

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 8th May 2026

Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Mrs Comfort

Class 3 visit Dover Castle

Another class visit to Dover Castle this week – how lucky we are to have such an amazing world-famous castle within walking distance of our school! Miss Sayer reports 'We explored the castle grounds and climbed up into the Keep, where we took time to carefully sketch parts of the building, linking our learning to our current DT topic. We also had great fun playing in the Siege Playground, imagining what it might have been like to defend the castle many years ago. Throughout the day, we discovered more about what life was like in the castle grounds in the past, bringing our history learning to life. We had a fantastic time—and even the rain didn't dampen our spirits!'



Fire Safety

Fire Officers visited school this week to deliver fire safety talks to our children. Mrs Wallis reports 'This week, the Kent Fire & Rescue Service visited our school to talk to all the children about fire safety. The children enjoyed the talks and learnt: how to call 999 in an emergency, to 'get out, stay out' and the importance of checking smoke alarms in the home.'

Free Breakfast Club September 2026

Huge thanks to the parents who returned our recent survey- we were very impressed with the number of you who took the time to do so and with the comments you made. We continue to work on finalising plans for this provision which will start in September, further details to follow before the summer holiday. Our existing Breakfast Club will continue in the meantime. Please be assured that we have listened to responses and the new provision will therefore have a start time of 8:00am, the same time as our current club.

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

Joint 1st - Class 1 & Class 2

70 points

2nd - Class 6 - 67 points



HOUSE POINTS

1st - LANG - 242 points

2nd - RAMSEY - 214 points

3rd - FISHER - 203 points

4th - TEMPLE - 183 points

St Mary's CEP Football Team

The last fixture in the Dover Football League for schools was hosted by us on Thursday, another hugely enjoyable game for the players and spectators! Mr Lamprell, referee for the afternoon, reports *'The Year 5 and Year 6 children performed fantastically well in what was a pulsating match against Capel! The pupils battled hard to score a second half equaliser that resulted in the game finishing 2-2. The children certainly have benefited from playing in competitive games against other schools as their technical and tactical skills have vastly improved - a great turn out from parents, and staff! Well done all.'*



Ms Phengphachanh reports *'St Mary's Year 5 & 6 team ended their season with a draw against Capel in an exciting final match. Communication and passing were much improved, helping the team play with greater confidence. Our striker scored and led the attack well, while our goalkeeper made several excellent saves. The defence remained solid throughout, showing real progress and strong teamwork. Special thanks to Mr Lamprell for refereeing the match and for his encouragement and valuable tactical advice, which helped boost team spirit and overall performance. A great way to finish the season!'*



Year 6 Statutory Assessment

Year 6 parents/carers have already received information regarding the Key Stage 2 SATS that the Year 6 children will be sitting next week. Please refer to the 'tips' to ensure your child has the best possible chance to achieve their potential - don't be late to school otherwise your child will miss out on the special free breakfast!

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.

As always, wishing you all a good weekend.

Mrs Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Thought of the Week



Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

From Singing to Year R Family Worship to Kent Fire Safety Talks, there were certainly a range of themes covered in worship this week - the children have thoroughly enjoyed this.

On Wednesday, Revd. Claire spoke to the children about 'love'. I wonder how you know someone loves you? Is this through actions, words and/or thoughts?

The Bible talks about different types of love. Agape love is mentioned in the New Testament as it describes selfless, unconditional love, that means, doing something for others without expecting anything in return!

Reception Class Family Collective Worship

Reception Class thoroughly enjoyed presenting their very first class family collective worship today! They bravely stood up and introduced themselves with big smiles and lots of confidence. The children loved sharing some of their favourite learning moments from this year. To finish, they sang one of their favourite songs, *"Five Little Men in a Flying Saucer"* — and did a fantastic job!



Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R – Our Learner of the Week in Turtles Class is always a kind friend to others and makes sure everyone has someone to play with. They enjoyed talking about friendships in PSHE this week and shared lots of their own experiences. Well done!

Class 1 – EVERYONE is Starfish Class are our Learners of the Week as they have been working very hard to prepare for their phonics screening check in June. We have nearly finished learning all our sounds and have been practising blending the sounds to read real and alien words. We are super proud of the progress you are all making – keep up the hard work Starfish Class!

Class 2 – Joe is our Learner of the Week in Otters Class as he comes to school happily every day and brings a positive attitude to our class. Joe enjoys sharing his interests with others and is always enthusiastic during lessons. He has worked particularly well in maths this week and has shown good understanding and confidence. A fantastic week Joe – well done!

Class 3 – Puffins Class Learner of the Week is **Catalina** as she thoroughly enjoyed our trip to Dover Castle. Catalina loved exploring the grounds and learning more about our local history. She showed great effort and creativity during our art workshop, creating a beautiful collage of a phoenix using images from nature. A very interesting and creative week Catalina – keep up the great work!

Class 4 – Our Learner of the Week in Penguins Class is **Adrian** as he has applied himself well in all activities and has produced some great work! In English, Adrian has concentrated well to produce a final draft of his written work, and has carefully checked and corrected his spelling. Adrian has been helpful to the adults throughout the week and sensibly organised the PE equipment with Mrs Tully. Well done Adrian – keep showing us your best side!

Class 5 – Laura is our Learner of the Week in Orcas Class as she has had an excellent attitude towards her learning. She has worked hard in maths and persevered using a protractor, and has embraced story writing in English! Laura is showing increasing maturity in her attitude and behaviour both in and out of the classroom, and displayed our values of Perseverance, Friendship, Peace and Trust. A fantastic week Laura – well done!

Class 6 – Our Learner of the Week in Seahorses Class is **Kasper** for the brilliant effort and wonderful attitude he has at school! Kasper always impresses us in maths – recalling facts accurately and rapidly. His writing has dramatically improved and he has worked exceptionally hard to level up his work. His is a wonderful role model for the class and tries hard to be the best he can be. An amazing week Kasper – well done!

Term 5 2026

Year 6 SATs Week

Monday, 11th May

Cricket Club – Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6

Tuesday, 12th May

Class 5 Mini-Medics

Football Club – Yr 4, 5 & 6

Wednesday, 13th May:

Art / Pottery Club – Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6

Thursday, 14th May:

Class 4 Ukulele

Friday, 15th May

FOREST SCHOOL

Morning – Class R / Afternoon – Class 4

Forest School Club – Yr 1, 2 & 3

Multi-Skills Club – Yr R, 1, 2 & 3

DOVER SWAP SHOP



HAS YOUR CHILD OUTGROWN THEIR TOYS, CLOTHES OR BOOKS? IF SO, BRING ITEMS IN GOOD CONDITION TO THE SWAP SHOP WHERE YOU CAN SWAP THEM FOR THE NEXT SIZE AND DIFFERENT TOYS



9th May
11am to 1pm



BEACON CHURCH HALL
BARTHOLOMEW STREET
DOVER, CT16 2LH

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



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 One
Week Beginning Monday, 11th 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

		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> <p><small>MSM/COC - Company no. 5721081 - Registered Address: Alimuddin Mosque, Birtcherhanger Road, Birtcherhanger, Deal, CT14 4JN</small></p>	<p>WEEK 1</p> <p>All items are subject to availability.</p> <p>WEEK 2</p> <p>WEEK 3</p>	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	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	
			*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
			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

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.

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<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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