

# St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> September 2026



## Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



## A Message from Mr Lamprell

Another rewarding week for our children, as they showed resilience and perseverance when completing new learning.

### After School Clubs

Families will all have seen Terms 1 and 2 After School Club provision letter, which went out last week. From 'Create and Chill' to 'Gardening'... 'Multi-Skills' to 'Timestables Rockstars', we are proud to provide such an engaging extra-curricular offer! Clubs started this week and the children have already been sharing how much fun they are; a huge thanks to all the staff that run these. Please be reminded that children attending a club must be collected by an adult (aged 18+ years) and you must advise in advance who this will be. We still have some available spaces in some of our clubs, so please do contact the school office if you would like to sign your child up.

### Learning in Action

It has been wonderful to see such high levels of engagement with the children immersed into creative learning opportunities. Mrs Wallis (Deputy Headteacher) has also shared how proud she is of all the children, she notes, 'What a fantastic start we have had to the 2026-2027 academic year! The children have returned refreshed after their summer holiday and have been busy enjoying their learning in their new classes. Children in all classes have been working hard on a wide range of areas including: developing their handwriting and transcription skills, concentrating on improving their presentation and building on their Maths knowledge in their new year groups. It has been amazing to see such enthusiastic attitudes to learning and we are so proud of their efforts. Well done all, keep up the great work!'



### Class 6 Swimming

Year 6 began their school swimming lessons this week; completing their first 1-hour session out of 5. With our swimming provision now being led at The Duke of York's Royal Military School, Dover, the children were excited to see the facilities and begin learning/strengthening their swimming skills. Swimming is a part of the National Curriculum, so all children are required to attend, and lessons build on those they undertook last year when in Class 5.

By the time they leave primary school, all children should be able to swim at least 25 metres unaided. They should also be able to perform a 'self-rescue' – this means being able to roll over from a life-threatening face down position, to independently float face up breathing without panic and to swim to safety or remain in that position until help arrives. You will all agree how important this life skill is, especially living on the coast!



### Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival information was sent out to Classes 1-6 families this week; the children are looking forward to our annual Harvest Festival on Tuesday, 29th September from 9:30am.

We are collecting for Dover Foodbank – if you are able to donate something please send it to school on Tuesday, 29th September, or sooner if you wish. Please don't feel under pressure to send anything in, there is always plenty to share around and no child or family would ever be singled out if they do not donate – we completely understand.

Families are warmly invited to join us; you will be able to take your seats from 9:25am.

Dover Foodbank most needed items include:

|                         |                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Cuppa Soup              | UHT Milk        |
| Fruit Juice (UHT)       | Instant Rice    |
| Tinned Spaghetti        | Tinned Tomatoes |
| Instant Mash            | Tinned Soup     |
| Tinned Vegetables       | Pasta Sauces    |
| Male & Female Deodorant | Pasta n Sauce   |
| Noodles                 | Toilet Rolls    |

*Please note – the Foodbank has plenty of pet food and nappies*

### Reception Class 2027

As this new school year begins we are already working to connect with the children and families who will be joining our next Reception Class in September 2027.

**Do you have a child born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023?**

If so, they will be eligible to start school in September 2027. We invite families to book an appointment to come and have a look around our school at a time that is convenient. Please do spread the word to anyone you know with a child of the right age.

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend.

**Mr Matthew Lamprell - Headteacher**



## Annual Flu Vaccination Year R to 6

The annual flu vaccination for Year R to 6 is due to take place in school on **Monday, 28th September 2026** by the NHS School Immunisation Team.

**The vaccination is administered by nasal spray and is completely painless.**

Please visit the link below and select '**Seasonal Flu**' to complete the online consent form. The schools unique code is: **KT118748**.

<https://www.kentimmunisations.co.uk/>

**Please note - the deadline to complete the consent form is 4pm on 23rd September 2026.**

## 5 reasons to get your child vaccinated

### 1. Protect your child

The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia

### 2. Protect you, your family and friends

Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family

### 3. No injection needed

The nasal spray is painless and easy to have

### 4. It's better than having flu

The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record

### 5. Avoid costs

If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

## Thought for the Week

BEHIND EVERY  
CHILD WHO  
BELIEVES IN  
THEMSELVES  
IS A  
teacher  
WHO  
BELIEVED  
IN THEM FIRST

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## DOVER FOODBANK MOST needed ITEMS HARVEST 2026



- ☒ CUPPA SOUPS
- ☒ UHT MILK
- ☒ FRUIT JUICE (UHT)
- ☒ INSTANT RICE
- ☒ TINNED SPAGHETTI
- ☒ TINNED TOMATOES
- ☒ INSTANT MASH
- ☒ TINNED SOUP
- ☒ TINNED VEGETABLES
- ☒ PASTA SAUCES
- ☒ MALE & FEMALE DEODORANT
- ☒ PASTA N SAUCE
- ☒ NOODLES
- ☒ TOILET ROLLS

PLEASE NOTE

We have plenty  
of Pet Food &  
Nappies

INFO@DOVER.FOODBANK.ORG.UK  
UNIT 4, CHARLTON CENTRE, HIGH ST, DOVER  
CHARITY NO. 1122204

## Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover



This week our collective worships have been based around understanding our school community. We thought about the school as a puzzle and all the different parts that make it complete. The children offered ideas for what makes a great school community, such as: hope, kindness, peace, respect and friendship. We reflected to help us remember that we are all important in our school community, that we matter.

We also took the opportunity to begin to learn our Harvest Festival hymns ready for our service in church at the end of September.

### Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:



**Class R** – Turtles learner of the week is **Morireoluwa**! It has been lovely to see him coming into school each morning with a big smile. He has enjoyed playing and spending time with his friends, and has also been sharing some fantastic ideas during our carpet sessions, confidently joining in and sharing his thoughts with the class. As part of our '**All About Me**' topic, he created a fantastic self-portrait, taking great care with the details and showing lots of creativity. Well done Morireoluwa!

**Class 1** – Starfish Class Learner of the Week has been working hard in all of their lessons and has shown a fantastic attitude, especially when working on their writing. They are putting in lots of effort, taking their time, and trying their very best. Well done – keep up the amazing effort!

**Class 2** – Otters Class Learner of the Week is **Jasmine** as she is a delight to teach! Jasmine is a discreet and attentive member of our class. She always follows the school rules and has a kind heart. Jasmine consistently shows respect towards adults and her peers. She has been trying her best in all lessons. Keep making us proud Jasmine! Well done!

**Class 3** – **Zoey** is our Learner of the Week in Puffins Class as she has such a positive attitude towards school life and always tries her very best with everything she does. This week, she wrote a fantastic story in English, using her wonderful imagination. In PE, Zoey worked really well as part of a team and showed great cooperation with her classmates, and also really enjoyed our Science lesson about resistance. Zoey has beautiful manners and is always a kind and thoughtful friend to others. We are so proud of you, Zoey – keep shining!

**Class 4** – **Celeste** is our Learner of the Week in Penguins Class as she has had a fantastic week! She has tried really hard to consolidate her understanding of place value in maths and has produced some accurate work. In Science, Celeste made careful observations during our investigation about temperature and change of state. Celeste has continued to be extremely polite and helpful in class, often volunteering to undertake jobs that need doing. Well done Celeste – Keep doing your best!

**Class 5** – Our Learner of the Week in Orcas is **George** for his incredible hard work, constant kindness and endless empathy towards others. He is always thoughtful and caring, making sure those around him feel supported, valued and included. His positive attitude and willingness to help others make him a wonderful role model in Orcas Class. We are incredibly proud of the person he is and the example he sets every day! Keep showing this fantastic enthusiasm and determination— George, you are a superstar!

**Class 6** – **Lenka** is Seahorses Class Learner of the Week for the wonderful attitude she has demonstrated towards all of her learning. We have been impressed with the amazing diary writing she has completed this week. She empathised with the character brilliantly and used a range of impressive sentences and vocabulary. She has worked hard in maths – thinking carefully about presentation and accuracy when using written methods. A brilliant week! Well done Lenka!

## Go with the Flo...

Do you ever feel like the clock moves twice as fast between 8:00 am and 8:30 am? I know I do! This can often make getting out of the house and to school on time extra hard.

A great way to help pick up speed in the morning is setting a "Beat the Clock" challenge. Set a timer and see how many tasks your child can tick off their list (brushing their teeth, getting their shoes on, etc.). Arriving at school on time gives children a relaxed start to their day and ensures they are ready to learn.



If your mornings are leaving you feeling overwhelmed, just remember you're not alone. Pop in and see me if you fancy a natter and want to talk through what could help your morning routine.

Miss Lisa Graham – Family Liaison Officer

### Term 1 2026

Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> September  
Multi-Sports Club – Yr 1 & 2

Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2026  
Class 6 Local Visit  
Create & Chill Club – Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6  
Lego Club – Yr 1 & 2

Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2026:

Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> September 2026:  
Class 4 Ukulele  
Gardening Club – Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6  
Times Table Rock Stars Club – Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6

Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2026:  
FOREST SCHOOL  
Morning – Class 5  
Afternoon – Class R  
Swimming – Yr 6  
Football Club – Yr 4, 5 & 6  
Forest School Club – Yr 2, 3 & 4

### PE Days - 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

- 1<sup>st</sup> - FISHER - 263 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - LANG - 214 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - TEMPLE - 202 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> - RAMSEY - 195 points



### GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Class 1 - 125 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Class 3 - 116 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Class 6 - 114 points



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**BUCKLAND & ST RADIGUNDS**

# Community Breakfast



**Saturday 26 September**  
Served 9.30am-10.30am  
Buckland Community Centre  
Catering by: MK Catering

**FREE EVENT\***

**Pride in Place is investing in our local area, and we want to hear from you.**

Join us for breakfast and share your ideas, meet local people, and help decide what improvements matter most to you.

**Your voice matters.** Come along, share your views, and help shape the future of our community.

**Together, we will make our community even better.**

\* Take part in our survey to receive your free breakfast voucher whilst stock lasts.

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## Events Schedule

| Event                  | Date                   | Details                       | Time            |
|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Evening Chippy Tea     | Tuesday 15 September   | Buckland Green                | 5.30pm - 7.30pm |
| Evening Drop-In        | Thursday 17 September  | St Radigunds Community Centre | 5.30pm - 7.30pm |
| Ice Cream Afternoon    | Saturday 19 September  | St Radigunds Community Centre | 2pm - 4pm       |
| Coffee & Cakes         | Tuesday 22 September   | St Radigunds Community Centre | 10am - 12pm     |
| Community Breakfast    | Saturday 26 September  | Buckland Community Centre     | 9am - 11am      |
| Park & Games Afternoon | Wednesday 30 September | Buckland Green                | 3pm - 5pm       |
| PIP Autumn Fayre       | Saturday 3 October     | St Radigunds Community Centre | 10am - 4pm      |
| Evening Curry Night    | Thursday 8 October     | Buckland Community Centre     | 5pm - 8pm       |

### Everyone is welcome.

We'd love everyone to get involved in our upcoming Pride in Place events. These events are a great opportunity to share your ideas and aspirations for your local community. Your feedback will help shape our community.

If you are unable to attend any of our events, you can still provide your feedback by completing our anonymous survey. Please scan the QR code or visit [www.dover.gov.uk/pride-in-place](http://www.dover.gov.uk/pride-in-place).

Join us and be part of creating positive change in your community.

**Say hello!**



## 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](http://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](mailto: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

**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%

Please visit

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

to register your child and book your sessions

## Lunch Menu – Week One

### Week Beginning Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> 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

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| <div> <div> </div> <div> <b>DATES:</b><br/>           Week 1:<br/>           26<sup>th</sup> April, 11<sup>th</sup> May,<br/>           1<sup>st</sup> June, 22<sup>nd</sup> June,<br/>           13<sup>th</sup> July, 1<sup>st</sup> Sep, 21<sup>st</sup> Sep,<br/>           12<sup>th</sup> Oct<br/><br/>           Week 2:<br/>           27<sup>th</sup> April, 18<sup>th</sup> May,<br/>           8<sup>th</sup> June, 29<sup>th</sup> June, 7<sup>th</sup> Sep,<br/>           28<sup>th</sup> Sep, 19<sup>th</sup> Oct<br/><br/>           Week 3:<br/>           4<sup>th</sup> May, 15<sup>th</sup> June, 6<sup>th</sup> July,<br/>           14<sup>th</sup> Sep, 5<sup>th</sup> Oct         </div> <div> <b>Allergens:</b><br/>           1. Gluten/Wheat<br/>           2. Dairy/Milk<br/>           3. Eggs<br/>           4. Soya/Soyabean<br/>           5. Mustard<br/>           6. Celery<br/>           7. Fish<br/>           8. Molluscs<br/>           9. Shellfish/Crustaceans<br/>           10. Sesame Seeds<br/>           11. Nuts<br/>           12. Lupins<br/>           13. Sulphur Dioxide<br/>           14. Peanuts<br/> <i>Allergens in brackets are a possibility</i><br/>           All items with * can be made Vegan.<br/>           All items with ** can be made Dairy Free.         </div> </div> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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### 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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