

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 4th September 2026



Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Mr Lamprell

Welcome!

A very warm welcome back to St Mary's CEP for the new academic year!

I hope you have all enjoyed a lovely summer break and had the opportunity to spend some special time together as families. It has been wonderful to welcome our children back through the gates, and there has already been such a positive and exciting atmosphere and 'buzz' around school.

A particularly warm welcome goes to our new children and families joining the St Mary's CEP community. We are delighted to have you with us and hope that you quickly feel part of our school family.

The start of a new school year is always an exciting time. It is a chance for children to make new friends, try new things, develop their independence and challenge themselves to achieve their very best.

We want every child to develop a love of learning, grow in confidence and resilience, and flourish, both academically and socially, enabling them to be the best that they can possibly be! As a Church of England primary school, our Christian values remain at the heart of everything we do. We want our children to understand that they are valued, loved and unique, and to develop the confidence to make positive choices. Through worship, reflection and our everyday interactions, we will continue to explore how we can live out our values and let our light shine.

I believe positive relationships between children, families and staff is imperative. We look forward to working closely with you throughout the year. Please speak to us if you have any questions, concerns or information that you feel we need to know. Good communication helps us to support your child in the best possible way.

Meet the Class Teacher Open Afternoon – Wednesday, 9th September 2026 – 3.15pm (Classes 1-6)

Families of children in Classes 1-6 are invited into school after pick-up time for our first Open Afternoon of the academic year. This is an excellent opportunity for you to meet your child's Class Teacher and see the learning environment. Please collect your child (ren) as usual at pick-up time and then make your way back into the school – Class 1 and 2 will need to enter via the main office at Laureston Place, and Classes 3-6 are to enter via the Key Stage 2 corridor from the bottom playground – staff will be on hand to guide families, if needed. Families in Reception Class visited and received information last term.

Forthcoming Events

You will have received our welcome letter earlier this week with key dates and information – this included details about our new Free Breakfast Club provision – please do take the time to read this.

Families in Key Stage 2 received information about our annual Marlowe Theatre Pantomime trip with a deadline of return by **Friday, 18th September**.

In addition, information about Class 6 swimming was sent out to families at the end of Term 6 with a deadline of **today**.

As always, if you do have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you in advance for your continued support and I look forward to a successful academic year.

Mr Lamprell - Headteacher

Go with the Flo...

Hello! I am Lisa Graham and I am your new Family Liaison Officer (FLO).

What does a FLO do? Think of me as your link between home and school. I am here to support *you* the parents/carers. Whether you need a listening ear, help navigating school processes, advice on attendance, or guidance finding external family support, my door is always open; no issue is too big or too small.

How to find me:

- **Where I'll be:** every morning you can find me at the school gates on Laureston Place and every afternoon I will be at the bottom gates – Please come and say 'Hello!'
- **Pop in and see me:** I'm always around to help, and my office is right near reception, so do ask for me if you want a quick chat next time you are in the school.
- **Contacting me:** feel free to send me an email at office@stmarysprimary.net if you want to reach out, or call the school office on **01304 206887**

Thank you for making my first few days in the school so welcoming. I am excited to see what the rest of the year holds and look forward to meeting you all soon.

Miss Lisa Graham – Family Liaison Officer



Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R – Turtles Class Learner of the Week is **EVERYONE!** What a spectacular first week we have had! We are incredibly proud of all the children for making such a fantastic start to the school year. It has been wonderful to watch them explore their new environment, share toys and start forming new friendships. Well done Turtles – you are all superstars!

Class 1 – ALL OF STARFISH CLASS are our Learners of the week as they have all consistently shown our school values and it has been wonderful to see them work together, try hard and be the best that they can be! We have had a wonderful week together and everyone has had a fantastic start to the school year. Well done Starfish Class!

Class 2 – Otters Class Learner of the Week is **Phinley** as he has made a fantastic start to the year! Phinley has shown great focus and concentration during lessons, and always tries his very best. He listens carefully, follows instructions and stays on task. Phinley is also a wonderful role model to others and is polite and respectful. Keep making us proud Phinley!

Class 3 – Eden is our Learner of the Week in Puffins Class as she has had a fantastic first week! It has been wonderful to see how quickly she has settled into her new class and how happily she has embraced everything that has come her way. Eden – you should be incredibly proud of yourself. What a wonderful start to the year!

Class 4 – Our Learner of the Week in Penguins Class is Romany-Mai for her cheerful and positive attitude which has made her a pleasure to have in the classroom. She has made an enthusiastic start to all of her new learning and has worked confidently with numbers to 1000 in maths. What an amazing start to the year Romany-Mai – well done!

Class 5 – Orcas Class Learner of the Week is **Stacey** as she has shown a superb attitude to her learning. Her hard work, perseverance and determination to do her very best has been noticed every day. Stacey has displayed ALL of our Christian values and the class staff are super proud of the positive example she is setting. Stacey – you are a superstar!

Class 6 – Christopher is our Learner of the Week in Seahorses Class for the wonderful effort he has demonstrated towards starting his Year 6 journey. Christopher has had a wonderful, calm and helpful attitude. He has completed all work asked of him and has been keen to be a good role model. A wonderful attitude to start the year Christopher! Well done!



Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

This week our theme in Collective Worship has been 'Building a Strong Community'. As part of welcoming the children back to our wonderful school community, we have reflected on the importance of our school values.

The children discussed our school values of: friendship, perseverance, trust, peace and respect. We considered how important it is to 'live and breathe' these values in order to build a strong, kind community.

Reverend. Seb visited us and conducted a Collective Worship to demonstrate that it takes team work to build a strong wall (out of bricks) and that everyone plays an important part.



Cooking on a Budget Kent Adult Education Workshop

Several parents and children attended a 4-week 'Cooking on a Budget' Kent Adult Education course after school at the end of Term 6.

Together we developed a strong understanding of healthy eating by identifying foods within the five Eatwell Plate food groups and recognising the importance of a balanced diet.

Through practical cooking activities, we followed and adapted child-friendly recipes, applying reading, writing and numeracy skills such as measuring ingredients and scaling quantities. Each week focused on a different meal: breakfast, lunch, dinner and deserts. Deserts being the favourite!

Over the 4 weeks, we increased our confidence in using both metric and imperial measurements identifying Kilograms, grams, Litres and millimetres. We increased our understanding around food safety awareness and good hygiene habits around food. We learnt, through discussions and activities, how to use equipment safely, safe food handling, preparation and storage.

Recipes included:

Week 1 – Breakfast dishes - Overnight blended oats and Orange grapefruit & apricot salad

Week 2 – Lunch - Sausage and vegetable rolls

Week 3 – Dinner - Tuna and cannellini beans -Lebanese dish

Week 4 – Dessert - Molton chocolate & marshmallow mug cake and Lemon curd cake

We also developed our skills to read and interpret food labels and Guideline Daily Amounts (GDAs), enabling us to make healthier choices. Many learners tried new foods, such as fruits and vegetables, and discussed their likes and dislikes. It was a thoroughly enjoyable experience for all of us.

Mrs Charlotte Burkett - SENCO

Thought for the Week



Free Breakfast Club Week beginning Monday, 7th September 2026



Our new FREE Breakfast Club will be available from week beginning **Monday, 7th September** and, as part of our staggered start, it will be available to the following pupils on the days stated below.

- Monday, 7th September – Open to Year 6 pupils and their siblings
- Tuesday, 8th September – Open to Year 6 and 5 pupils and their siblings
- Wednesday, 9th September – Open to Years 6, 5 and 4 pupils and their siblings
- Thursday, 10th September – Open to Years 6, 5, 4 and 3 pupils and their siblings
- Friday, 11th September – Open to Years 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1 pupils and their siblings.

As from the week beginning Monday, 14th September the Free Breakfast Club will be open to all pupils.
No booking or payment is required for your child to attend.

The Breakfast club will run for forty minutes before the start of the school day (8:00am - 8:40am) where each child who attends will receive a nutritious breakfast of cereal and fruit as well as take part in calming activities. All food offered will comply with School Food Standards.

If you would like your child to attend the Free Breakfast Club please bring them to the Laureston Place gate which will open at 8:00am. This is the only entrance that will be opened at this time. Please note that this gate will be closed at 8:30am and entrance to Breakfast Club after this time will not be permitted.

A recruitment poster for the 10th Dover Scout Group. At the top, it says "10TH DOVER SCOUT GROUP" in large, bold letters. Below this, it says "ADVENTURE. FRIENDSHIP. FUN FOR LIFE." in a stylized font. To the right, there is a photo of three Scouts in uniform sitting around a campfire. Above the photo, the Scouts logo is visible with the motto "Be Prepared". Below the main text, there are three sections for different age groups: "BEAVERS AGED 6 - 8 YEARS" with a beaver icon, "CUBS AGED 8 - 10½ YEARS" with a wolf icon, and "SCOUTS AGED 10½ - 14 YEARS" with a fleur-de-lis icon. At the bottom, it says "WE MEET ON MONDAY EVENINGS 18:30 - 20:00 DURING TERM TIMES" and "IF INTERESTED PLEASE EMAIL 10th@doverdistrictscouts.org.uk". There are also icons for a calendar, an envelope, and a compass, along with the tagline "Skills for life, skills for adventure!".

HOUSE POINTS

- 1st - **LANG** - 107 points
- 2nd - **TEMPLE** - 106 points
- 3rd - **RAMSEY** - 100 points
- 4th - **FISHER** - 98 points



GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

- 1st - **Class 4** - 47 points
- 2nd - **Class 3** - 44 points
- 3rd - **Class 6** - 43 points

PE Day's - Term 1 2026

- **Year R - Thursday**
- **Year 1 - Tuesday & Friday**
- **Year 2 - Thursday & Friday**
- **Year 3 - Tuesday & Wednesday**
- **Year 4 - Monday & Wednesday**
- **Year 5 - Wednesday & Thursday**
- **Year 6 - Monday & Friday**

Term 1 2026

Monday, 7th September
Reception Class – All day

Tuesday, 8th September 2026

Wednesday, 9th September 2026:
Meet the Teacher Open Afternoon (Year 1-6)
– 3:15pm

Thursday, 10th September 2026:
Kent Test – Year 6

Friday, 11th September 2026:
FOREST SCHOOL
Morning – Class 1
Afternoon – Class 4

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 Two

Week Beginning Monday, 7th September 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

whole school meals DATES: Week 1: 26th April, 11th May, 1st June, 22nd June, 13th July, 1st Sep, 21st Sep, 12th Oct Week 2: 27th April, 18th May, 8th June, 29th June, 7th Sep, 28th Sep, 19th Oct Week 3: 4th May, 15th June, 6th July, 14th Sep, 5th Oct 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.	WEEK 1 WEEK 2 WEEK 3 All items are subject to availability.	MONDAY 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	TUESDAY 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	WEDNESDAY Gammon Frittata 2,3 Mashed Potatoes Peas & Salad Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 Lemon Cake 1,3 Fresh Fruit	THURSDAY **Chicken Fajitas 1,2 Sweet Potato & Spinach Dhal Savoury Rice 6 Mixed Veg & Salad Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 Jelly Fresh Fruit	FRIDAY 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 *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	TUESDAY Pork Meatballs 1 Meatless Meatballs 1 Pasta 1 Carrots & Mixed Veg Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 Chocolate Cake 1,3 Fresh Fruit	WEDNESDAY 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	THURSDAY Baked Sausages 1,13 Quorn Sausage 1 Crushed New Potatoes Peas & Salad Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 Summer Fruits Pinwheel 1 Fresh Fruit	FRIDAY 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 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	TUESDAY 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	WEDNESDAY Roast Pork & Gravy Mustardy Sausage Bake 1,5,6 Rustic Roasties Cauliflower & Peas Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 Jelly Fresh Fruit	THURSDAY 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	FRIDAY 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.

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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.

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