

# St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026

## Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



## A Message from Mrs Comfort

Welcome to the final term of this school year; goodness me time passes so quickly, how are we here already?!

It's been lovely to welcome all members of our school community back to school. Although the weather has been somewhat changeable this week, do remember that on sunny days children will need sunscreen and sun-hats to protect their skin. Sunscreen should be applied before school and children may also bring some to school to apply themselves. Thank you for your support with this important matter.

### Staff News

As you will know, the focus of most newsletters is the children and what they have been doing at school. This week I thought I would take a moment to update you all with some staff news as this year starts to draw to a close and we think ahead to the new academic year.

### Leadership Team

You may recall that I have written previously to outline developments with the leadership team from September. I am leaving St Mary's CEP at the end of this academic year so Mr Matthew Lamprell will be continuing in the role of Headteacher. In addition, I am very pleased to inform you all that Mrs Louisa Wallis has been promoted from Assistant Head of School to Deputy Headteacher and will take on this role in September - huge congratulations to her. I am sure that you will all agree that St Mary's CEP will continue to have a dedicated, skilled and compassionate leadership team.

### Family Liaison Officer

Mrs Debbie Morris will be leaving her role of Family Liaison Officer at the end of this academic year. Mrs Morris has worked at St Mary's CEP for 3 years. During this time she has worked extremely successfully in supporting many of our families with a range of matters. She has worked tirelessly to secure good and strong school attendance for our pupils and has developed beneficial working relationships with a range of outside agencies. Mrs Morris is much loved by the children, staff and families and will be missed; we thank her for the many enrichment opportunities she has brought to the lives of our pupils and wish her well as she commences retirement following a long career supporting families and pupils in East Kent.

Mr Lamprell and I undertook a recruitment process a while ago to fill the role of FLO and have appointed Mrs Lisa Graham who will be working at school from September. She is due to undertake some induction work this term so you may see her before then. We welcome her to the team and look forward to you all getting to know her.

### Support Staff

As the school year ends and some of our pupils move on, we will have some changes within the support staff structure. We thank Ms Carolyn Ellis who will be leaving us at the end of term and thank her for their work.

### Class Teachers

Transition work with the children starts in the next couple of weeks and will continue over the coming term so I will be pleased to confirm teaching staff for next year in next week's newsletter.

What I can say now is that Mrs Wallis will not have her own class next year although she will be undertaking a range of teaching with groups of children. As such, we have recruited a new class teacher to work with our Year 1 children - Miss Jasmine Windsor who will be joining us from a school in Herne Bay.

Miss Emma-Elizabeth Whiscombe has resigned from her post as class teacher, we all wish her well in her next endeavours and thank her for her time at St Mary's CEP. She remains unwell so will not be returning to school this term, we are very pleased that Miss Sarah Morris will continue to teach Year 4 for the remainder of this year and are working on laying down arrangements for next academic year.

I am immensely proud of our committed and skilled staff team. All members work extremely hard to deliver the very best provision for our pupils and families, keeping the needs of the children at the heart of all we do. We will be working hard over the coming weeks to bring this academic year to an end whilst also preparing children and families for next year, whether that is joining our school, moving on to secondary school or transferring from one of our classes to the next one.

### 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.

As always, wishing you all a good weekend.

**Mrs Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher**

### **Class 6 Dover Castle Visit**

Mrs Fagg reports 'Class 6 went on an exciting excursion to Dover Castle, on Wednesday, to extend our World War 2 learning. The children visited the underground hospital where they immersed themselves into what it would have been like 80 years ago during the wartime era.

We also toured the castle and grounds and recognised the significance, and link to wartime. The children found it interesting and were extremely inquisitive; they represented the school brilliantly and we were proud of how they conducted themselves during the whole trip, the weather never dampened their spirits or energy.'



### **Thought of the Week**

**The strength of the team  
is each individual member.  
The strength of each member  
is the team.**

Phil Jackson



## Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:



**Class R** – Turtles Class Learner of the Week is **Nainika!** She is a cheerful and caring member of the class who always tries her very best in everything she does. Nainika 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 Nainika!

**Class 1** – Our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class is **Natalia!** Natalia listens well to all new learning and tries very hard in all tasks. She has enjoyed starting to write our new story in English, and has shown good understanding in maths learning about numbers for 50 to 100. We are super proud of the progress you are making Natalia – keep up the hard work!

**Class 2** – **Harley** is our Learner of the Week in Otters class as he has had impressed us all with the effort he has put into his learning! Harley has worked particularly hard on his handwriting, taking greater care to write on the line and form his letters. It has been wonderful to see him taking pride in his work and striving to do his best! Well done Harley – keep making us proud!

**Class 3** – Puffins Class Learner of the Week is **Romany-Mai** for her positive attitude and hard-working approach to all her learning! She has taken on some tricky challenges in maths when learning to tell the time using analogue and digital clocks, and she has enjoyed learning the names of animals in French. Keep up the amazing work Romany-Mai – we are so proud of you!

**Class 4** – Our Learner of the Week in Penguins Class is **Adrian** as he has applied himself well in all areas and has been sensibly acting on advice about how to improve his work. In English he has shown a good understanding of the explanation text we are studying, and contributed well to his group presentation. Adrian has also been extremely helpful around the classroom and we are all very grateful for the effort he makes to keep the book corner tidy. Well done Adrian – a great week!

**Class 5** – **Waleed** is our Learner of the Week in Orcas Class as he has made excellent progress this week! He has been making an effort in both his behaviour and learning, and has shown a much greater focus in lessons. Waleed's positive attitude and determination have not gone unnoticed, and he should be very proud of the improvements he has made. Keep up the fantastic work!

**Class 6** – Our Learner of the Week in Seahorses Class has made a brilliant effort this week and settled into St Mary's really well. They are trying their best to join in with lessons, watching and listening intently to understand what is expected of them. They are a fantastic artist and create very neat, detailed drawings. They proudly take on responsibilities and can be trusted to do so, always demonstrating wonderful manners and politeness. An amazing week – well done!

## Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

It was a splendid first week back for the children as they reflected thoughtfully and contributed positively. Christians believe that no matter what happens, the Bible tells us that Jesus is there before his people, encouraging them and finding ways to help. I wonder how you have been helpful towards others? I wonder if someone has helped you and the impact this had? The children sung gleefully in Singing Worship, and today's Celebration Worship rounded the week off in style.

## Class 5 Skills Practice

Class 5 peeled and chopped carrots, celery, mushrooms and apples to prepare them for cooking in a future lesson. They used safety peelers, a grater, chopping supports and safety knives to do this. They also were brave and tried new foods!



## 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

## Term 6 2026

Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> June

Reception Class 2026 Induction Event  
Cricket Club – Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6

Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> June

Class 3 Local Visit

Class 5 Local Visit

Reception Class 2026 Induction Event  
Football Club – Yr 4, 5 & 6

Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> June:

Class 2 Local Visit

Reception Class 2026 Induction Event  
Art / Pottery Club – Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6

Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> June:

Class 4 Ukulele

KAE 'Cooking on a Budget' Family Course –  
3:15pm

Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> June

**FOREST SCHOOL**

Class 6 – morning / Class 1 – afternoon

Forest School After School Club – Yr 4, 5 & 6

Multi-Skills Club – Yr R, 1, 2 & 3



Unit 18, Charlton Centre,  
High Street, Dover,  
Kent. CT16 1TT

### DBL Summer Wellbeing Programme

JUNE	Activity	Date	Time	Location
	Early stroll by the sea	Tue 2nd	7am - 9am	Dover Seafrost
	Early stroll by the sea (possible sea dip)	Tue 9th	7am - 9am	Dover Seafrost
	Green Day - nature based activities	Sat 13th	10am - 2pm	Charlton Centre
	Early stroll by the sea	Tue 16th	7am - 9am	Dover Seafrost
	Dover seafrost/curve walk (over 50's women)	Wed 17th	11am - 2pm	Dover Seafrost
	Create your own flower arrangements plus cream tea	Fr 19th	3pm - 5pm	Big Local Garden - Charlton Centre
JULY	Activity	Date	Time	Location
	Samphire Hoe - WW - birdwatching/meditation	Wed 1st	11am - 2pm	Samphire Hoe *
	Yoga in the Park	Sun 5th	10am - 12noon	Connaught Park
	Music in nature - outdoor singing	Tue 7th	9am - 11am	Kearney Abbey *
	Walk, Talk, and Craft (Create a story stick)	Sat 11th	10am - 12noon	High meadow
	Sound Bath and Healing in Nature	Sun 12th	10am - 12noon	Russell Gardens *
	Create your own flower display (plus cream tea)	Thu 16th	3pm - 5pm	Big Local Garden - Charlton Centre
	Open Meditation	Mon 20th	10am - 12noon	Shakespeare Beach *
	Walk, Talk, and Craft (make a hanging frame)	Sat 25th	10am - 12 noon	Coombe Hoile
	Walking Meditation & Pranayama (breathwork yoga)	Sun 26th	10am - 12noon	Samphire Hoe *

All sessions are FREE - Age 11 upwards  
For some sessions refreshments and transport is provided.

BOOK NOW AS SPACES ARE LIMITED: [enquiries@doverbiglocal.org](mailto:enquiries@doverbiglocal.org) or 01304 449385

### 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



### HOUSE POINTS

- 1<sup>st</sup> - **TEMPLE** - 175 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - **FISHER** - 172 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - **RAMSEY** - 154 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> - **LANG** - 147 points






### GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Class R - 75 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Class 3 - 69 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Class 2 - 67 points

## 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.

<b>Monday</b> 	Cereal Toast or crumpet with reduced sugar jam or reduced salt marmite Squash or milk Selection of fresh and dried fruit
<b>Tuesday</b> 	Cereal Fruit bread or toast with reduced sugar jam or reduced salt marmite Squash or milk Selection of fresh and dried fruit
<b>Wednesday</b> 	Cereal Toast or Scotch pancakes with reduced sugar Jam or reduced salt marmite Squash or milk Selection of fresh and dried fruit
<b>Thursday</b> 	Cereal Toast or Waffles with reduced sugar Jam or reduced salt marmite Squash or milk Selection of fresh and dried fruit
<b>Friday</b> 	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

## DOVER FOODBANK

### MOST needed ITEMS

JUNE 2026

- CUPPA SOUPS
- UHT MILK
- FRUIT JUICE (UHT)
- INSTANT RICE
- 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 & porridge

INFO@DOVER.FOODBANK.ORG.UK  
 UNIT 7, CHARLTON CENTRE, HIGH ST, DOVER

## 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](http://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](mailto: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

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%



**Lunch Menu – Week Two**  
**Week Beginning Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> 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><b>whole school meals</b></p> <p><b>DATES:</b>                      Week 1:                      20<sup>th</sup> April, 11<sup>th</sup> May,                      7<sup>th</sup> June, 22<sup>nd</sup> June,                      13<sup>th</sup> July</p> <p>Week 2:                      27<sup>th</sup> April, 18<sup>th</sup> May,                      8<sup>th</sup> June, 29<sup>th</sup> June</p> <p>Week 3:                      4<sup>th</sup> May, 15<sup>th</sup> June, 6<sup>th</sup> July</p> <p><b>Allergens:</b>                      1. Gluten/Wheat                      2. Dairy/Milk                      3. Eggs                      4. Soya/Soyabean                      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>	All items are subject to availability.	<b>WEEK 1</b>				
		Pizza & Sauté Potatoes 1,2,4 Herby Tomato Pasta & Garlic Bread 1,4 Baked Beans & Salad Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2	Burger in a Bun 1,4 Vegan Sausage Roll 1 Pasta Salad 1 Coleslaw & Salad 3,5 Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2	Gammon Frittata 2,3 Mashed Potatoes Peas & Salad Jacket Potato with *Cheese and Beans 2	**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
		<b>WEEK 2</b>				
		*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
		<b>WEEK 3</b>				
		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.



Thank you for your patience at the school gate. We may be busy or on the telephone if we do not answer the buzzer straight away. We will be with you as soon as we can.

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<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.

**Helen Comfort - Executive Headteacher**  
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