

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 3rd July 2026

Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Mrs Comfort

More bearable weather this week thank goodness and, with a more tolerable temperature, our planned trips have been able to go ahead.

Class 2 visited Dover library as part of our ongoing programme with all classes to support a love of reading. Meanwhile, Classes R and 1 took their Teddy Bears to Connaught Park on Tuesday for a picnic! Mrs Wallis and Mrs Tomkinson report *'We had a wonderful trip to Connaught Park! The children enjoyed making observations and talking about the different things they could see along the way. Once there, they had lots of fun climbing, sliding, balancing, and using the zip wire, showing confidence and resilience as they explored.'*

After all the excitement, we enjoyed a picnic lunch with our teddies under the shade of the trees, giving the children time to relax and chat with their friends. We then made our way back to school, with the children continuing to behave incredibly well. They were a credit to the school, and we're sure they all enjoyed a well-deserved rest after such a fun-filled adventure!'



Staff Baby News!

I am very pleased to share with you all the wonderful news that Mrs Sam Tomkinson is expecting a baby which is due in November; we are all chuffed to bits for Mr and Mrs Tomkinson!

All being well, Mrs Tomkinson will work until the end of Term 1 and then commence maternity leave, returning to work before the end of the school year. We are working on who will teach the class in her absence and will inform parents when this is confirmed. I know you will all join me in wishing Mrs Tomkinson and her baby well and looking forward to hearing of a safe delivery.

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.

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

Mrs Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Thought for the Week

**"Respect
is a two-way street,
if you want to get it,
you've got to give it."**

R.G. Risch

UP JOURNEY

Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

This week, the children reflected on the importance of equality and what being 'equal' means, and 'flourishing'. Christians believe that the Bible tells us that, through God, all people can flourish; it is available to all people. The Bible suggests that we flourish most when we are helping others and, as such, there are many Christian charities that work to enable us all to flourish.

I wonder how the people in our school community help us? I wonder how these people enable us to flourish and be the best that we can possibly be?

The week was rounded off with a range of awards and celebrations shared - the children shared lots of fun learning that they enjoyed, especially activities completed during our whole-school transition days.

HOUSE POINTS

- 1st - **RAMSEY** - 181 points
- 2nd - **FISHER** - 172 points
- 3rd - **TEMPLE** - 164 points
- 4th - **LANG** - 148 points



GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

- 1st - **Class 5** - 121 points
- 2nd - **Class 2** - 116 points
- 3rd - **Class 4** - 114 points



The children in Art / Pottery Club proudly showing off their Sgraffito decorated fish. They will add beads and driftwood to make them into wall hangings.





Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R & Class 1 – EVERYONE in Turtles Class and Starfish Class are our Learners of the Week! The children had a fantastic trip to Connaught Park and they were all wonderful ambassadors for our school. Well done everyone – we are all so very proud of you!

Class 2 – Ryan is our Learner of the Week in Otters Class as he consistently follows the school rules and has shown excellent effort, determination and a positive attitude. He has worked particularly hard on his writing this week and should be very proud of the progress he is making. Well done Ryan!

Class 3 – ALL OF PUFFINS CLASS are our Learners of the Week as they have tried their best and worked very hard with their maths assessment's this week! Everyone also behaved brilliantly during their transition days and took it all in their stride. Well done Puffins Class!

Class 4 – Penguins Class Learner of the Week is **Amelia!** Amelia really applied herself this week and produced work of a high standard, proving that she is ready for the extra challenges in Year 5. She is a pleasure to have in our class and we are very proud of her. Well done Amelia – what a fantastic week!

Class 5 – Our Learner of the Week in Orcas Class has shown fantastic dedication through their hard work and positive attitude towards their learning. They are always respectful to their classmates, and to staff, demonstrating kindness, good manners and consideration. They are a wonderful member of our class and we are very proud of the effort and maturity they show. Keep up the excellent work!

Class 6 – Nevaeh is our Learner of the Week in Seahorses Class for the wonderful effort and increased confidence she has shown during rehearsals for our Year 6 End of Year Production. She has been focused and attentive, and it has been lovely to see her enjoy taking part. Well done Neveah – you are a star in the making!

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Italian Pasta Sauce



Middle Eastern Pilaf



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What do I need to do?

All we ask is that you cook the three recipes and post photos of your lovely food, then at the end we'll send you a free gift and more great budget-friendly recipe sheets.

How long does it take?

About two weeks but you can work at your own pace.

How do I join?

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<https://bagssoftaste.org/students>

Phone / text / WhatsApp
07813 678 660

Email:
dealanddover@bagssoftaste.org

Once we've confirmed your registration we'll contact you to arrange your delivery

*For qualifying participants only

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>

READ to the BEAT

Summer Reading Challenge 2026



Free Children's Activities at Dover Library

Find Your Beat – Meet and Greet

Saturday 4 July, 10.30am to 12:30pm

Rhythm and Sound

Saturday 11 July, 1.30pm – 3pm

Sing, Speak and Shine

Saturday 18 July, 10.30am to 12:30pm

Move to the World Beats!

Monday 27 July, 10.30am to 12:30pm

Super Soundtracks

Monday 3 August, 10.30am to 12:30pm

All events suitable for ages 4 – 11 years old.
Children must be always accompanied by a responsible adult.



Explore what's on at kent.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge



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Free Children's Activities at Dover Library

Rock and Roll Rules!

Monday 10 August, 10.30am to 12:30pm

Nature's Waves

Monday 17 August, 10.30am to 12:30pm

From Page to Stage

Monday 24 August, 10.30am to 12:30pm

Find Your Groove – Musical Formats

Saturday 29 August, 10.30am to 12:30pm

Silent Disco Circuit

Saturday 5 September, 1.30pm – 3pm

All events suitable for ages 4 – 11 years old.
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TERM 6 2026

MONDAY 6TH JULY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Activity Week – Class Visit Class 4 – Local Visit Cricket Club – Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6
TUESDAY 7TH JULY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Activity Week – In School Class 1 – Local Visit Football Club – Yr 4, 5 & 6
WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Activity Week – Class Visit FOREST SCHOOL – Class 1 – morning / Class 4 – afternoon Art / Pottery Club – Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6
THURSDAY 9TH JULY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class 2 – Monarch's Dress-Up Day Class 4 – Ukulele Class 6 Activity Week – In School
FRIDAY 10TH JULY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WHOLE SCHOOL GRAND DAY OUT Multi-Skills Club – Yr R, 1, 2 & 3

★ A fantastic week of clubs, activities and adventures! ★

DSC SUMMER SPECTACULAR

ACTIVE. FUN. UNFORGETTABLE. 2026

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 28 July	Dover Forest School	Tuesday 4 August	Deal Active Kids
Thursday 24 July	Deal Active Kids	Tuesday 29 July	Dover Dodgeball	Wednesday 5 August	Dover Forest School
Friday 25 July	Dover Dodgeball	Wednesday 30 July	Deal Active Kids	Thursday 6 August	Deal Football
		Thursday 31 July	Deal Football	Friday 7 August	Deal Football
		Friday 1 August	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	Wednesday 26 August	Deal Football
Thursday 13 August	Dover Dodgeball	Wednesday 20 August	Deal Football	Thursday 27 August	Dover Forest School
Friday 14 August	Deal Gymnastics	Thursday 21 August	Dover Forest School	Friday 28 August	Dover Dodgeball
		Friday 22 August	Deal Gymnastics		

CHILDREN IN YEAR 2-4

ALL CAMPS 10.05AM-3.00PM

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 Football, Gymnastics, Dodgeball, Active Kids, Kwik Cricket & Forest School
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Skirmish At The Museum

...breathing new life into history

11th - 12th July 2026
10am to 4pm

SKIRMISHES THROUGHOUT THE DAY!

INTERACTION ENCOURAGED!

ALL ERAS WELCOME!

OPTIONAL PRE-BOOKING AVAILABLE

VEHICLE RIDES AND AIRCRAFT

Bar available
 All proceeds to the museum and local Veteran's Association

Some re-enactors may fire blank guns and cannons, which can be loud!

Normal museum entry prices apply.

If you have any questions, please contact us at:
info@rafmanston.co.uk
www.rafmanston.co.uk

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Subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances including, but not limited to, weather conditions, mechanical breakdowns and shortage of volunteers and/or exhibitors.

BOOK HERE

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

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**

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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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, 6th July 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, 1st 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/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>	<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.



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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