

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 15th May 2026

Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Mrs Comfort

Enrichment Opportunities

We work hard to provide many enrichment opportunities for the children, these include extra-curricular clubs, trips and visitors into school.

Class 4 have been benefiting from ukulele tuition delivered weekly by Robin File from Kent Music, and Class 5 are currently undertaking first aid training with PCSO, Mark Ball within the Mini Medics programme.

The children love these sessions. Miss Sarah Morris reports *'One of the highlights of Class 4's weekly timetable is our Ukulele lesson on a Thursday. In these lessons with Mr File, we have been investigating a variety of key musical concepts such as rhythm and pitch. We are also now able to play a range of chords on the Ukulele and have thoroughly enjoyed using these alongside our voices to perform some familiar songs. Recently, we have been confident enough to showcase these skills and perform for an audience!'*



'I like it when we learn new songs, especially the Lava Song' - Lily

'We have learned the F, C and A minor chords' - Eavie

'I felt nervous AND happy when we performed' - Adrian

'You can express your emotions through music' – Thomas



Miss Race reports: *'Class 5 have thoroughly enjoyed their Mini-Medics sessions. They have learned emergency protocols surrounding: recovery position and what to do if someone is unconscious; bandaging broken arms, head/neck injuries; as well as how to bandage injuries that may have items embedded within; choking and many other subjects. One pupil reports: "I liked the bandaging, especially the medical information we are learning." Another said: "I like everything!" We have been so proud with how much they've remembered week to week and are embracing the importance of first-aid. Great work, Class 5!'*

Statutory Assessment

As many of you will know our Year 6 pupils have spent much of this week completing statutory end of Key Stage 2 Government assessments in reading, writing and mathematics. The children have worked incredibly hard and we are immensely proud of them all.

There will be further statutory assessments for several other classes before the end of this year. Class 1 children will undertake a Phonics Assessment, children in Class 4 will take a Multiplication Times Tables Test and the Reception Class staff will be making assessments about the children against the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile.

We work hard to minimise the impact of these assessments on the children and their families. Children in Reception Class will carry on playing and working as usual with staff making assessments based on what they can see and hear the children doing every day at school. The Year 1 children will read a series of flashcards to Mrs Wallis – they are very used to doing this as part of their daily reading lessons. The Year 4 children will take a timed assessment using the computer; they will have plenty of time to practice beforehand.

As the year begins to draw to a close, teachers of all classes will be writing end of year reports which will be sent home in July, they will also be making assessments about how the children have progressed this year. If your child has taken a statutory assessment – as outlined above – you will receive the result(s) with their end of year report.

Open Afternoon – Wednesday, 20th May at 3:15pm

A reminder that you are invited to come into school with your child, via the Laureston Place entrance (Classes R, 1 and 2) or via the lower playground (Classes 3, 4, 5 and 6), to go to their classroom to have a look at their workbooks. You can also have an informal chat with the class teacher. This event usually lasts for 45 minutes to an hour. We look forward to seeing you!

Working with Other Schools

We are proud of the links we have with other local schools and the work we undertake with the pupils and staff of these, from sports fixtures to training opportunities for our staff. This week we were happy to host the teachers from Aycliffe Primary School who met with our teachers to review samples of children's writing from both schools. We all know the benefit of collaboration and teamwork and actively seek ways to use these elements within our work.

Grand Day Out

We are just in the process of finalising our plans for our annual whole school Grand Day Out which will be held on Friday, 10th July. Do look out for information about this which we hope will be coming out to you either next week or straight after the half term break.

Half Term Break

A reminder that Term 5 ends for the children on **Thursday, 21st May**. Staff will be at school on Friday, 22nd May for training (INSET) so children are not to attend on this day. Term 6 starts on **Monday, 1st June** and we look forward to seeing all children back at school on that day.

As always, wishing you all a good weekend.

Mrs Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Spotlight on SEND...

Do join us for our Cooking on a Budget Course starting on Thursday, 11th June at 3:15pm -5:00pm for four consecutive weeks.

Paula from Kent Adult Education (KAE) will be helping us to:

- Boost our confidence and skills in cooking
- Think about budgeting while preparing healthy homemade dishes
- Learn how to involve children in cooking activities
- Try new foods and enhance our culinary skills

All ingredients and cooking equipment will be supplied. Please bring a food container to take your recipes home!

If you wish to join us on this four-week course with your family, please do respond to the Parent Mail invite.

Mrs Charlotte Burkett - SENCO



The flyer features a central photograph of a woman and a young girl smiling while cooking together in a kitchen. The background is white with purple and pink geometric shapes. The KAE Family Learning logo is in the top right, with 'kent adult education' written below it. The main title 'COOKING ON A BUDGET' is in large, bold, purple letters. Below the title, it says 'Delicious meals, smart savings!' and 'Join us and enjoy good food and a healthier lifestyle. Learn new, exciting and child-friendly recipes that make the most of your shopping budget.' The 'Where:' section lists 'St Mary's CEP School'. The 'Date:' section lists 'Thursday, 11th June to Thursday, 2nd July 2026'. The 'Time:' section lists '3:15pm to 5:00pm'. At the bottom, it says 'To book a place please complete the recent ParentMail form or contact: 01304 206887 / office@stmarysprimary.net'. There is a QR code and the Kent County Council logo. The website 'kentadulteducation.co.uk' and the phrase 'FREE, Fun & Informal' are also present.

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COOKING ON A BUDGET

Delicious meals, smart savings!

Join us and enjoy good food and a healthier lifestyle. Learn new, exciting and child-friendly recipes that make the most of your shopping budget.

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Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:



Class R – Turtles Class Learner of the Week is **Abdullahi** as he has wowed us with his fantastic singing during our music lesson! Abdullahi confidently joins in with songs, enjoys moving to the beat, and follows different actions with enthusiasm and joy. His energy and love for music always brings a smile to everyone in the classroom. What a great week Abdullahi!

Class 1 – Amy is our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class as she has worked really hard to finish writing our substituted version of The Magic Porridge Pot, using some fantastic vocabulary! Amy has also worked hard to learn about fractions (halves and quarters) of shapes, objects and quantities. We are super proud of the progress you are making Amy, keep up the hard work!

Class 2 – Our Learner of the Week in Otters Class is **Evie** as she has confidently answered reasoning questions in maths, clearly explaining near doubles and using doubling strategies to solve addition calculations. Evie has showed great enthusiasm, teamwork and perseverance in PE, always giving her best effort and encouraging others. Keep making us proud Evie!

Class 3 – Marcela is our Learner of the Week in Puffins Class as she has really impressed us with her kind nature towards others! Marcela is an amazing friend to her peers and has a positive attitude about everything. She has produced some brilliant writing in our English lessons, recounting our trip to Dover Castle using interesting vocabulary and beautiful handwriting. We are so proud of you Marcela – well done!

Class 4 – Penguins Class Learner of the Week is **Liccy** as she is an extremely diligent and reliable member of the class. Liccy continues to approach all of her learning positively and strives to produce work of a high standard in all areas. She has worked hard to build a sound understanding of decimals in maths and is consistently achieving high scores in multiplication tests. Well done Liccy – you are a practically perfect Penguin!

Class 5 – Our Learner of the Week in Orcas Class is **Blessed** as she has an excellent attitude towards her learning and all that she does at school. Blessed always treats others with kindness, is trustworthy and is a joy to have in our class. She displays our values of perseverance, friendship, peace and trust. Well done Blessed – you are amazing!

Class 6 – EVERYONE is Seahorses Class are our Learners of the Week for the determination, trust and patience they have demonstrated during SATs week! They showed amazing perseverance throughout the entire week, and were determined to try their best each day. They have all made great progress as a result of this. Well done Seahorses Class – you should all be very proud of yourselves!

Thought of the Week



HOUSE POINTS

1st - **RAMSEY** - 274 points
2nd - **LANG** - 254 points
3rd - **FISHER** - 245 points
4th - **TEMPLE** - 242 points



GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

1st - **Class 5** - 160 points
2nd - **Class 6** - 155 points
3rd - **Class 3** - 139 points

Enter our **FREE** family competition



Enter at Prize Draws on our home page - good luck!

A great activity for the holidays!
We're a Mum and two daughters team creating educational, history based fun Kent Quiz Trails!
They live up a healthy family walk!



FREE TO ENTER!

WIN

We've teamed up with **What's On In Kent** to give away a 'Best of Kent Explorer Adventure Pack'!

Top Prize: One lucky winner will win a wicker picnic hamper with plates, cutlery and glasses, one each of the Quiz Trail short stories books, 5 Quiz Trails of your choice and lots of sweet treats!

Three runner-up winners will each win 3 Quiz Trails of your choice!

Enter on our website www.QuizTrail.co.uk

*Closing date 31st May 2026 at 11.59pm. Free to enter - no purchase necessary.

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SEND Coffee Morning – Wednesday, 20th May 2026

You are warmly invited to our upcoming Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Coffee Morning, which will be held on Wednesday, 20th May from 9:00am – 10:00am.



This will be an opportunity to focus on connecting with others and networking with each other. Your child may already be on our SEND register, or you may be at the early stages of identifying your child's needs or have questions about some of their behaviour. You may be unsure about how to support your child at home. We will endeavour to answer some of your questions or provide signposting at this event.

This coffee morning aims to create a supportive and welcoming environment for parents, caregivers, and anyone involved with children who have special educational needs or disabilities. It's an opportunity for us to come together, share experiences, and foster a sense of community.

Please contact the school office if you would like to join us
01304 206887 / office@stmarysprimary.net

Term 5 2026

Monday, 18th May
Class 5 Local Visit
Cricket Club – Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6

Tuesday, 19th May
Class 6 – 2 x Local Visit
Class 3 & 4 Local Visit
Football Club – Yr 4, 5 & 6

Wednesday, 20th May:
SEND Coffee Morning
FOREST SCHOOL
Class 3 – morning / Class 2 - afternoon
Inter-House Sports Event
Open Afternoon – 3:15pm
Art / Pottery Club – Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6

Thursday, 21st May:
Census Day
Class 4 Ukulele
LAST DAY OF TERM 5

Friday, 22nd May
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
SCHOOL CLOSED

Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

This week the children explored the importance of being humble. Sometimes it is hard to be humble especially if you think you are right.

Christians believe that it is important to not brag, boast or put others down in order to make yourself look good.

I wonder if you have had times when you've been humble, looking at the wonder of others rather than the wonder of ourselves?

The children were spoilt in Singing Worship as Year 4 showed off their fantastic ukulele skills to the school!

Finally, the week concluded with lots of celebrations shared; it was lovely to hear all of the wonderful things that the children have enjoyed this week - well done everyone!



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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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 Two
Week Beginning Monday, 18th 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>	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	
			WEEK 2	*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
			WEEK 3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			WEEK 1	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.

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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