

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 27th March 2026

Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance

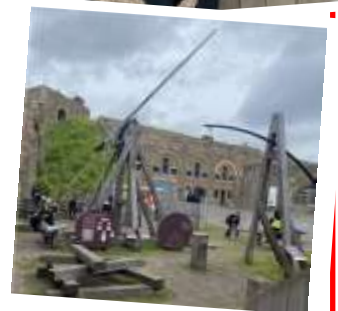


A Message from Mrs Comfort

Another mixed bag of weather this week with sun, wind and rain. At least we did not experience any snow which was in the forecast for more northern areas of the country this week!

Class 4 Dover Castle Visit

Miss Sarah Morris led her class on a charge up the hill to the castle this week! A blustery day with threatening rain clouds which fortunately blew over. Miss Morris reports *'The fact that Wednesday was 'four seasons in one day' did not prevent Class Four from enjoying their trip to Dover Castle. We had a leisurely stroll up the hill, taking note of all of the wonderful signs of spring on our way. We explored the inside of the Castle first, but decided not to make our way to the top due to the extremely blustery conditions. After lunch, we let off steam in the Siege Play Area. The adults were all impressed with how sensibly the children behaved, as they shared the equipment in a safe and respectful manner. We then made our way to The Roman Lighthouse and Saxon Church. We noticed and discussed the similarities and differences between this very old church (Church of St Mary-in-Castro) and the St Mary's Church that we are more familiar with. Finally, we made our way to the exit via the descending Spur tunnels. Overall, a very windy but memorable day, with the children being great ambassadors for our school. Thank you to the additional adults who volunteered to join us and support this venture.'*



Little Lambs Toddlers

Mrs Wallis hosted our regular toddler event this week – very many thanks to our attendees! The next scheduled date is **Wednesday, 1st July at 1.45pm**, do come along on that day, reminders will be sent out nearer the time.

Easter Service – Tuesday, 31st March

I am delighted to announce that we will be holding our Easter Service at St Mary's Church on **Tuesday, 31st March**. This will be a traditional service which will include readings and hymns sung by the children.

The children and class staff will walk to and from the church. The service will last for approximately 20 minutes and **will begin at 9:30am**. I ask for parents/carers to arrive at 9:20am, and a member of the Senior Leadership Team will then invite you into the church and direct you to the designated pews for parents/carers.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Easter Egg Hunt – Wednesday, 1st April

On Wednesday, 1st April, St Mary's CEP will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on our 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.

For this day only, EYFS and KS1 children will be dismissed from the drive-way gates. KS2 children will be dismissed from the bottom playground as normal.

Once you have collected your child, please wait outside the gate at our Laureston Place entrance. Gates will be reopened at 3:15pm and families will be invited onto the playground. The event will start at 3:20pm and school staff will be there to greet you and explain the rules of the Egg Hunt!

Forest School Fun!

As you know we are committed to ensuring top quality forest school provision on site for all of our children with regular timetabled lessons for all classes, run by a qualified forest school practitioner. The children love these sessions and benefit from them hugely. We were very pleased to host teaching staff from another local school on Wednesday who made full use of our marvellous forest school as a base for their own training session.

End of Term 4

Term 4 ends on **Thursday, 2nd April** with children returning to school on **Monday, 20th April** following the Easter Break.

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

Dover League Football Match

The Year 5 and 6 boys played a football match last Friday and although the result did not go in our favour, the team showed clear improvement and should be proud of their efforts. Ms Phengphachanh reports "*The goalkeeping was very strong, with some excellent saves that kept the team going. There were some promising moments, and it was great to see growing confidence in both attack and defence, with the team also scoring two well-earned goals. A special mention to the opposing school for helping create such a positive match experience. Well done to all the boys for their teamwork and determination.*"



HOUSE POINTS

- 1st – **LANG** – 294 points
- 2nd – **TEMPLE** – 257 points
- 3rd – **FISHER** – 216 points
- 4th – **RAMSEY** – 209 points

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

- 1st – **Class 1** – 125 points
- 2nd – **Class 6** – 115 points
- 3rd – **Class 2** – 105 points



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 **Phoebe!** Phoebe has been working hard to develop her concentration and listening skills. In literacy she wrote three AMAZING sentences about her favourite minibeast – a ladybird. Well done Phoebe, we are so proud of you!

Class 1 – Hope is our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class as she has had a great week! Hope has tried hard to learn about counting in twos, fives and tens in maths, and has joined in brilliantly with our phonics lessons. She is always happy and is a good friend to others. Well done Hope, this makes us very proud of you!

Class 2 – Our Learner of the Week in Otters Class is **Elliot** as he continues to impress us all! Elliot is consistently polite and always ready to lend a helping hand. He listens carefully during English and showed great care and attention when creating his lantern. We are very proud of the effort Elliot puts into the presentation of his work, which is always neat and carefully completed. Well done Elliot!

Class 3 – Puffins Class Learner of the Week is **Jarrar** as he has had a fantastic week! Jarrar has worked incredibly hard to improve his handwriting and is beginning to use a wider range of interesting adjectives in his English writing. In maths, Jarrar has worked consistently and demonstrated a solid understanding of volume and capacity. Keep up the great work Jarrar!

Class 4 – Darcey is our Learner of the Week in Penguins Class as she has settled in so well to life at St Mary's! She has quickly adapted to the routines and has shown a positive attitude in all lessons. We are so pleased that she was able to join us for our trip to Dover Castle as it gave us a change to get to know her even better! Keep trying hard Darcey!

Class 5 – Our Learner of the Week in Orcas Class is **Logan** as he has been trying very hard to follow our school rules and work hard in his learning. Logan displayed our values of perseverance, respect and trust this week, and we are all so proud of his hard work. Well done Logan – keep being amazing!

Class 6 – Seahorses Class Learner of the Week is **Monicka** for the brilliant effort she has made towards all of her work! Monicka is always focused and contributing to whole class learning; she is keen to share what she knows, and her confidence to do this has improved immensely. She always listens intently and tries her best at all times. An amazing week Monicka – well done!

DOVER FOODBANK MOST needed ITEMS

APRIL 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. 5232081

Thought of the Week



Menu Change – Thursday, 2nd April 2026

Please note – there will be a menu change on Thursday, 2nd April for the last day of term, as below:

Fish Fingers or Pizza
Skin on Fries or Pasta
Peas and Sweetcorn

Jacket Potatoes

Go with the Flo... Art Club

The children have all thoroughly enjoyed Art Club this term and loved seeing the magic that happens to their pottery after a glaze firing. They are all very proud of their creations as you can see below.



Mrs Debbie Morris – Family Liaison Officer

Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

This week in Collective Worship, we reflected on journeys. Archbishop Sarah Mullally was officially installed as the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury on Thursday the 26th March.

Archbishop Sarah completed a special pilgrimage from St. Paul's Cathedral to Canterbury Cathedral as part of her preparation. We thought about different pilgrimages and how important they are to people of many different faiths as it is a special time to grow, reflect and change.



Spotlight on SEND

You are warmly invited to join our termly SEND coffee morning on **Wednesday, 1st April between 9:00am and 10:00am.**

We will be joined by Eleanor from IMAGO, Young Carers organisation.

IMAGO provide emotional and practical support for young carers, helping them to balance their caring responsibilities with being children.

They also offer services that support disabled children and their families, helping them to gain independence, learn new skills and have fun in a supportive space with others.

We hope you are able to join us.



Charlotte Burkett, SENCO



EASTER 2026 AT THE RESERVE



HOW TO BOOK

www.monkton-reserve.org/events/

Visit our museum, café, gift, and book shops.

MORE INFO:

education@monkton-reserve.org

PRICE PER CHILD

Members: £3

Non-Members: £5

(incl. entrance to the reserve)

Wild Classroom

Members: £9.00

Non-Members: £15.00

WHERE

Monkton Nature Reserve
Canterbury Road
Ramsgate CT12 4LH

WWW.MONKTON-RESERVE.ORG

THANET COUNTRYSIDE TRUST
(CHARITY NO: 12110991)

BUTTERFLY KITES (AND FLUTTERING SIGHTS) Colour in a butterfly template, copying spring butterflies (or design your own). Add a stick and string. Try running with your kite to make it fly. Which butterflies can be seen in April? Spot them on the reserve.

BOTANY BUTTON BOOKS Mini, flower-filled, button books to make and keep. Fun filled notebooks for secrets and treasures. Spring flower hunt.

FALLING BLOSSOM Make a pretty, pale pink blossom, garland using egg box flowers. Hunt for blossom around the reserve.

BIG BUG HUNT Bug pot in hand and ID chart at the ready. It's time to search for some of the reserve's smallest residents. All that wiggles, creeps, scuttles, crawls and flutters can be closely observed and identified.

NESTING BALLS FOR BIRDS Give the birds a helping hand this spring with these garden nesting balls. Use twigs (or chicken wire) shaped into a ball or cone, and fill them with nest friendly materials for birds.

PARSLEY AND POTS Plant parsley in an ice-cream cone, ready to plant on outside. Make a hanging, beaded plant pot using egg box cones. Fill it with tiny plants grown on the reserve.

STORY ZONE IN THE DOME (FREE): Drop into the Dome on Tuesday afternoons during the Easter break, from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Sink into comfy cushions and soft rugs. Three short children's stories will be read by our volunteers at 2.30pm, 3.00pm and 3.30pm. Get stuck into our children's books in the Dome. No need to book, but please be prompt for the timed story telling. In support of *The National Year of Reading 2026*.

WILD CLASSROOM: Campfire cooking at its best. Experience this tasty, fire-fuelled lunch: a spring vegetable risotto, cooked together, outdoors.

APRIL 11.00AM	11.30AM	1.00PM	2.30PM
7th: Parsley & Pots		Botany Books	Story Zone
9th: Kites	Wild C'room	Nesting Balls	
10th: Falling Blossom		Big Bug Hunt	
14th: Botany Books		Parsley & Pots	Story Zone
16th: Nesting Balls		Falling Blossom	
17th: Big Bug Hunt		Kites	

Term 4 2026

Monday, 30th March:

Tuesday, 31st March:
Easter Service 9:30am – Year R to 6

Wednesday, 1st April:
SEND Coffee Morning – 9:00am

Forest School:

Class 1 – morning / Class 6 – afternoon

Easter Egg Hunt – 3:20pm

Thursday, 2nd April:
Year R Vision & Hearing Screening
LAST DAY OF TERM FOUR

Friday, 3rd April
GOOD FRIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

**TERM 5 BEGINS ON
MONDAY, 20th APRIL 2026**

OPEN COCKPIT WEEKEND 2026

11TH & 12TH APRIL | 10AM TO 4PM

RAF MANSTON HISTORY MUSEUM CT12 5DF



Fire Engine Rides



BOOK HERE



Tank Rides



Climb in the Cockpits



CHARITY NUMBER: 1179982



Museum Entry

info@rafmanston.co.uk

www.rafmanston.co.uk

Subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances including, but not limited to, weather conditions, mechanical breakdowns and shortage of volunteers and/or exhibitors.

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

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 Three
Week Beginning Monday, 30th 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.	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 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.

- 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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