

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 25th September 2026



Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Mr Lamprell

Summer Reading Challenge

It was lovely to hear that our school community had engaged in this year's Dover Library Summer Reading Challenge with many children borrowing and reading as many as 6 or more books. The combined efforts from these families meant that children at St Mary's CEP read more library books over the period than children in some of our other local primary schools – well done, an excellent effort! It was great to hear feedback from the children in our recent Collective Worship about how much fun this was.



Class 5 Homework 'shout out'!

It has been super to see so many of Class 5 proudly showing me their homework this week. Linked to their Science learning, Class 5 have built habitats to showcase their knowledge of 'Living Things and their Habitats' – a range of materials were used, including salt dough, paints and items found outdoors – super work, Class 5!



Class 6 Library Visit

Continuing on the theme of 'Reading', Class 6 were our first year group of the academic year to visit our local library. The children thoroughly enjoyed immersing themselves into a range of books on offer and even had the opportunity to borrow a text to read for their own pleasure. As you will be aware, reading is such an important life-skill and we encourage our children to read daily. Visits to the local library help to encourage that love and thirst for reading.

Development of Outdoor Areas

Many families may have seen from our social media page of the continued development of our school's outdoor areas. We have a beautiful school site with many 'pockets' of outside space that we can utilise for enrichment and outdoor learning. As well as the school field and engaging Forest School area, we have been working with volunteers from the 'Port of Dover' to develop some of our outside spaces. Mrs Burkett, who is leading on this school initiative, reports, *"The team helped to clear overgrown trees and shrubs from two areas within the school grounds. These areas were difficult to access, and they were all willing to tackle the challenging project with energy, ideas and insight. These two areas are now accessible, and we can move forward with further re-design and improvements of our outdoor sensory garden, gardening club and reflection spaces."*

We are so thankful for everyone's efforts and energy. The changes to the school grounds are amazing! We are looking forward to the children using these fantastic areas on our school site, as well as exploring further opportunities for outdoor learning.



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

Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

In Collective Worship this week we started discussing the relevance of food at harvest time. We thought about the wide variety of choices of food that we have available in our supermarkets, and how lucky we are to be able to buy food from all around the world.

Jesus once told a story about all this. He told it to two brothers who were arguing over money that had been left to them. 'Slow down,' says Jesus. 'Don't you realise that having lots of things - having more and more choices - isn't going to make you happy or bring you closer to God'. We reflected on the importance of being grateful for what we have and helping others who have less than us.



Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R – Learner of the Week in Turtles Class is **Evie**! Evie has had a fantastic week! She has been a wonderful helper, played beautifully with her friends and joined in enthusiastically with our learning. Evie has also really impressed us in phonics this week, remembering the new letter sounds we have been learning. Well done Evie - we are so proud of you!



Class 1 – Starfish Class Learner of the Week is **Elijah**! Elijah has been working incredibly hard in all of his lessons and has shown a brilliant attitude towards his learning. He has been especially determined when working on his Maths and has continued to put in lots of effort, taking his time, and trying his very best. Well done Elijah - you're a star!

Class 2 – Our Learner of the Week in Otters Class is **Reggie**! Reggie has had a wonderful week and is always ready to lend a helping hand to both adults and friends. Reggie works independently in Maths, answers questions confidently and shows great enthusiasm when tackling new challenges. We are so proud of the effort Reggie puts into the presentation of his work. Well done Reggie – a brilliant week!

Class 3 – **Harley** is our Learner of the Week in Puffins Class as he has worked really hard and has shown great effort in his learning! He has tried his best with phonics, using the sound mats to support him when reading and writing, and came up with the fantastic idea of "spinning like a dolphin", which showed great imagination and creativity. Harley has particularly enjoyed our PE lessons, where he has worked well as part of a team to complete different tasks. We are very proud of the progress and effort you have shown this week, Harley. Keep up the fantastic work!

Class 4 – **EVERYONE** in Penguins 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. Well done Starfish Class!

Class 5 – Orcas Class Learner of the Week is **Sana** as she is always ready to help, often without even being asked. She is a kind and thoughtful person, and works incredibly hard in lessons. Sana is an absolute superstar and a wonderful role model in Orcas Class. Keep shining Sana – you are a superstar!

Class 6 – **Jay** is Seahorses Class Learner of the Week for the wonderful attitude he has demonstrated towards all of his learning. Jay has amazed us with his brilliant mathematical ability when applying both mental and written methods. He is always focussed in lessons and keen to succeed. He has also shared wonderful ideas during our English lessons and has contributed brilliantly to class discussions when answering questions about our class text, 'Holes'. We are really proud of you! Well done Jay!

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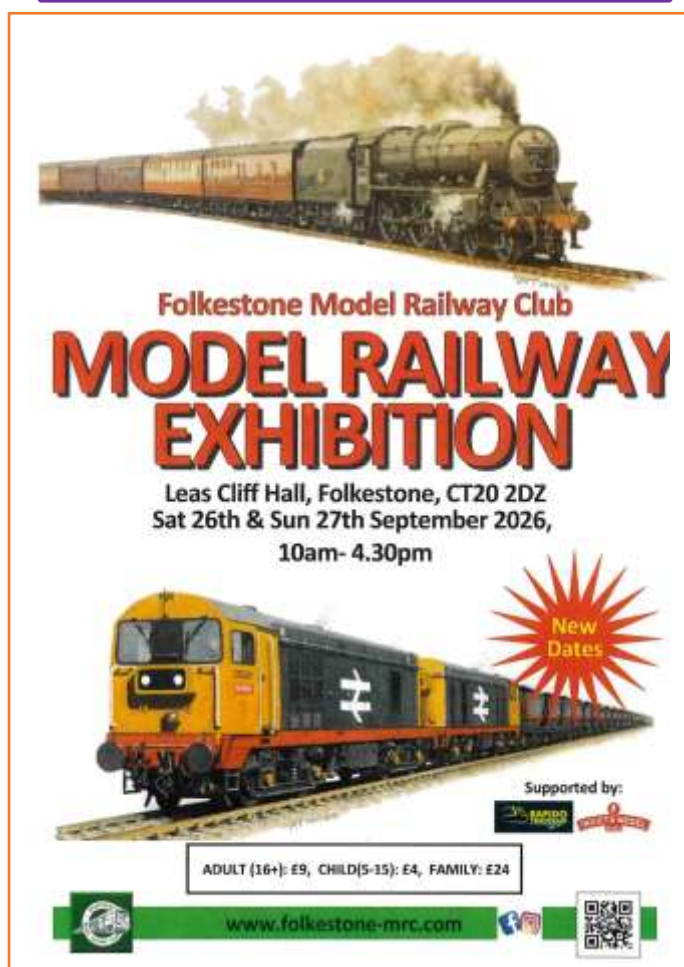
Hi everyone! Can you believe we're already talking about next September? Time is flying! The application window for **primary school places for September 2027** is opening up soon, and I wanted to let you know I'm here to help. If you have a younger little one at home who is due to start school next year, please don't stress about the and see me, and I can help with those online application forms.



Also, if you have any **friends, family, or neighbours** with children due to start school next year, please spread the word! We'd love to show them around our lovely school, and we're booking **informal school tours** right now so they can see us in action. If you need a hand with a form or want to book a tour for someone you know, just catch me at the gates or call the office and we will be on hand to help. Have a brilliant weekend!

Miss Lisa Graham – Family Liaison Officer

Thought for the Week



Term 1 2026

Monday, 28th September 2026

Flu Vaccination – Year R to 6

Multi-Sports Club – Year 1 & 2

Tuesday, 29th September 2026

Harvest Festival – Year 1 to 6 only

Create & Chill Club – Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

Lego Club – Year 1 & 2

Wednesday, 30th September 2026:

Thursday, 1st October 2026:

NCMP Screening – Year R & 6 only

Class 4 Ukulele

Gardening Club – Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

Times Table Rock Stars Club – Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

Friday, 2nd October 2026:

BeSmart Odd Socks Day

FOREST SCHOOL

Morning – Class 6

Afternoon – Class 1

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

- 1st - **LANG** - 195 Points
- 2nd - **RAMSEY** - 164 points
- 3rd - **TEMPLE** - 145 points
- 4th - **FISHER** - 141 points



GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

- 1st - Class 6 - 119 points
- 2nd - Class 5 - 118 points
- 3rd - Class 3 - 116 points



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Big Changes to Free School Meals

from September 2026



Is your child missing out on a delicious, free school lunch every day?

The rules for Free School Meals have expanded for this academic year!
If your family receives **Universal Credit**, your child is now highly likely to
get free school meals – even if your application was turned down in the past.
Read below to find out how this helps your family



What is changing?



More families qualify

Income limits have officially been expanded across primary and junior schools.



Universal Credit coverage

If you are on Universal Credit your child may get a healthy school lunch completely free.



Action needed now

Old temporary rules have ended. Every family must register under the new 2026 guidelines to stay covered.

The benefits



Your child could be entitled to a free hot and healthy school meal, as well as securing vital funding for the school for books and trips!



Supports learning

Helps provide resources, books and enrichment opportunities.



More opportunities

Helps fund school trips, experiences and extra activities for all children.



Healthier, happier children

Good nutrition supports concentration, energy and wellbeing.



Apply online at

**Kent County Council - Education -
Apply for Free School Meals**



Also, please ask the school office if you require any support.

Healthy children
brighter futures

PRIDE IN PLACE LED BY YOU – BACKED BY UK GOVERNMENT **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.

PRIDE IN PLACE LED BY YOU – BACKED BY UK GOVERNMENT **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.

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).

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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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 Two

Week Beginning Monday, 28th 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: 28 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.		WEEK 4 All items are subject to availability.	
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 Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans 2 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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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.

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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