

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover

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Friday, 26th June 2026

Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Mrs Comfort

Grand Day Out

Thank you to all our parents who have met the deadline of 26th June (today) to respond to our letter about this trip. We always need a response from all parents so that we can finalise our plans, including making the decision about whether we have enough financial support for the trip to be able to go ahead. I am pleased to say that we do have enough support so this trip will be going ahead.

Transition

As you will know we have been working to welcome our new Reception class children into school and prepare our oldest children in Class 6 for moving on to their new secondary school.

Next week, on **Thursday 2nd July** and **Friday 3rd July**, children in classes R to 5 will 'move up' and spend time with their teacher for September in their new classroom. Children joining our new Reception Class in September will spend time at school during these days – they have already been notified of their timings. Our current Class 6 children will all be at their new secondary schools for the whole day on Thursday 2nd July and are expected at St Mary's CEP as usual on Friday 3rd unless their secondary school is running another induction day.

As a reminder, teacher allocation for next year is as follows:

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/Thurs/Fri)

Kent Test registration for Year 5 pupils

Thank you to Mr Lamprell and Mrs Wallis for conversations they have had with each of our Year 5 families recently. I hope that Year 5 parents found these useful in terms of beginning to think about secondary schooling for their child. Please note that Registration for the Kent Test, for children due to start secondary school in September 2027, will close at midnight on **Wednesday, 1st July 2026**. If you would like to register your child and haven't done so yet please make sure you register by this deadline. Please also remember to register for the separate Dover Grammar Test. As always, if help is needed with this please don't hesitate to ask at the school office.

Feeling hot, hot, hot!

You will be well aware, by now, of the weather forecast and increase in temperature this week.



We are taking all necessary measures at school to keep the children and staff safe including: electric fans in all classrooms; shaded windows; access to cooled fresh drinking water; shady areas outside and sedentary activities at playtime. Whilst Class 5 did walk gently to and from the library on Tuesday, we have postponed other trips this week and hope to fit these in before the end of term and when the outside temperature has dropped.

As parents, please can you support these keeping cool measures by:

Making sure your child brings a water-bottle to school every day, filled with fresh water; providing a hat for your child to wear and applying sunscreen before the school day - children may also bring some to school to reapply. Thank you for your support with this important matter.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of our school community for pulling together and ensuring that everyone has been kept safe in these challenging conditions. Thank you to the children for their conduct and to the families for their support. Most especially I would like to thank the staff who have been brilliant, as always, going above and beyond to look after the children in their care. Special mention also to the site team who have undertaken physical activity such as cleaning during this heatwave.

I am pleased that temperatures are due to return to more typical ones next week so that we can all have a break from this relentless heat.

Wishing you all a good weekend and looking forward to some cooler weather next week.

Mrs Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Thought for the Week



Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

This week, the children explored the importance of 'strength within', 'forgiveness' and 'resilience'.

Christians believe that resilient people do not let their troubles define them, nor do they ignore them - they grow through them. Others explain that resilience is an ability to deal with life in spite of fears, setbacks or limited resources.

Christians believe that by giving over their concerns to Jesus, he is able to support them so that they have help in time of need.

I wonder how you have shown resilience in challenging times? I wonder if there was someone that you reached out to who could help and support?

With the weather becoming hotter at the end of the week, classes completed Celebration Worship in their classrooms - winners and celebrations were shared - well done all on another fantastic week.

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>

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Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R – Turtles Class Learner of the Week is **Elijah**! Elijah worked incredibly hard during our *Talk for Writing* lessons and impressed everyone by writing a brilliant sentence about Tiddler the fish. He used fantastic vocabulary and remembered to include all the features we had been practising. Well done Elijah – we are so proud of you!

Class 1 – Our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class is **Ellis**! Ellis has shown great effort to make good choices this week and has demonstrated excellent listening skills. He has tried hard in his written and maths tasks, and we feel confident that he is going to have a great last few weeks in Starfish Class – maybe being a Starfish Superstar every day!

Class 2 – Otters Class Learner of the Week is **Evie** as she has shown a fantastic attitude to her learning. She has listened carefully during lessons, followed instructions well and always tried her very best. Evie has become much more confident when telling the time in maths, and enjoyed discussing how many hours there are in a day. Evie should be very proud of all she has achieved this week – well done!

Class 3 – **Arthur** is our Learner of the Week in Puffins Class as he has produced an excellent poem in English, using our model text as inspiration and including lots of funny and imaginative ideas to keep the reader engaged. He has demonstrated a strong understanding of angles in maths and showed great accuracy when drawing them. Arthur is always kind and caring towards others and is a pleasure to have in our class. A fantastic week Arthur – well done!

Class 4 – **Sulaman** is our Learner of the Week in Penguins Class as he has shown true resilience by continuing to work really hard in all areas despite the very hot weather! He has produced an excellent explanation text about rainbows in English, using all of the key organisational features and including lots of additional information and interesting facts. Sulaman has also shown a good understanding of our recent work on angles and triangles in maths. What an amazing week Sulaman!

Class 5 – Congratulations to **Brian W** for being our Orcas Learner of the Week! Brian has worked incredibly hard and diligently in all that he does, showing great commitment to his learning. He is a wonderful role model for his peers, consistently demonstrating positive behaviour and a strong work ethic. Brian is also kind and considerate towards others, always willing to help and support those around him. We are very proud of his achievements and the positive example he sets every day. Well done, Brian!

Class 6 – Our Learner of the Week in Seahorses Class is Aiden for the wonderful attitude he has demonstrated towards school life! Aiden is always focused, listening and knows exactly what is expected of him. He can be relied upon to be sensible and is a trusted and well-liked member of the class. A wonderful attitude Aiden – well done!

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

1st – Class 4 – 155 points

2nd – Class 2 – 139 points

Joint 3rd

Class 2 & Class 5 – 137 points



HOUSE POINTS

1st – **RAMSEY** – 166 points

2nd – **FISHER** – 155 points

3rd – **LANG** – 138 points

4th – **TEMPLE** – 130 points

Kent Libraries Summer Reading Challenge – Read to the Beat

How to join

'Read to the Beat' is easy and **FREE**. Children can take part in a way that works for them. They do not need to join at the start of the Challenge. Children can sign up at any time from 4th July.

Join at your local library

- Head to your local library or mobile library to sign up. Children must have a library card to participate.
- Speak to a member of the local library team.
- Borrow a library book.
- Collect a sticker booklet and get started! Plus, this year, Children will also get a free copy of the Storytime Magazine.



Children, parents or carers who are eligible for the Home Library Service can take part through this service. Apply online or contact your local library team.

Or join in online

To take part online, children need to:

- Head to the Summer Reading Challenge website
- Create a new profile or log in to an existing account
- Start tracking goals online.

For children taking part online only, 'Read to the Beat' works a little differently. They track their progress online instead of receiving a sticker booklet and stickers, but when they complete their goals, they can still collect a certificate and a medal from their local library.

TERM TIME CLASSES Cygnets ARTS SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

Each themed week has its own booking page here: 

Summer Holiday Art Workshops

FOR AGES 5-12

Cities Around the World

Tuesdays & Wednesdays £27/Class

SANDGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL £50/Day

Coolinge Lane, Folkestone, £95/Week

CT20 3QU

07391 678905 | FOLKESTONE@CYGNETSARTSCHOOL.COM

WWW.CYGNETSARTSCHOOL.COM/BRANCH/FOLKESTONE

We run two holiday workshops per day, so students can attend individual classes, or bring a packed lunch and stay for both!

Four weeks of projects to choose from:

Week	City	Tuesday	Wednesday
Week One	New York	10.30am - 12pm: Empire State Building with Soft Pastels 12.30 - 2pm: Campbell's Tomato Soup with Ink	10.30am - 12pm: Yellow Taxi with Dovecote 12.30 - 2pm: Statue of Liberty with Clay
Week Two	Rome	10.30am - 12pm: moat with Soft Pastels 12.30 - 2pm: Roman Coin with Clay	10.30am - 12pm: Colosseum Helmet with Felt and Photocopy 12.30 - 2pm: Colosseum with Dip Pen and Ink
Week Three	Sydney	10.30am - 12pm: Sydney Opera House with Felt and Ink 12.30 - 2pm: Blueface Angellin with Soft Pastels	10.30am - 12pm: Pelican with Gouache 12.30 - 2pm: Surfer with Watercolour Pencils and Soft Pastels
Week Four	Tokyo	10.30am - 12pm: Mount Fuji with Watercolour 12.30 - 2pm: Emuya with Oil Pastels	10.30am - 12pm: Torii with Pencil 12.30 - 2pm: Kai Feli with Pencil

Book onto our Autumn Term Theme: Safari Adventures

Friday Saturday

folkestone@cygnetsartschool.com cygnetsartschool.com/branch/folkestone

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 courting 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, 29th June:

- Cricket Club – Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6

Tuesday, 30th June:

- Class R & Class 1 Local Visit
- Class 2 Local Visit
- Football Club – Yr 4, 5 & 6

Wednesday, 1st July:

- Little Lambs Stay & Play Session
- Art / Pottery Club – Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6

Thursday, 2nd July:

- Transition Day – All Classes
- Reception Class September 2026 Transition Event
- KAE 'Cooking on a Budget' Family Course – 3:15pm

Friday, 3rd July:

- Reception Class September 2026 Transition Event
- FOREST SCHOOL - Class R – morning / Class 5 – afternoon
- Forest School After School Club – Yr 4, 5 & 6
- Multi-Skills Club – Yr R, 1, 2 & 3



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 29 July: Deal Gymnastics	Monday 27 July: Dover Forest School	Tuesday 4 August: Deal Active Kids
Thursday 29 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 17 August: Deal Football	Monday 24 August: Deal Active Kids
Tuesday 11 August: Deal Football	Tuesday 18 August: Deal Football	Tuesday 25 August: Deal Gymnastics
Wednesday 12 August: Deal Football	Wednesday 19 August: Deal Active Kids	Tuesday 25 August: Deal Football
Thursday 12 August: Dover Dodgeball	Wednesday 19 August: Deal Football	Wednesday 26 August: Deal Football
Friday 16 August: Deal Gymnastics	Thursday 20 August: Dover Forest School	Thursday 27 August: Dover Forest School
	Friday 21 August: Deal Gymnastics	Friday 28 August: Dover Dodgeball

CHILDREN IN YEAR 1-6 | ALL CAMPS 10.00AM-3.00PM | SAFE, SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT | BUILD CONFIDENCE & NEW FRIENDSHIPS

SPACES LIMITED! BOOK NOW!

www.dynamic-sports-coaching.com

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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DSC have a huge range of summer camps running in Dover & Deal including:






Football, Gymnastics, Dodgeball, Active Kids, Kwik Cricket & Forest School

Quote STMARYSDOVER20 to receive a 20% discount

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 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**

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

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

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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, 29th 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
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		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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