proud of you!

Class 1 – **Alex** is our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class as he has had a great week! Alex has tried hard to learn about measuring and comparing mass, and has joined in brilliantly with our phonics lessons. He has made a real effort to sensibly follow instructions in the classroom and on the playground. Well done Alex, this makes us very proud of you!

Class 2 – Otters Class Learner of the Week is **Olivia** for working incredibly hard in all lessons! Olivia has been checking her sentences in English, and tried really hard in our maths test. She listens carefully and shows great focus. Olivia is a kind and polite friend to others and always wants to improve. Keep up the fantastic work Olivia!

Class 3 – Our Learner of the Week in Puffins Class is **Janishaa** as she has had a super week! Janishaa has written a fantastic story in the style of George's Marvellous Medicine, using interesting adjectives and fronted adverbials to improve her work. She has also demonstrated sound knowledge of fractions in maths and enjoyed completing some tricky challenges. Keep up the great work Janishaa!

Class 4 – Penguins Class Learner of the week tries their best in all areas of learning. They take care to follow instructions carefully and will always ask if unsure. They are making excellent progress with their writing, and also trying really hard with our maths work on fractions. They apply themselves well in PE and has developed a range of netball skills; emerging as a skilful goal shooter. Well done!

Class 5 – **Laura** is our Learner of the Week in Orcas Class as she has been showing a real effort in her learning, with drive and dedication, which has enabled good progress. Laura has displayed our values of Perseverance and Trust, and had a great week. Keep up the hard work Laura – we are all very proud of you!

Class 6 – Our Learner of the Week in Seahorses Class is Pratyush for the wonderful attitude he has demonstrated since joining St Mary's CEP. Pratyush is always focused and contributing to whole class learning. The information he shares is always valuable to others and both Mrs Miles and Mrs Fagg have been impressed with the amazing effort he has made towards all of his learning. A wonderful start Pratyush – well done!

Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

Christians believe that Eucharist/Holy Communion services are a very special time to gather together and 'do this in remembrance of me', following Jesus' instruction before he died.

Children explored how Christians feel connected as a community during this period. I wonder how you connect with others and the feeling this provides? We discussed that St Mary's CEP is a school community and that we love, support and help one another to enable us all to flourish.

In addition, Revd. Melissa discussed the meaning of 'confession' and God's forgiveness. At the start of Communion, Christians take a moment to say sorry, so that they know that they are freed from any mistakes they have made, forgiven, ready for a fresh start. The pupils were able to give good examples when they have made mistakes in school and how they have reflected and overcome these mistakes - it is a learning journey!

As well as an excellent Singing Worship this week, a range of awards were celebrated in today's Worship with the key message of positivity and 'hero' being discussed - we are all St Mary's CEP heroes, and this is what makes our school brilliant!

Thought of the Week

**"Dancing days are
here again,
As the summer
evenings grow."**

LED ZEPPELIN, "DANCING DAYS"



Go with the Flo...



Football Fun Camps are returning this April with days filled with football, games, and fun.

Children who are eligible for HAF (Holiday Activities & Food) funding can attend the camps **free of charge** and will receive a hot meal each day.

The camps are designed to be inclusive, energetic, and full of football fun, including popular inflatable football games that children absolutely love.

Please use the links below to book your place, and use your Holiday Activities voucher.

Sandwich Leisure Centre

Tuesday, 7th April to Friday, 10th April

8:45am – 3:30pm

Ages 5–12

<https://booking.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk/event/4504>

Goodwin Academy, Deal

Monday, 13th to Thursday, 16th April

8:45am – 3:30pm

Ages 5–12

<https://booking.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk/event/4505>

Mrs Debbie Morris – Family Liaison Officer

HOUSE POINTS

- 1st – **LANG** – 358 points
- 2nd – **RAMSEY** – 352 points
- 3rd – **TEMPLE** – 349 points
- 4th – **FISHER** – 265 points

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

- 1st – **Class 3** – 120 points
- 2nd – **Class 6** – 115 points
- 3rd – **Class 1** – 103 points

Dover Library Regular Events

Lego Club – Saturday, 21st March
10:00am – midday

Story Time
Every Saturday at 3:00pm

Saturday Children's Crafts
Last Saturday of the month
11:00am – 12:30 pm

All the activities are suitable for ages 5 years and over and sessions are **free of charge**.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Dover Library, Market Square, Dover CT16 1PH
Telephone: 03000 41 31 31

Term 4 2026

Monday 23rd March:
Dodgeball Club – Year 4, 5 & 6

Tuesday 24th March:
Class 6 Local Visit
Football Club – Year 4, 5 & 6

Wednesday 25th March:
Class 4 Local Visit
Pre-School Stay & Play Session – 1:45pm
Art Club – Year 1, 2 & 3

Thursday 26th March:
Class 4 Ukulele
Little Engineers Club – Year R, 1 & 2
Computing Club – Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

Friday 27th March:
Forest School:
Class 5 – morning / Class R – afternoon
Archery Club – Year 1, 2 & 3



DOVER
PUBLIC LIBRARY

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.

FOUNDED 1789



OLYMPUS
LEARNING COLLECTIVE

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%



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.

<p>Monday</p>	<p>Cereal Toast or crumpet with reduced sugar jam or reduced salt marmite Squash or milk Selection of fresh and dried fruit</p>
<p>Tuesday</p>	<p>Cereal Fruit bread or toast with reduced sugar jam or reduced salt marmite Squash or milk Selection of fresh and dried fruit</p>
<p>Wednesday</p>	<p>Cereal Toast or Scotch pancakes with reduced sugar Jam or reduced salt marmite Squash or milk Selection of fresh and dried fruit</p>
<p>Thursday</p>	<p>Cereal Toast or Waffles with reduced sugar Jam or reduced salt marmite Squash or milk Selection of fresh and dried fruit</p>
<p>Friday</p>	<p>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</p>

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 Two

Week Beginning Monday, 23rd 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
<p>DATES: Week 1: 23rd Feb, 16th March.</p> <p>Week 2: 2nd Feb, 2nd March, 23rd March.</p> <p>Week 3: 9th Feb 9th March, 30th March</p> <p>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</p> <p><i>All items with * can be made Vegan.</i> <i>All items with ** can be made Dairy Free.</i></p>	<p>WEEK 1</p> <p>WEEK 2</p> <p>WEEK 3</p> <p>All items are subject to availability.</p>	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.
		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.
		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.

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.

Helen Comfort - Executive Headteacher
Matthew Lamprell – Headteacher
office@stmarysprimary.net - 01304 206887