

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide



Thursday, 2nd April 2026

Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Mrs Comfort

As I write, despite the clocks changing at the weekend to British Summer Time, there is a distinct chill in the air – brrr! That being said, we have continued to embrace all things Spring and Easter related in this last week of Term 4 and have appreciated the time which our families have given to these events.

Easter Service at St Mary's Church

We were all delighted with our annual Easter Service which took place on Tuesday. With Reception Class children and families joining us for the first time it was a truly whole school event. The children sang beautifully and the Year 6 House Captains told the Easter Story, assisted by Revd Melissa. Huge thanks to the family members who were able to take time out of their day to join us; your support means so much to the children and the staff.



Easter Egg Hunt

Mrs Wallis led the school in this popular venture on Wednesday. 61 families joined us, working to solve the clues in exchange for their chocolate prize handed out by our teachers; great team work all round. We were pleased that the rain clouds stayed away!



Fantastic Football

Our footballers have been busy engaging in a number of fixtures this term as part of the Dover league. This week's match was against Barton Juniors, again hosted by us on our school field. Ms Phengphachanh reports 'It was a closely contested game, with both teams showing a very even level of skill. St Mary's players demonstrated some excellent counter attacking play, successfully winning the ball on several occasions although they were unlucky not to convert these chances into goals. Despite a narrow defeat, the team showed great effort, resilience and teamwork throughout the game.'

School Attendance

I would like to thank all families for their work in ensuring good and regular school attendance for their children. We have had consistently improved attendance (compared to last year and the previous year) week on week this year with many days where only a very small number of children – 3-4 are absent. Parents – you are doing a fantastic job in securing the very best educational outcomes for your children by ensuring that they turn up to school regularly, frequently and on time – thank you and well done! This commitment does not go unnoticed.



Reception Class September 2026

The National Offer Day for Reception Class 2026 is on **Thursday, 16th April** so families will have their place at our school confirmed on that day. We are very much looking forward to getting to know our new cohort and will be in touch next term with regards to induction arrangements. 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.

Term Dates for 2026-2027

I am happy to confirm the term dates for next academic year; this information will help you with holiday and childcare planning.

Term 1 – Tuesday, 1st September to Friday, 23rd October 2026
INSET DAY – Tuesday, 1st September 2026

Term 2 – Monday, 2nd November to Friday, 18th December 2026
INSET DAY – Monday, 2nd November 2026

Term 3 – Monday, 4th January to Friday, 12th February 2027
INSET DAYS – Monday, 4th January 2027 & Tuesday, 5th January 2027

Term 4 – Monday, 22nd February to Thursday, 25th March 2027

Term 5 – Monday, 12th April to Friday, 28th May 2027
INSET DAY – Friday, 28th May 2027

Term 6 – Monday, 7th June to Wednesday, 21st July 2027

End of Term 4 and Beginning of Term 5

Term 4 ends this week on Thursday, 2nd April with children returning to school on **Monday, 20th April**. I thank all members of our school community for their hard work and dedication this term, I wish everyone a good school holiday and look forward to seeing you all in Term 5.

Wishing you all a good Easter break.

Mrs Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Mini Marathon Sponsored Fundraising Event Friday, 24th April 2026

On **Friday, 24th April**, all classes will be taking part in an 'endurance circuit challenge' in order to raise money to support the enrichment opportunities we can offer in school.

EYFS/KS1 classes will have ten minutes to complete a running circuit on the top playground as many times as they can!

KS2 classes will have fifteen minutes to complete running circuits on the bottom playground.

The challenge is to try and complete as many circuits as possible in the time. We would be grateful if you could support our fundraising by sponsoring your child a small amount for every circuit they complete on the day. Or, alternatively, you can choose to sponsor a set amount.

Thought of the Week





Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R – Turtles Class Learner of the Week is **Elijah!** Elijah has been a reading superstar this week. He has persevered even when he found things tricky, and has wowed Mrs Tomkinson and Mrs Cassingena. Well done Eli – we are so proud of you!

Class 1 – **Amy** is our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class as she has tried hard to learn about counting in twos, fives and tens in maths, and has joined in brilliantly with our phonics lessons. Amy worked hard to complete her PSHE learning with a friend, and drew some careful pictures to show how to keep healthy during the day. Well done Amy, this makes us very proud of you!

Class 2 – Our Learner of the Week in Otters Class is **Eden!** Eden has shown a really positive improvement in her learning this week, and has listened carefully. She has completed most of her tasks and shown enthusiasm for her writing. It has been lovely to see Eden taking care with letter size and presentation. Well done Eden – keep making us proud!

Class 3 – Puffins Class Learner of the Week is **Thandeka** for her hard work and determined attitude! She has written and published a fantastic story using interesting adjectives, fronted adverbials and similes to make her writing interesting. Thandeka enjoyed our science lesson and presented her work neatly and with excellent explanation. A brilliant week Thandeka – keep up the great work!

Class 4 – Licky is our Learner of the Week in Penguins Class as she has a very positive approach to her learning and always gives her best in class. In our recent maths assessment, Licky demonstrated a good understanding of all we have covered this term. Licky is always willing to accept responsibility and is tolerant and kind towards her classmates. Well done Licky!

Class 5 – **Jenifer** is our Learner of the Week in Orcas Class as she has shown effort in her learning and friendships at school. Her hard work in her writing has paid off, enabling a lovely newspaper report draft. Jenifer has displayed our values of perseverance, friendship, respect and trust this week. Keep up the hard work Jenifer – you are amazing!

Class 6 – Seahorses Class Learner of the Week is **EVERYONE** for the determination, trust and patience they have demonstrated this week during their mock SATS tests. They showed amazing perseverance, listened carefully and were determined to try their best during each test! Those who didn't take the test were trusted to work in other classrooms around the school. The feedback from various members of staff regarding behaviour and attitude was amazing. Well done Year 6!

Crack the Egg Code & Easter Crafts at Dover Library!

Collect the Easter eggs hidden around the children's library and
unscramble them to solve the mystery!

The event will also include fun Easter craft activities.



Monday, 13th April 2026
10:30am – 12:30pm
Suitable for ages 4-11 years



Lego Club - Every Saturday
10:30am – midday

Special tiger themed session on Saturday, 18th April.

Make a Lego tiger and hear about a real tiger called Plassey who once
lived in Dover!

Suitable for ages 5 and upwards.

Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all library events.

For more information, please contact

doverlibrary@kent.gov.uk or call 03000 41 31 31



DOVER
PUBLIC LIBRARY

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. 321285

HOUSE POINTS

- 1st - **LANG** - 207 points
 Joint 2nd - **FISHER & TEMPLE** - 165 points
 3rd - **RAMSEY** - 138

TERM 4 HOUSE POINTS OVERALL WINNERS

- 1st - **LANG** - 1542 points
 2nd - **TEMPLE** - 1489 points
 3rd - **RAMSEY** - 1333 points
 4th - **FISHER** - 1289 points

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

- 1st - **Class 6** - 90 points
 Joint 2nd - **Class R, Class 1 & Class 4**
 75 points

Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

A fantastic final week of Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP! The school community had many opportunities to reflect as the Easter break is upon us, including a wonderful service at St Mary's Church. The children sang beautifully and the Y6 House Captains shared the Easter Story with confidence - well done.

I wonder how you will reflect at Easter time? I wonder how the story of Easter impacts you?

A wonderful Celebration Worship rounded off this week as many awards were shared - excellent work children!



Spotlight on SEND

This week we were visited by Eleanor Burch from IMAGO, who shared with us the services and support available to Young Carers in Kent.

If your child is a young carer or you would like them to be registered as one you can self-refer and access the website here:

Referral form: [YC Referral](#)

Website: [Imago - Creating change together](#)

IMAGO offers:

- Respite to all children 8+ registered with us, and we have a short breaks program in which families with a disabled child can attend respites together.
- Time out Tuesdays – An online activity on the first Tuesday of each month via zoom
- Support in school for young carers needing additional well-being interventions
- Free bus passes for 11+



EASTER 2026 AT THE RESERVE



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	

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

TRAMET COUNTRYSIDE TRUST
(CHARITY NO: 12110991)

Term 5 2026

Monday, 20th April
FIRST DAY OF TERM 5

Tuesday, 21st April

Class 5 Local Visit

Class 5 Mini Medics

KAE 'Twig People' Family Event

Wednesday, 22nd April:

Class R Local Visit

Thursday, 23rd April:

Class 4 Ukulele

Friday, 24th April

Year 5/6 Football Match

Mini Marathon Fundraising Event

FOREST SCHOOL

Morning – Class 4 / Afternoon – Class 3

£8.50
ALL DAY
WRISTBANDS!

EASTER FUN WITH
JOSS BAY LEISURE

KIDS' CORNER 4

April
EASTER EGG HUNT!!

OPEN EVERYDAY OF THE EASTER HOLIDAYS!
(14th APRIL - 19th APRIL)

JOSS BAY BEACH
JOSS GAP ROAD, CT10 3PG

HAVE A LOVELY DAY

WE DO BIRTHDAY PARTIES!!!
Scan the QR code for our contact info

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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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 5 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, 20th April 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	
 <p>whole school meals</p> <p>DATES: Week 1: 20th April, 11th May, 7th June, 22nd June, 13th July</p> <p>Week 2: 27th April, 18th May, 8th June, 29th June</p> <p>Week 3: 4th May, 15th June, 6th July</p> <p>Allergens: 1. Gluten/Wheat 2. Dairy/Milk 3. Eggs 4. Soya/Soyabeans 5. Mustard 6. Celery 7. Fish 8. Molluscs 9. Shellfish/Crustaceans 10. Sesame Seeds 11. Nuts 12. Lupins 13. Sulphur Dioxide 14. Peanuts Allergens in brackets are a possibility All items with * can be made Vegan. All items with ** can be made Dairy Free.</p>	WEEK 1 All items are subject to availability.	Pizza & Sauté Potatoes 1,2,4 Herby Tomato Pasta & Garlic Bread 1,4 Baked Beans & Salad Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 Cornflake Crunch 1,2 Fresh Fruit	Burger in a Bun 1,4 Vegan Sausage Roll 1 Pasta Salad 1 Coleslaw & Salad 3,5 Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 Shortbread 1 Fresh Fruit	Gammon Frittata 2,3 Mashed Potatoes Peas & Salad Jacket Potato with *Cheese and Beans 2 Lemon Cake 1,3 Fresh Fruit	**Chicken Fajitas 1,2 Sweet Potato & Spinach Dhal Savoury Rice 6 Mixed Veg & Salad Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 Jelly Fresh Fruit	Fish Fingers 1,7 Veggie Nuggets 1 Skin on Fries or Pasta 1 Baked Beans or Sweetcorn & Salad Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 Cooks Choice (1,2,3) Fresh Fruit	
			MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			*Cheese Whirl 1,2 **Loaded Chilli Bean Wedges 2 ½ Jacket Potato Baked Beans & Salad Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 Ice Cream 2 Fresh Fruit	Pork Meatballs 1 Meatless Meatballs 1 Pasta 1 Carrots & Mixed Veg Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 Chocolate Cake 1,3 Fresh Fruit	Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding 1,2,3 Roasted Cauli Bites Rustic Roasties Broccoli & Sweetcorn Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 Oat Cookie 1 Fresh Fruit	Baked Sausages 1,13 Quorn Sausage 1 Crushed New Potatoes Peas & Salad Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 Summer Fruits Pinwheel 1 Fresh Fruit	Fish Fingers 1,7 Veggie Nuggets 1 Skin on Fries or Pasta 1 Baked Beans or Sweetcorn & Salad Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 Cooks Choice (1,2,3) Fresh Fruit
			MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			Mac 'n' Cheese 1,2,5 ** Mixed Bean Burrito 1,2 Garlic Dough Balls 1,4 Peas & Sweetcorn Medley & Salad Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 Chocolate Krispie Cake 1 Fresh Fruit	Breaded Chicken Steak 1,4 Veggie Nuggets 1 Pasta Salad 1 Coleslaw & Salad 3,5 Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 Marble Cake 1,3 Fresh Fruit	Roast Pork & Gravy Mustardy Sausage Bake 1,5,6 Rustic Roasties Cauliflower & Peas Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 Jelly Fresh Fruit	Mexican Beef Tortilla Bake 1,2 Chilli no Carne Rice, Carrots & Green Beans Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 Apple & Cinnamon Pinwheel 1 Fresh Fruit	Fish Fingers 1,7 Curried Veggie Pasty 1,2 Skin on Fries or Pasta 1 Baked Beans or Sweetcorn & Salad Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 Cooks Choice (1,2,3) Fresh Fruit
			MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	WEEK 2 All items are subject to availability.						
	WEEK 3 All items are subject to availability.						

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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