

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide



Thursday, 21st May 2026

Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Mrs Comfort

Getting Out and About!

Continuing the theme of enrichment, which I wrote about in last week's newsletter in relation to visitors coming into school, this week several of our classes have been venturing out into the local community.

Class 5 visited the Mosque in Park Place as part of their RE learning. Class 6 visited the local library and, on their journey back, paused in Pencester Gardens to complete geography fieldwork.

I thank the staff for their efforts with these visits and the children for their conduct throughout. Do have a look at the accounts and photographs below which the class teachers have written.

Class 5 enjoyed a fascinating visit to our local mosque. Miss Race reports: *"Class 5 learned more about the Five Pillars of Islam and the importance of faith, community and prayer in Muslim life. The children impressed our hosts with their excellent knowledge, thoughtful questions and confident use of religious vocabulary throughout the visit. One pupil said: "I really liked our trip and learned more about what it's like to be a Muslim."*

All of Class 5 were a real credit to St. Mary's and showed great respect and curiosity while exploring a different place of worship. Great job, Class 5!"



Mrs Miles reports: *'Class 6 took part in a fieldwork trip in our local area, answering our enquiry question: How can Pencester Park be kept clean and better used for local families to enjoy?*

We gathered data on the amount of litter and graffiti, as well as how noisy or polluted the area was. Upon returning to school, we drew a sketch map of the park, plotted our route and then made suggestions about how our local area could be improved. These included expanding the park, adding more picnic spots as well as more litter bins.'

"It was rainy but we still managed to collect data." – Pratyush

Open Afternoon

Thank you to all those of you who were able to pop into school on Wednesday for our Open Afternoon; I know how much the children enjoy showing their grown-ups their work and the classroom.



Inter-house Sports Event Classes R-6

You will have seen the letter a couple of weeks ago advising you of this event which took place on Wednesday. Miss Phengphachanh reports: *"Children showed fantastic teamwork and resilience while competing in relay races, tunnel runs and over-under ball pass challenges. It was wonderful to see everyone encouraging one another and demonstrating such positive team spirit, with the event filled with excellent sportsmanship and enthusiasm as children worked together to earn points for their houses"*



Mobile Phones

A polite reminder to all families that it is our school policy that children may **not** bring mobile 'phones to school or on school trips.

This information is detailed in our Online Safety Policy which is available on our school website. It is also included within the Welcome Letter sent out at the beginning of every academic year and uploaded to our website. In addition, it is one of the agreed statements within the Pupil Acceptable Use Policy which every parent and child has signed on admission to our school, copies of which are kept on file at school and you will have a copy at home.

Please note, we do not collect 'phones in and we do not look after them for pupils during the school day, and pupils are not permitted to have a 'phone at school or on a school trip. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Reception Class 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.

End of Term 5 and Beginning of Term 6

Term 5 finished for the children today Thursday, 21st May. I thank everyone for their hard work and wish all families and staff a good half term break. Term 6 starts on **Monday, 1st June** and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for the final term of this academic year.

As always, wishing you all a good weekend.

Mrs Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

The final week of Collective Worship rounded the term off positively with the children reflecting and sharing what they had learned.

This week's focus was 'patience', an important skill to have in life! The first Christians had to have patience in times when it seemed that their new faith might not survive as they were persecuted for what they believed. In the Bible, Noah finds that he has to be patient - God told Noah to build a great ark. He had to follow God's plan and be patient through tricky circumstances; in addition, he had to learn to be patient with himself and others. I wonder why being patient with others and ourselves is important? I wonder how you have shown patience in challenging scenarios?

Finally, children were all 'shining lights' by celebrating as one big 'school family' with lots of awards and praise shared in today's Celebration Worship - a super term everyone, well done!

Thought of the Week

"If you truly love nature, you will find beauty everywhere."
Vincent van Gogh



San Fern
Greens

Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R – Turtles Class Learner of the Week is **Diana** as she is a cheerful and caring member of the class who always tries her very best in everything she does! She is a kind friend to others and her confidence continues to grow every day, helping her to take on new challenges with enthusiasm and pride. Well done Diana!



Class 1 – Melissa K is our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class as she always works super hard to join in with all our learning! She tries hard in all class tasks and puts in maximum effort to improve her understanding. Melissa is a good friend to others and is kind on the playground. We are super proud of the progress you are making – keep up the hard work Melissa!

Class 2 – Our Learner of the Week in Otters Class is **Judith** as she is a wonderful example to everyone! Judith is kind, helpful and always ready to lend a hand, treating others with care and respect. Judith follows all our school rules and demonstrates our Christian values in everything she does. She has also shown great interest in her learning by asking thoughtful questions in geography, and has worked incredibly hard in her writing. Well done Judith!

Class 3 – Our Learner of the Week in Puffins Class is **Sofia** as she has had a great week! Sofia has made lots of new friends and has been trying her best with all her learning. She is very polite and kind, and has settled in brilliantly. What a great first week Sofia!

Class 4 – George is our Learner of the Week in Penguins Class as he has maintained a diligent and committed attitude to his learning throughout Term 5! George applies himself well to tasks in all areas of the curriculum, and has worked accurately when applying his knowledge of decimals, achieving FULL MARKS in the recent multiplication check! He is an extremely kind and helpful member of the class, and is always willing to support his peers, doing so in a sensitive manner. Keep going George – we are all so proud of you!

Class 5 – Orcas Class Learner of the Week is **Yasmina** as she consistently works hard, always tries her very best and approaches every challenge with enthusiasm and determination. Even when learning becomes tricky, Yasmina perseveres with a positive attitude and sets a fantastic example to others! She displays our values of Perseverance, Friendship, Peace and Trust. Well done Yasmina – you are amazing!

Class 6 – Amaya is Seahorses Class Learner of the Week for the brilliant effort and attitude she has towards school life. She is always focused and is keen to contribute ideas; what she shares is always valuable to others. Amaya is a wonderful role model for the class, always demonstrating our Christian values, makes us smile and is a joy to teach! An amazing week, as always, Amaya – well done!

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

kae Family
kent adult education

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.

Where:
St Mary's CEP School

Date:
Thursday, 11th June to Thursday, 2nd July 2026

Time:
3:15pm to 5:00pm

To book a place please complete the recent ParentMail form or contact:
01304 206887 / office@stmarysprimary.net

For more information scan the QR code
kentadulteducation.co.uk
FREE, Fun & Informal



Knife Awareness Week

PCSO Mark Ball presented a session to our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils on Monday on the theme of knife crime. A difficult subject but an important one to address, Mark shared the following information with the children which you may find of interest and/or like to talk with your child about:

Did you know?

- 65% of people who carry a knife are injured by their own knife being used against them.
- Just carrying a knife and not using it could end up in a prison sentence of up to FOUR YEARS.
- If you watch someone using a knife or weapon and do nothing, you could also be in trouble under "Joint Enterprise" legislation.
- Stabbing someone ANYWHERE on their body can be fatal! If an artery is damaged a person can bleed to death in 1 MINUTE.
- Some people carry a knife because they think 'everyone else is' but that's not the case
- 99% of young people in the UK don't carry a knife.
- A conviction or caution for knife/weapon crime could prevent you entering certain countries for the rest of your life.

What if I know someone carrying a knife or weapon?

TELL SOMEONE: your family, a trusted adult at school, a police officer, crime stoppers or fearless.org

What if I carry a knife or weapon?

STOP IMMEDIATELY! SPEAK TO SOMEONE; your family, a trusted adult at school, a police officer, crime stoppers or fearless.org

GET RID OF IT: some areas make amnesty bins available where knives and weapons can be anonymously dropped off with no questions asked. Be responsible and dispose of it safely so it cannot go on to cause harm to anyone.

Class 3 Art Workshop

Year 3 had a fantastic time working with artists linked to the Maison Dieu recently.

Using images from nature as inspiration, we created our own collages in the style of Jana Nicole and explored natural dyes to design imaginative creatures. We carefully thought about their magical powers and how different animals could blend together to create something completely unique.

We were very lucky to enjoy such a creative and inspiring experience!



Year 6 Hoodies

You may have noticed that our Class 6 pupils are now proudly wearing their St Mary's CEP Leavers hoodies and don't they all look great in them! We are pleased for them to have these to wear for the remainder of their time with us.



GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

- 1st - Class 6 - 95 points
- 2nd - Class R - 90 points
- 3rd - Class 3 - 88 points



HOUSE POINTS

- 1st - **RAMSEY** - 284 points
- 2nd - **TEMPLE** - 251 points
- 3rd - **FISHER** - 225 points
- 4th - **LANG** - 219 points

MUSIC FOR STORIES 2

A family-friendly concert!
Sunday June 21st at 5pm
 CHARLTON CHURCH, ST ALPHEGE ROAD, DOVER

Bradstow Symphony Orchestra AND CHILDREN'S CHOIR

directed by Jacob Bride

Alan Ewing,
narrator





Joanne Whalley,
soprano

**film music & songs
from the stage!**



**PETER and
the WOLF**



**GAME OF
THRONES**



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MAY HALF-TERM 2-DAY JUNIOR CRICKET CAMP

Batting, bowling, fielding and match play
All abilities welcome.



CAMP DETAILS

- Wednesday 27th May & Thursday 28th May
- 9am to 3pm
- Ages 8 - 15
- ECB Qualified coaches

£25
per day

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE, BOOK NOW!

TO BOOK, CALL NATHAN: 07706 251713 OR
 EMAIL: NONINGTONCRICKETCLUB@GMAIL.COM

HOLT STREET, NONINGTON, DOVER, CT15 4HU

Term 6 2026

Monday, 1st June
 Cricket Club – Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6

Tuesday, 2nd June
 Class 4 Local Visit
 Class 5 Local Visit
 Football Club – Yr 4, 5 & 6

Wednesday, 3rd June:
 Class 6 Local Visit
 Art / Pottery Club – Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6

Thursday, 4th June:
 Class 4 Ukulele

Friday, 5th June
FOREST SCHOOL
 Class 5 – morning / Class R – afternoon
 Forest School Club – Yr 4, 5 & 6

FEEL THE THRILL OF SPEED AT OUR RC RACE & DISPLAY!
 WATCH HIGH-PERFORMANCE RADIO-CONTROLLED VEHICLES IN ACTION, ENJOY STUNNING DISPLAYS, AND EVEN BRING YOUR OWN RC TO JOIN THE FUN.
 A GREAT WEEKEND OUT FOR ALL AGES!



RC RACE AND DISPLAY

10AM-4PM

ADULTS: £3
 CHILDREN: £1.50
 EVENT ENTRANCE ONLY



OPTIONAL ONLINE BOOKING AVAILABLE

30TH & 31ST MAY 2026

ANY QUESTIONS EMAIL INFO@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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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 6 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, 1st June 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, Birtwickanger Road, Birtwickanger, Deal, CT14 4JBN</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.

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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