

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 12th June 2026

Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Mrs Comfort

Goodness me what a lot of rain we have had this week! Please do ensure that your child brings a coat to school every day until we can be sure of good sunny and dry weather.

Leavers and Joiners

At this time of year, we are inevitably focused on those children who will be joining us in our new Reception Class in September and our oldest pupils as they come to the end of their time with us.

We welcomed our new Reception Class families into school this week as part of our programme of induction – we are enjoying getting to know them all. Staff from our local secondary schools will soon be visiting our Year 6 children and induction events at their new schools are also soon to commence.

In addition, we are starting to prepare the rest of the children for their move to their new classes and will be undertaking transition work over the coming weeks. I am pleased to confirm the class teachers for next year as:

Reception Class - Mrs Sam Tomkinson

Class 1 - Miss Jasmine Windsor

Class 2 - Miss Marie Phengphachanh

Class 3 - Miss Amber Sayer

Class 4 - Miss Sarah Morris

Class 5 - Miss Carrie Race

Class 6 - Mrs Kirsty Miles (Mon-Tues); Mrs Emma Fagg (Wed-Fri)

Out and About

Year 2 have been up to the castle this week and Year 5 headed out on Tuesday – despite the rain - and walked to Charlton Church to take part in the annual schools Singing Festival. See below for reports from the staff and photographs of the children. I hope that you enjoy hearing about these events.

We have already shared with you all our plans for our forthcoming Grand Day Out, do please see separate letter for details and remember that the deadline to reply is 26th June. This whole school trip is always a very popular event with the children and staff and is a super way for the school community to come together to begin to mark the end of the academic year.

Wishing you all a good – and dry – weekend!

Mrs Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

1st - **Class 6** - 117 points

2nd - **Class 3** - 111 points

3rd - **Class 5** - 110 points



HOUSE POINTS

1st - **LANG** - 198 points

2nd - **RAMSEY** - 197 points

3rd - **FISHER** - 173 points

4th - **TEMPLE** - 164 points

Year 2 Visit to Dover Castle

Ms Phengphachanh reports 'Year 2 enjoyed an exciting trip to Dover Castle, where they explored the impressive Great Tower and discovered what life was like in medieval times. The children climbed to the top of the tower, admired the spectacular views, and learned about the castle's fascinating history.

The class showed great enthusiasm throughout the day, asking thoughtful questions that brought their history learning to life.

"My favourite part was climbing to the top because I could see far away!"

"I loved sitting on the throne and pretending to be a king!"



Class 5 Singing Festival - Charlton Church

Class 5 have worked tirelessly to learn a range of songs and dance moves for the Singing Festival at Charlton Church this week.

Miss Sayer reports 'The children performed beautifully, singing with confidence and dancing with great enthusiasm. Some of the children even had the opportunity to go to the front of the church to lead the dances, which they did with tremendous pride and energy. It was a wonderful experience enjoyed by both the children and the adults, and we were incredibly proud of every member of Class 5 for their hard work, commitment and fantastic performance.'



Thought of the Week



Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:



Class R – Turtles Class Learner of the Week is **Helena!** She always tries her very best in everything she does and has produced an amazing piece of writing this week, demonstrating excellent use of her phonics knowledge! Well done Helena – an amazing week!

Class 1 – **EVERYONE** in Seahorses Class are our Learners of the Week for completing their Year 1 phonics screenings! It has made class staff so proud to see so many of them remembering all the sounds they have been taught throughout their times in Turtles and Starfish Classes. We are super proud of the progress they have made – keep up the hard work as your learning journey continues!

Class 2 – **Hannah** is our Learner of the Week in Otters Class as she has impressed us with her excellent listening skills and positive attitude to learning! Hannah has shown incredible effort in her writing, thinking carefully about her ideas when writing, and also working hard to improve her handwriting. She has become more independent in maths and has shown a good understanding of fractions. Well done Hannah!

Class 3 – Our Learner of the Week in Puffins Class is **Riley** as he has impressed us with his fantastic writing in English, creating his own version of the story 'Magnet Max', using a range of creative adjectives to make his writing engaging and interesting. Riley has also thoroughly enjoyed our PE lessons and is excited to put his sporting abilities to the test on Sports Day next week. Keep up the fantastic work Riley!

Class 4 – **EVERYONE** in Penguins Class are our Learners of the Week as they have worked so hard preparing for the Multiplication Tables Check and demonstrated true determination when they completed it yesterday with Mrs Fagg. We are so proud of you all Penguins Class – well done!

Class 5 – **Vivien** is our Learner of the Week in Orcas Class for her perseverance and excellent attitude towards learning! She consistently approaches challenges with determination, always trying her best and showing a positive mindset in everything she does. Vivien has shown great kindness by supporting another pupil, offering encouragement and help whenever needed. Her caring nature and willingness to support others make her a wonderful role model in our class. Well done Vivien!

Class 6 – Seahorses Class Learner of the Week has made a brilliant effort in class this week and settled wonderfully into St Mary's CEP. They are trying their best to join in with lessons, watching and listening intently to understand what is expected of them. They are also working hard to complete their writing and always present their work neatly. They show our Christian values and have a calm and sensible manner. A great week – well done!

Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

Christians believe that after the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit gave the first disciples and followers of Jesus, the strength and the courage to go out into the world and make a difference.

By telling others about Jesus and his Gospel message, they believed that the world would be a transformed place. I wonder what these first disciples and followers would have needed to tell others so that they would believe in Jesus and follow him too?

The children explored the importance of 'courageous friends' and how others in our community support us. I wonder how you have shown courage? I wonder how your friends support you?

In addition, St Mary's pupils participated beautifully in our whole-school Singing Worship, and were extremely proud when receiving a range of awards in Celebration Worship.

Kent Messenger 'My Dad' Father's Day Supplement

KM Media group will be publishing their 'My Dad' Father's Day supplement on Thursday, 18th June. Please look out for your child's drawing! *

**Only drawings with written consent have been submitted to the KM Media Group*

NORMAL MUSEUM ENTRY FEE APPLIES

OPTIONAL PRE-BOOKING AVAILABLE

RAF MANSTON HISTORY MUSEUM
Charity No. 1179982

COMICON
AT THE MUSEUM

JUNE 20TH-21ST 2026
10AM - 4PM

ANY QUESTIONS EMAIL INFO@RAFMANSTON.CO.UK

BOOK HERE

@RAF Manston History Museum
WHAT THREE WORDS - REMARRIED.MORNINGS.PAVE

SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, WEATHER CONDITIONS, MECHANICAL BREAKDOWNS AND SHORTAGE OF VOLUNTEERS AND/OR EXHIBITORS

ARMED FORCES DAY

SATURDAY 13TH JUNE 2026
10:00AM - 4:00PM

DOVER TRANSPORT MUSEUM
Willingdon Road, Whitfield, Dover CT16 2JX

ENTERTAINMENT CRAFT STALLS RE-ENACTORS

MINI TRAIN RIDES MILITARY VEHICLES MODEL BOATS & TANKS

& DELICIOUS FOOD!

FREE TICKETS ON EVENTBRITE!
Museum Admission: £5 per Adult • £3 per Child

BOOKING ESSENTIAL - FREE ENTRY TO MUSEUM GROUNDS ONLY

Visit Eventbrite to reserve your tickets!

Is your child entitled to Free school meals?



If you are in receipt of any of the following benefits, it is crucial that you register your child on the Kent County Council online application service for free school meals.

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers' Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and have an annual gross income, of no more than £16,190 as assessed by His Majesty's Revenue and Customs (Parents who are made redundant or start working less than 16 hours per week, may find their children are entitled to free meals for a limited period.)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit (before September 2026 provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods,
- From September 2026 all pupils from families claiming universal credit)



Apply Now!

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals>

Term 6 2026

Monday, 15th June

Class 5 Mini Medics Award Ceremony –
2:15pm

Cricket Club – Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6

Tuesday, 16th June

Class 3 & Class 4 Local Visit

Class 5 Parent / Teacher Consultation Calls

Class R Local Visit

Football Club – Yr 4, 5 & 6

Wednesday, 17th June:

EYFS & KS1 – Sports Day

Art / Pottery Club – Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6

Thursday, 18th June:

KS2 Sports Day

Class 4 Ukulele

Class R Fire Engine Visit

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

Friday, 19th June

Class 5 Family Collective Worship

Class 5 Parent / Teacher Consultation Calls

FOREST SCHOOL

Class 4 – morning / Class 3 – afternoon

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

Multi-Skills Club – Yr R, 1, 2 & 3



DOVER
YOUTH
ORCHESTRA
REHEARSAL

DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL
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SATURDAYS
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Charlton Church Hall
St Alphege Rd
Dover CT16 2 PU
mobile: 07387 178590
e-mail: doveryouthorchestra@gmail.com

DYO-
Dover Youth Orchestra is an inclusive space where the only worries allowed are if you have been counting your bars.

Any and all levels are welcome, if you are a newbie or hold a grade 7, there is something for everyone. Come down to Charlton Church Hall for wonderful opportunities of playing concerts, exchanging abroad, and creating lifetime lasting friendships!

IT DOES NOT HURT TO TRY!

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



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
HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON

Sponsored by **HIPPERSON**
Building the future. Reconnecting the past.

Refreshments
£12 / free to under-18s
& Universal Credit

Class Photos 2026

Kittle Photographic have extended their **FREE** delivery date to
Monday, 29th June 2026






Please follow the link below if you would like to order your child's 'Class of 2026' photograph for free delivery to school

<https://www.kittlephoto.com/>

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>

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 & pulses

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).

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

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 Three
Week Beginning Monday, 15th 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>	All items are subject to availability.	WEEK 1 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
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		*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
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		WEEK 2 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
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 3	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.

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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