

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 19th June 2026



Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Mrs Comfort

Another mixed bag of weather this week – we were grateful that it kept dry for our important outside events. Please continue to send your children in with sun hats, water bottles and sunscreen so that they are well protected when the sun shines, as well as coats for when it rains!

Sporting Success!

All of the children demonstrated their sporting skills this week during our two sports afternoons working hard to accumulate points for their Houses. Thank you to the families who joined us for these events and well done to all children and staff for their efforts throughout. Ms Phengphachanh reports *'This week, both our EYFS and KS2 Sports Days were a great success. The children demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the events.'*

The light drizzle during the KS2 event did not dampen spirits, and the children continued to participate enthusiastically, giving their very best in every activity.

Congratulations to Red Temple, who were crowned the overall winning house for both the EYFS and KS2 Sports Days! Thank you to all staff, pupils, and families for their support in making these events such memorable and successful occasions.'



Class 5 – A busy week!

Class 5 have been flat out all week – well done to them all! Parent/carers came into school on Monday to celebrate the end of the Mini-Medics course which they have been taking part in over 4 sessions with PCSO Ball. Ms Race reports *'The children demonstrated their knowledge of wounds and bandaging, CPR, DR ABC and recovery position, burns and choking. We are super proud of how hard they've worked.'*

On Tuesday, Class 5 prepared and cooked their Spaghetti Bolognese recipe, adapting it to create a fun and delicious meal. Several children tried a new food and enjoyed what they had made, which was a particular note of pride for class staff. Well done to all of them for a fun afternoon!

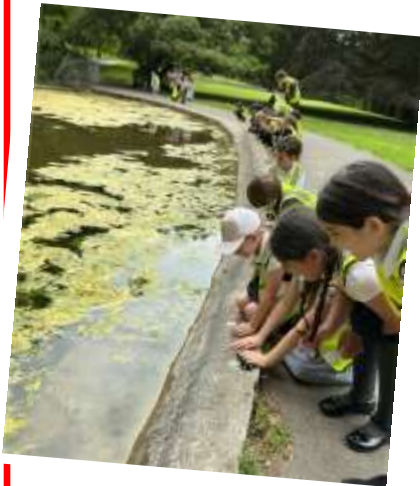
On Friday, parents/carers were back in school for the Class 5 Family Collective Worship; we all enjoyed a short play of a text *'Why Compassion Bears Fruit'*, as well as sharing the many, many topics/enrichment opportunities Class 5 have enjoyed this year. What a fabulous week!



Rain did not stop play – this time!

Classes 3 and 4 undertook their rescheduled visit to Connaught Park this week. Miss Sayer and Ms Morris report *'Classes 3 and 4 had a fantastic time at Connaught Park. Class 3 spent the morning finding out how shadows change and exploring positive and negative space in the playground. Meanwhile, Class 4 completed a classification activity, discovering the nature that can be found in our local area. Both classes thoroughly enjoyed observing the tadpoles, frogs and ducklings swimming alongside their mother in the pond.'*

In the afternoon, the children worked in small groups to create artwork using natural materials they found around them, inspired by the work of Andy Goldsworthy. The adults were incredibly impressed by the children's teamwork, creativity and enthusiasm. A brilliant day was had by all!



Transfer to Secondary School – Year 5

Staff spoke with each of our Year 5 parents this week as part of the work we do in supporting families to start to think about secondary education for their children. We work hard to do all that we can to support with a whole range of family issues, including transfer to the next stage of education.

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 ever, wishing you all a good weekend and thanking you for your continued support.

Mrs Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R – EVERYONE in Turtles Class are our Learners of the Week as they have had a fantastic week! They demonstrated perseverance and sportsmanship during their first sports day on Wednesday! And they wowed us on Thursday with their speaking and listening skills when the Fire Brigade brought the fire engine to visit us! Well done Turtles – we are very proud of you all!



Class 1 – ALL OF STARFISH CLASS are our Learners of the Week for a brilliant sports day! They worked well in their house teams and it was a pleasure to see them supporting each other and cheering each other on! Despite it being a warm afternoon, the children worked tirelessly to earn points for their house and then compete in the running races. Well done Starfish Class – we are very proud of you!

Class 2 – Our Learners of the Week in Otters Class is **EVERYONE** for their outstanding effort and enthusiasm during sports day! They demonstrated excellent determination, resilience and teamwork throughout the event, giving their best in every race and activity. The class showed great sportsmanship by encouraging and supporting one another. Their commitment, perseverance and willingness to take part made us incredibly proud! Well done Otters Class!

Class 3 – Aleena is our Learner of the Week in Puffins Class as she has had a fantastic week! She has shown great determination when learning about duration and units of time, and put maximum effort into sports day, demonstrating excellent enthusiasm and sportsmanship throughout! Aleena thoroughly enjoyed our trip to Connaught Park, where she behaved beautifully and worked wonderfully with her team to create some interesting artwork! Well done Aleena!

Class 4 – For the second week running, our Learner of the Week is **ALL OF PENGUINS CLASS!** During our trip to Connaught Park this week they showed fantastic engagement with the learning tasks and exemplary behaviour. Our Christian values were 'in action' and they supported each other throughout the day and they demonstrated great teamwork! Well done Penguins Class – another brilliant week!

Class 5 – Leial is our Learner of the Week in Orcas Class as she is an utter joy to have in our class and a true superstar both in and out of the classroom! Leial is always respectful, kind and enthusiastic in everything she does. She approaches every challenge with a positive attitude and consistently demonstrates our Christian values of perseverance, trust and respect, setting an excellent example for those around her. Well done Leial – a fantastic week!

Class 6 – ALL OF SEAHORSES CLASS are our Learners of the Week for the determination, resilience, trust and patience they demonstrated during sports day! They were wonderful role models and made the most of their final sports day at St Mary's. We are all so proud of them – and they should be proud of themselves as well!

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

- 1st – Class 3 – 95 points
- 2nd – Class 2 – 94 points
- 3rd – Class 4 – 90 points



HOUSE POINTS

- 1st – RAMSEY – 213 points
- 2nd – TEMPLE – 163 points
- 3rd – LANG – 151 points
- 4th – FISHER – 133 points

Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

Christians believe that although people listened to what Jesus' followers were saying and joined them, it was not safe to be a Christian as they had enemies who searched them out to punish them. They were imprisoned and sometimes killed.

One of the people who hunted for Christians was called Saul. The children explored the story of the conversion of Saul and how he changed his ways and became a Christian. The pupils spoke about the importance of forgiveness and how this makes us a stronger person. I wonder how you have shown forgiveness and the impact this had?

Moreover, the children thoroughly enjoyed Celebration Worship with a range of awards shared, including a special mention for the children's effort in Sports Day this week.

Class 5 rounded the week off in style as they confidently and enthusiastically shared their current learning in a special Family Collective Worship.



Thought for the Week

**"CHAMPIONS KEEP
PLAYING UNTIL THEY
GET IT RIGHT."**

-BILLIE JEAN KING

Reception Class Kent Fire & Rescue Visit

The children thoroughly enjoyed their visit from Kent Fire and Rescue on Thursday. Mrs Tomkinson reports 'We met firefighters Kirk and Darren, who showed us their protective clothing and the different tools and equipment they use to help people.

The children demonstrated fantastic listening skills and had lots of questions to ask! They then each had a turn at spraying water with the hose. Finally, we had our photo taken in front of the fire engine... There were squeals of delight when the siren sounded!'



DSC SUMMER SPECTACULAR 2026
ACTIVE. FUN. UNFORGETTABLE.

WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3
Wednesday 22 July: Deal Football	Monday 27 July: Deal Gymnastics	Monday 3 August: Dover Dodgeball
Wednesday 23 July: Deal Gymnastics	Monday 27 July: Dover Forest School	Tuesday 4 August: Deal Active Kids
Thursday 23 July: Deal Active Kids	Tuesday 28 July: Dover Dodgeball	Wednesday 5 August: Dover Forest School
Friday 24 July: Dover Dodgeball	Wednesday 29 July: Deal Active Kids	Thursday 6 August: Deal Football
	Thursday 30 July: Deal Football	Friday 7 August: Deal Football
	Friday 31 July: Dover Dodgeball	
WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6
Monday 10 August: Deal Active Kids	Monday 11 August: Deal Football	Monday 18 August: Deal Active Kids
Tuesday 11 August: Deal Football	Tuesday 12 August: Deal Football	Tuesday 19 August: Deal Gymnastics
Wednesday 12 August: Deal Football	Wednesday 13 August: Deal Football	Tuesday 25 August: Deal Football
Thursday 13 August: Dover Dodgeball	Wednesday 14 August: Deal Active Kids	Wednesday 26 August: Deal Football
Friday 14 August: Deal Gymnastics	Thursday 15 August: Deal Forest School	Thursday 27 August: Dover Forest School
	Friday 16 August: Deal Gymnastics	Friday 28 August: Dover Dodgeball

CHILDREN IN YEAR 3-6 | ALL CAMPS 10.00AM-3.00PM | SAFE, SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT | BUILD CONFIDENCE & NEW FRIENDSHIPS

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DSC have a huge range of summer camps running in Dover & Deal including:
Football, Gymnastics, Dodgeball, Active Kids, Kwik Cricket & Forest School
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For babies from 6 months

BOOK A TASTER

FIND A CLASS

Wednesdays - 10:00-11:00
Dymchurch Scout Hut, Dymchurch

Thursdays - 10:00-11:00
St Radigunds Community Centre, Dover

Fridays - 10:00-11:00
Grace Taylor Hall, Folkestone

Fun, interactive and relaxed baby classes teaching signing through music

sarahdouglas@singandsign.co.uk | @singandsignsoutheastkent
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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

DOVER YOUTH ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL

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!

Term 6 2026

Monday, 22nd June
Reception Class 2026 Transition Session
Cricket Club - Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6

Tuesday, 23rd June
Class 5 Local Visit
Reception Class 2026 Transition Session
Football Club - Yr 4, 5 & 6

Wednesday, 24th June:
Art / Pottery Club - Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6

Thursday, 25th June:
Class 4 Ukulele
KAE 'Cooking on a Budget' Family Course - 3:15pm

Friday, 26th June
Year 6 Local Visit
Class 5 Local Visit
Class R Vision Screening & Hearing Re-tests
FOREST SCHOOL
Class 2 - morning / Class 6 - afternoon
Forest School After School Club - Yr 4, 5 & 6
Multi-Skills Club - Yr R, 1, 2 & 3

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.PAYE

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

TEAM BUILDERS
SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

A sporty creative event for primary school age children!

Working together to find out about some of God's key players!

MON 27TH - FRI 31ST JULY 10AM-1PM

Charlton Church, St Alphege Road

£1 per day including Lunch
Booking essential as limited places

Contact
rev.melissa.carter@gmail.com

CHARLTON CHURCH
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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>

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/>

Please contact the school office if you would like a copy of your class photo slip

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

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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OLYMPUS
LEARNING COLLECTIVE

MUSIC FOR STORIES 2
A family-friendly concert!
Sunday June 21st at 5pm
 CHARLTON CHURCH, ST ALPHRGE 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** Refreshments £2 / Free to under-18s & Universal Credit

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 One
Week Beginning Monday, 22nd 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	Burger in a Bun 1,4 Vegan Sausage Roll 1 Pasta Salad 1 Coleslaw & Salad 3,5	Gammon Frittata 2,3 Mashed Potatoes Peas & Salad	**Chicken Fajitas 1,2 Sweet Potato & Spinach Dhal Savoury Rice 6 Mixed Veg & Salad	Fish Fingers 1,7 Veggie Nuggets 1 Skin on Fries or Pasta 1 Baked Beans or Sweetcorn & Salad
		Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2	Jacket Potato with *Cheese and Beans 2	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2
		Cornflake Crunch 1,2 Fresh Fruit	Shortbread 1 Fresh Fruit	Lemon Cake 1,3 Fresh Fruit	Jelly Fresh Fruit	Cooks Choice (1,2,3) Fresh Fruit
		WEEK 2				
		*Cheese Whirl 1,2 **Loaded Chilli Bean Wedges 2 ½ Jacket Potato Baked Beans & Salad	Pork Meatballs 1 Meatless Meatballs 1 Pasta 1 Carrots & Mixed Veg	Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding 1,2,3 Roasted Cauli Bites Rustic Roasties Broccoli & Sweetcorn	Baked Sausages 1,13 Quorn Sausage 1 Crushed New Potatoes Peas & Salad	Fish Fingers 1,7 Veggie Nuggets 1 Skin on Fries or Pasta 1 Baked Beans or Sweetcorn & Salad
Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 Ice Cream 2 Fresh Fruit	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 Chocolate Cake 1,3 Fresh Fruit	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 Oat Cookie 1 Fresh Fruit	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 Summer Fruits Pinwheel 1 Fresh Fruit	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 Cooks Choice (1,2,3) Fresh Fruit		
WEEK 3						
Mac 'n' Cheese 1,2,5 ** Mixed Bean Burrito 1,2 Garlic Dough Balls 1,4 Peas & Sweetcorn Medley & Salad	Breaded Chicken Steak 1,4 Veggie Nuggets 1 Pasta Salad 1 Coleslaw & Salad 3,5	Roast Pork & Gravy Mustardy Sausage Bake 1,5,6 Rustic Roasties Cauliflower & Peas	Mexican Beef Tortilla Bake 1,2 Chilli no Carne Rice, Carrots & Green Beans	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	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2		
Chocolate Krispie Cake 1 Fresh Fruit	Marble Cake 1,3 Fresh Fruit	Jelly Fresh Fruit	Apple & Cinnamon Pinwheel 1 Fresh Fruit	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.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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