

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 11th September 2026



Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Mr Lamprell

It has been wonderful to see the children settling so positively into the new school year. There has been a real sense of excitement, enthusiasm and purpose across the school with a particular 'well done' to our new Reception Class as they settle in to the routine of primary school.



Meet the Teacher Open Afternoon

Thank you to all of the families who attended this week's Open Afternoon; we certainly had a great turn out! It was lovely to welcome so many of you into school and to see you taking the opportunity to speak with your child's class teacher, find out more about their learning and see their learning environment. Strong relationships between home and school are incredibly important, and opportunities such as these help us to work together to support your child to thrive.

SEND Parent Meetings

Next week, Class Teachers will be holding SEND meetings with parents and carers. These meetings will provide an opportunity to talk through your child's individual targets and discuss their Personalised Plan, including the support and strategies that are in place to help them make progress.

We value the contribution that parents and carers make to this process and look forward to working together to ensure that your child receives the right support to achieve their very best.

If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's Class Teacher, Mrs Burkett (SENCo) or contact the school office.

Our School Council

We are delighted to announce our new School Council for this academic year. The children have already shown great enthusiasm for taking on this important responsibility. Mrs Burkett will be leading the group this and notes, *'Being involved in the School Council helps our pupils develop vital life skills that serve them well beyond the classroom. It builds confidence, public speaking, negotiation skills, and a strong sense of responsibility.'*



More importantly, it fosters a school culture where children feel a deep sense of belonging, inclusion, and empowerment because they know their voices truly matter. I have some exciting projects and missions lined up for our School Council representatives and welcome the whole school engagement and support in their roles. Do look out for updates about their activities and achievements over the course of the year.'



Year 6 House Captains

We are also pleased to have shared the children who have been appointed as our **Year 6 House Captains**. This is an important leadership role and we are incredibly proud of the children who have taken on this responsibility.

Our House Captains will be fantastic role models for younger children, helping to promote positive attitudes and our school values. We wish them every success!

Reading and Homework

As we begin the new school year, I would like to take this opportunity to remind families of the importance of regular reading at home. Reading is fundamental to your child's learning and has a positive impact across the curriculum. Even just sharing a book, listening to your child read or talking about what they have read can make a significant difference.

Please also encourage your child to complete their weekly homework tasks. Homework provides an opportunity for children to practise and consolidate the learning they have completed in school.

Your support with reading and homework is greatly appreciated and makes a real difference to your child's progress – please do speak to your child's Class Teacher if you have any questions regarding this matter.

I wish you all an enjoyable and restful weekend.



Mr Matthew Lamprell - Headteacher

Thought for the Week

Coming together is a beginning;
keeping together is progress; working
together is success.

Free Breakfast Club

It has been great to see many of our children accessing our Free Breakfast Club this week. The provision is designed to provide a calm environment for your child to start the school day; in addition, they will be given a breakfast and have access to a range of relaxing activities.



This service is open from 8:00am-8:40am every morning where you will need to enter via the Laureston Place gate. Please note that this gate closes at 8.30am. We look forward to seeing as many families as possible using this provision.



"I like the 'Cheerios' and playing with my friends"



"I like to come and have fun with my friends"



"It gives me a really good start to the day!"



"I like breakfast club because there are really good cereals and games!"

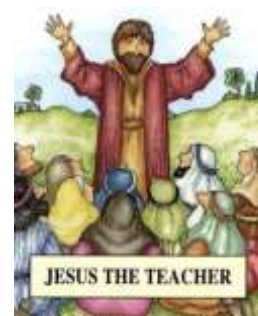
Go with the Flo...

Hello families! As your Family Liaison Officer, I want to say a huge thank you for working so hard to get your children into school every day. **Regular attendance** is the absolute best way to keep your children connected to their friends, confident in their learning, and excited about school life.

If you are ever struggling with morning routines, illness worries, or anything else making it hard to get to school, please remember **I am here to help!** Let's chat, find a solution together, and keep those attendance stars shining.

Miss Lisa Graham – Family Liaison Officer

Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover



This week our Collective Worships have focused on 'Jesus the Teacher'. We have used Jesus as an example to reflect on the importance of good teaching and effective learning. Jesus made sure that his followers, friends and disciples were ready to learn. They were gathered on a hillside and ready to listen to Jesus. We thought about how we make sure that we are ready to listen to our teachers. Jesus said, 'Listen then if you have ears to hear' – we discussed the message behind this.

We have also started practising our songs for our Autumn Harvest Festival, in the church, at the end of September.

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R – Turtles Learner of the Week is **Sebastian**. Sebastian comes into school every day with a smile on his face ready to learn. He is a kind friend to others and enjoys playing with his peers. In busy time this week, he built a fantastic dinosaur house using the wooden bricks! Well done Sebastian!



Class 1 – Starfish Class Learner of the Week is **Lily**! Lily has been showing our value of friendship by checking in on her friends that are playing alone and working well with everyone. She has also been working hard in all her lessons, proving herself to be a fantastic role model for the entire class. Well done, Lily — you are a superstar!

Class 2 – **Kayden** is our Learner of the Week in Otters Class as he has had a wonderful week! He is polite, and ready to lend a helping hand to both adults and friends. In Maths, Kayden works independently, answers questions quickly and correctly, and shows great confidence when tackling new challenges. Out on the playground, Kayden is a kind and friendly classmate, making sure everyone feels included and happy. Keep making us proud Kayden! Well done!

Class 3 – **Delilah** is our Learner of the Week in Puffins Class as she has worked incredibly hard in every task she has completed. She has demonstrated a great understanding of place value in Maths and has shown wonderful creativity when developing new ideas for her story in English. She has also shown great confidence in our French lessons, and is a kind, polite and thoughtful member of our class who sets a fantastic example to others. We are so proud of you, Delilah – keep up the amazing work!

Class 4 – **Riley** is our Learner of the Week in Penguins Class as he really impressed us with how well he has settled into Year 4! He has been listening to and following instructions carefully and has proved himself to be a very capable 'Helping Hand'. Riley is showing a keen interest in all the topics and themes we are exploring, and has presented some thoughtful responses, particularly in Science and RE. Well done Riley – Keep doing your best!

Class 5 – Congratulations on being our Learner of the Week in Orcas Class Teddy! You have come to school with an excellent attitude towards your learning and have shown a real curiosity by asking thoughtful questions and demonstrating a wonderful thirst for knowledge. You are not afraid to challenge yourself and, when things don't go quite as planned, you are becoming increasingly reflective and learning from your mistakes. Keep showing this fantastic enthusiasm and determination—you are a wonderful example to others in Orcas Class!

Class 6 – **Blessed** is 'Learner of the Week' this week for the wonderful attitude she has demonstrated towards all of her learning. Blessed is always focused and contributes to whole class learning; the information she shares is always valuable to others. She is a fantastic mathematician, and always portrays our Christian values each and every day. An absolute super shining star! Well done Blessed!

Bags of Taste

Bags of Taste are a Charity committed to helping people gain control over their food choices, health, and budgets. They run courses across England—from Newcastle to Hastings and multiple London boroughs—targeting individuals who are struggling with their health or food bills.

These may include:

- Young people
- Families and single parents
- Pensioners and socially isolated individuals
- People over-reliant on ready meals or fast food
- Those managing medical conditions or mental health challenges

How the Programme Works

They provide:

- A free delivery of ingredients - enough for three tasty, low-cost meals (about 7 servings).
- Remote mentoring via WhatsApp or phone over two weeks, so participants can cook at their own pace.
- Ongoing support - after completing the dishes all participants receive further recipes

Save money and cook better than the takeaway

Join our free, fun cooking courses

Impress your friends, learn to cook great food at home in just two weeks!

Chana Masala



Italian Pasta Sauce



Middle Eastern Pilaf



Meals can be quick, fun and cheap to cook:

- Free ingredients included
- Free, flexible, home-based short courses
- All you need is a kitchen and a phone

To register

Phone / text / WhatsApp: 07813 678 660
Email: dealanddover@bagsoftaste.org
Sign up online: <https://bagsoftaste.org/xxxxxxx>




All you need is a kitchen and a phone!

Are you worried about the rising cost of food and how to eat healthily on a tight budget?

Then join one of our free, fun cooking courses. Learn how to make delicious, healthy meals from all over the world whilst saving money.



FREE, ingredients included*

- Cook tasty, exciting meals, cheaply
- Get tips on how to budget and save money when you're shopping
- Learn how to waste less

How does it work?

We deliver three step-by-step recipes and all the ingredients you need, straight to your door. Your personal mentor will support you by phone or WhatsApp with lots of tips and advice along the way.

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?

Sign up online: <https://bagsoftaste.org/students>
Phone / text / WhatsApp: 07813 678 660
Email: dealanddover@bagsoftaste.org

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

* For qualifying participants only

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**

HOUSE POINTS

- 1st - **FISHER** - 200 points
- 2nd - **LANG** - 177 points
- 3rd - **RAMSEY** - 161 points
- 4th - **TEMPLE** - 160 points



GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

- 1st - **Class R** - 148 points
- 2nd - **Class 2** - 144 points
- 3rd - **Class 5** - 141 points



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.

Term 1 2026

Monday, 14th September
Multi-Sports Club – Yr 1 & 2

Tuesday, 15th September 2026
Create & Chill Club – Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6
Lego Club – Yr 1 & 2

Wednesday, 16th September 2026:

Thursday, 17th September 2026:
Gardening Club – Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6
Times Table Rock Stars Club – Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6

Friday, 18th September 2026:
FOREST SCHOOL
Morning – Class 3
Afternoon – Class 2
Swimming – Yr 6
Football Club – Yr 4, 5 & 6
Forest School Club – Yr 2, 3 & 4



AFTERSCHOOL CARE

Arts & Crafts

Forest School

LEGO

Baking

Sports

OFSTED
Registered

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%

Please visit

<http://olympuslc.magicbooking.co.uk/>

to register your child and book your sessions

Lunch Menu – Week Three

Week Beginning Monday, 14th 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

MONDAY									
TUESDAY									
WEDNESDAY									
THURSDAY									
FRIDAY									
whole school meals DATES: Week 1: 26 th April, 11 th May, 1 st June, 22 nd June, 13 th July, 1 st Sep, 21 st Sep, 12 th Oct Week 2: 27 th April, 18 th May, 8 th June, 29 th June, 7 th Sep, 28 th Sep, 19 th Oct Week 3: 4 th May, 15 th June, 6 th July, 14 th Sep, 5 th Oct 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 <i>Allergens in brackets are a possibility</i> All items with * can be made Vegan. All items with ** can be made Dairy Free.	WEEK 1 All items are subject to availability.		WEEK 2 All items are subject to availability.		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 and 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.

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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