

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 1st May 2026

Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Mrs Comfort

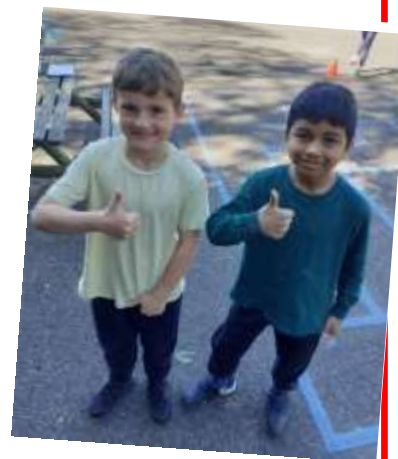
School Fundraiser

I am bursting with pride and feeling extremely grateful to all members of our school community for their commitment to our recent fundraising event. All children met the physical challenge with enthusiasm and determination, Mrs Wallis reports *"The children arrived in school absolutely 'buzzing' with excitement to complete their mini marathon running. Each class took turns to complete a circuit on either the Key Stage 1 or Key Stage 2 playgrounds. The children were targeted to complete as many laps as they could in 15 minutes and they all took the challenge very seriously! Everyone put maximum effort in to their laps on what was a warm and sunny day! We are very proud of their efforts."*

Sponsorship monies have been gathered and counted in the school office and, at the time of writing, I am thrilled to share that **£1,026.40** has been raised – this is incredible!

We know that these are challenging times for many families so we appreciate each and every one of you who has been able to give. We also understand if you were not able to and thank your children anyway for their participation in the event – their strong team spirit helped everyone to do their best! Please do enjoy the photographs of the event – see how many smiling faces you can count!





Thought of the Week



Next Week

A reminder that Monday is a bank holiday so there is no school. We look forward to seeing all children back at school on Tuesday 5th May.

Wishing you all a good long weekend.

Mrs Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

- 1st – Class 4 – 117 points
- 2nd – Class 1 – 115 points
- 3rd – Class 5 – 114 points



HOUSE POINTS

- 1st – FISHER – 261 points
- 2nd – LANG – 251 points
- 3rd – RAMSEY – 210 points
- 4th – TEMPLE – 178 points

Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R – Turtles Class Learner of the Week is **Matilda!** Matilda has wowed us with her super writing this week – she was able to write not one, but TWO fantastic sentences about a trip to the moon! Well done Matilda!



Class 1 – Our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class is **Aiyan!** Aiyan has settled brilliantly into class and consistently works hard in all his learning. He tries his best to complete all tasks to the very best of his ability, and took great care with his letters and words when writing the story of The Magic Porridge Pot. We are all so proud of you Aiyan!

Class 2 – Daksh is our Learner of the Week in Otters Class as he is a model pupil who always tries his best. Daksh has produced a highly accomplished piece of writing in English, consistently applying key grammatical rules, including the accurate use of capital letters and full stops! Keep making us proud Daksh!

Class 3 – Our Learner of the Week in Puffins Class is **Nelisiwe** as she has shown a positive attitude and great perseverance in every lesson. She has worked incredibly hard in our science lesson on light, where she enjoyed investigating whether we need light to see, using torches to discover the mystery items hidden inside the boxes. Nelisiwe brings a wonderful sense of calm to everything she does and is a pleasure to teach.

Class 4 – Penguins Class Learner of the Week is becoming more confident every day and is making great progress in all areas of their learning. They have made a fantastic start to our English work on 'Room 13' and are showing a good understanding of the plot. In maths, they are getting to grips with fractions and decimals and are becoming increasingly accurate. Keep up the good work!

Class 5 – Lucas is our Learner of the Week in Orcas Class as he has shown an effort in all of his learning, and worked hard in reading, showing focus and attention. Lucas has also shown a great attitude and behaviour, both in and out of the classroom. Well done Lucas – you are amazing!

Class 6 – Our Learner of the Week in Seahorses Class is **Harley** for the improved attitude and effort he has had towards his school work. Harley has impressed us in maths – understanding scaled factors. He has worked extremely hard to write his retelling of 'Alma', using powerful vocabulary, varied sentences and complex punctuation, which he has thoroughly enjoyed and extremely proud of. Well done Harley!

Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

This week, the children focused on courage and what being courageous looks like.

Courage is often about continuing to do what you would normally do when faced with extraordinary situations. Christians believe that this is what the first Christians would have needed to do as they were in danger of being punished or even killed just for believing in Jesus.

Many Christians believe that we should offer our skills, talents and abilities and that God will use that courageousness to achieve great things.

I wonder what you think of when you hear the word courage? I wonder what courageous things you have done in your life? The children were able to reflect on this and share some good examples.

The week was rounded off with a lovely Celebration Worship with many awards shared for good progress and behaviour demonstrated across the week - well done!

LET GIRLS PLAY FOOTBALL SESSIONS

Every Monday
Starting 20 April
5:15pm-6pm
Dover Leisure Centre
For ages 8-16 years

For more information and to book visit:
www.doverathleticcommunitytrust.co.uk

FREE
Turn up
and play!

active SPORT ENGLAND DOVER LEISURE CENTRE

Dover League Football Match

St Mary's CEP played a competitive game against White Cliffs last Friday. The players showed good effort and worked hard as a team from start to finish. The team created several opportunities from corners but were unlucky not to convert them. The goalkeeper deserves a special mention for their effort and perseverance, making important contributions throughout the game. Despite the result, the team can take pride in their effort, teamwork and positive attitude.



Class 2 Visit to RNLI Dover

This week, Class 2 visited the RNLI in Dover. The children learned about water safety and the important work of the volunteers who help keep people safe at sea. They explored lifesaving equipment and even tried some on, discovering how it is used in real rescues. It was a fun and informative visit for everyone!



"I learned to stay safe near water."



"I liked trying on the lifejacket!"

DOVER FOODBANK MOST needed ITEMS

MAY 2026

- CUPPA SOUPS
- UHT MILK
- FRUIT JUICE (UHT)
- TINNED FISH
- TINNED SPAGHETTI
- JAM AND SPREADS
- INSTANT MASH
- TINNED SOUP
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- PASTA SAUCES
- TINNED BEANS
- PASTA N SAUCE
- NOODLES
- TOILET ROLLS

PLEASE NOTE

We have plenty
of pasta & pulses

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CHARITY NO. 1212991

Term 5 2026

Monday, 4th May

BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday, 5th May

Year 2 Local Visit

Class 5 Mini-Medics

Football Club – Yr 4, 5 & 6

Wednesday, 6th May:

Class 3 Local Visit

Art / Pottery Club – Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6

Thursday, 7th May:

Kent Fire & Safety Talks – All Classes

Class 3 Art Workshop

Class 4 Ukulele

Friday, 8th May

Reception Class Family Collective Worship

FOREST SCHOOL

Morning – Class 1 / Afternoon – Class 6

Forest School Club – Yr 1, 2 & 3

Multi-Skills Club – Yr R, 1, 2 & 3

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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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.

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 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 Three Week Beginning Monday, 4th May 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

 <p>whole school meals</p>		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		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 Jelly Fresh Fruit
WEEK 2 All items are subject to availability.	*Cheese Whirl 1,2 **Loaded Chili 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	
	WEEK 3 All items with * can be made Vegan. All items with ** can be made Dairy Free.	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 Chili 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

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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