

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 2nd October 2026



Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Mr Lamprell

Thank you, as always, for your support and engagement this week. One of our school rules is: Be Kind. There certainly has been a 'shower of kindness' shared by our school community this week, whether this is donations given for Harvest or Dover Be SmART Day or a kind word said on the school gate – it does not go unnoticed.

Harvest Festival!

It was lovely to see so many families join us for our Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church. The children shared a range of activities and sang hymns with confidence and happiness. Huge thanks to you for the kindness and generosity shown through the donations of food items – these will be passed onto Dover Foodbank to support those in our community.



Corridor Displays

It always feels me with joy when I see our children's work on display! Recently, our main corridor display boards were updated with children's Reading learning. A variety of texts with neatly presented work are now being showcased – please do take a look when you are next in school.



'Dover Be SmART' Odd/Silly Socks Day!

The school thoroughly enjoyed participating in our annual fundraiser for 'Dover Be SmART Day 2026'. The day consisted of a themed Collective Worship followed by engaging activities; the children were taught about the importance of this local charity and how it provides opportunities for disadvantaged children, mainly Young Carers, in Dover to help boost confidence, well-being and aspiration. Many thanks to all the families who donated today, we raised an excellent £78.00!



For more information about the local charity, please visit: <https://www.doversmartproject.co.uk/>

School Attendance Matters

Regular school attendance is one of the most important things we can give our children to support their learning, friendships and well-being. Every day in school is an opportunity to learn something new, develop important skills, build positive relationships and be part of our school community. Even occasional days missed can mean children miss key learning that can be difficult to catch up, and frequent absence can have a significant impact on their progress and confidence. We understand that children can sometimes be unwell or that unexpected circumstances arise, but where possible, please ensure your child attends school every day and arrives on time. **Every day really does matter**, and by working together, we can give every child the best possible opportunity to flourish and achieve their potential.

Overall our school attendance data is positive and I thank families who support their children and the school with this important matter – here's to another year of strong school attendance for all!



Reception Class 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.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable weekend; I look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Mr Matthew Lamprell - Headteacher

Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

This week in Collective Worship we have reflected on the relevance of Jesus the good shepherd. We thought about how a shepherd makes sure that each of their sheep flourishes. We decided that just like us, sheep need: food, shelter, water, warmth and love to flourish.

The Bible says that people can also do so much more when they work together – people can flourish when they encourage, support and help each other. They are stronger together. We discussed how we can support those around us to flourish also.

On Friday, Dawn from the Dover Smart Project visited us in Collective Worship to talk to the children about fundraising on our 'Silly Socks Day'. Dover Smart Project support young carers, specifically in the Dover area and the children learnt about the significance of the work they do in our community.





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New Intake Tours



Is your child due to
start Primary School
in September 2027?



Is your child born
between September
2022 and August 2023?

We warmly invite parents and their children
to come for a tour of our wonderful school



Please contact the school office
to request an appointment –

01304 206887



Faith ♥ Respect ♥ Kindness ♥ Aspiration

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R – Learner of the week in Turtles class is **Humaira**! Humaira is a wonderful role model in our class. She consistently follows our school rules and expectations and always approaches her learning with a positive attitude. She perseveres with her learning and never gives up. Humaira is also a kind and caring friend who is always willing to help others, making her a valued and helpful member of our class. Well done, Humaira!



Class 1 – Starfish learner of the week is **Matilda-Mae**! Matilda-Mae has been working hard in all of her lessons and has shown a brilliant attitude towards her learning. She has had an amazing week! She has been especially kind and helpful in class. Helping during tidy up times and offering to help in any way she can when her friends need it, this has been lovely to see.

Class 2 – Otters Class Learner of the Week is **Amy**. Amy consistently shows kindness, politeness and a caring nature towards others. She applies herself beautifully in class and approaches her learning with a positive attitude. We are particularly proud of the way she continues to grow in confidence and show such a mature attitude to her learning. Keep making us proud Amy! Well done!

Class 3 – **Ada** is our Learner of the Week as she has had a brilliant week! She has written a fantastic poem during our English sessions, coming up with some great ideas and taking care with her writing. She is also a kind and helpful member of our class who is always willing to support and encourage others. Her caring nature makes her a wonderful friend and a lovely member of our class. Keep up the amazing work, Ada – we are very proud of you!

Class 4 – **Arthur** is our Learner of the Week in Penguins Class as he is applying himself well and producing work of a high quality in all areas of the curriculum. He has produced well-structured narratives in English and used speech punctuation accurately when using dialogue in his stories. His understanding of numbers up to 10,000 is developing well in maths, and he enjoyed our science work on freezing liquids. Arthur is a sensible and well-organised member of the Penguins Class who is becoming increasingly independent in his learning. Well done Arthur - we are proud of you!

Class 5 – Our Learner of the Week in Orcas Class is a wonderful role model who consistently demonstrates our school values throughout the day! They show resilience when faced with challenges, determination to keep trying and ambition to achieve their very best. They approach their learning with a positive attitude and set an excellent example to those around them. Well done, you are a superstar!

Class 6 – **Beau** is Learner of the Week for the wonderful attitude she has demonstrated towards all of her learning. Beau is always focused and contributing to whole class learning, and all class staff have been impressed with the amazing persuasive text she has written during English. She is a fantastic mathematician, and always portrays our Christian values each and every day. She is a wonderful partner to her peers; always supporting and encouraging, showing great friendship. A super star! Well done Beau!

Go with the FLO...

BREAKFAST CLUB NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Our Breakfast Club has grown incredibly popular this term, and it's wonderful to see so many smiling faces early in the morning!

To keep our mornings exciting, active, and filled with fun, we are looking to expand our collection of indoor games and activities.

If you do have any complete, good condition games or construction sets that your children have outgrown, please drop them off at the Main School Office.

New to Breakfast Club?

If you haven't yet been to Breakfast Club, why not come in and see us. Remember, there is no need to book, it's completely FREE!

Come to the School Office between 8:00 am – 08:30 am to try it for yourself.



Miss Lisa Graham – Family Liaison Officer

Admission to

Secondary school in Kent 2027

KCC residents apply online at

www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

Opened Tuesday 1 September 2026 and closes
at midnight on Monday 2 November 2026

For children born between
1 September 2015
and **31 August 2016**,
Transferring to Secondary
school in September 2027

What to do

Choose a school

It's important to find out more about the schools you are interested in before you decide to name them on the application form.

Read the Guide to Secondary

<http://www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions>

You can name up to four Secondary schools, inside or outside of Kent, but you must name them all on the same application.

Apply for a school place

A simple, fast, convenient process which opens **Tuesday 1 September 2026 and closes at midnight on Monday 2 November 2026**. Other LA deadlines may differ.

If you already have an account set up from the Kent Test process, please use these login details.

You will receive an email confirmation that your application has been submitted correctly and that the LA has received it.

You can log back in at any time to view the information submitted.

Receiving your offer

On offer day (**Monday 1 March 2027**) an email will be sent to you informing you of your offer.

You must accept or decline the school place you have been offered by **Monday 15 March 2027**. A link to a guide with information you will need to provide the school with will be in your offer email.

If we have not offered your child a place in your preferred school, you have the right to appeal. You can also add their name to the school's waiting list if your child is eligible for admission.

Moving house during the application window will likely complicate your application and we therefore advise you to pay special attention to key dates in the admissions process. KCC has no discretionary authority to vary the process for parents who cannot complete address moves in time to make use of them for admissions purposes. If you are moving, please email the team on one of the email addresses below for advice.

Key dates

Tuesday 1 st September 2026	Online application process opens. Go to www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions to register and apply.
Monday 2 nd November 2026	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk
Monday 1 st March 2027	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm.
Monday 15 th March 2027	Parents should contact the school to accept/refuse the place that has been offered and can use the link in the offer email to ask for their child to be added to the waiting list of eligible schools named on the original application.
Tuesday 13 th April 2027	Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September - appeals information can be found at www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals . You can only appeal for schools that were named on the application form.

Need help?

Email kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk

Full information booklet can also be viewed online at kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

Only one application per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of application. Keep your login details safe and use your registered email address for all communication with the team.

The confirmation email may go to your junk/spam folder of your email – please check here before contacting our team for confirmation.

Please note applications can only be made via Kent County Council (KCC) if the child resides at a KCC address. If your child does **not** reside at a KCC address, you must make an application via your Local Authority.



Thought for the Week



"Kindness costs nothing, yet it is a most precious gift."



**St Mary's CEP,
Dover**



**We need your
donations!**

We are looking for donations of the following
to help improve our

Sensory and Vegetable garden.



**Wooden
pallets**



Planks



**Cable
drums**



**Outdoor
materials**

Your donations will help us create
a more beautiful, accessible and
engaging space for our pupils to
explore, learn and grow.



Please contact the school office
to confirm acceptance and delivery
of your donations.

St Mary's CEP,
Dover
01304 206887
office@stmarysprimary.net

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**

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

- 1st - **Class 3** - 122 points
- 2nd - **Class 2** - 119 points
- 3rd - **Class 5** - 112 points



PRIDE IN PLACE
LED BY YOU - BACKED BY UK GOVERNMENT

**BUCKLAND &
St RADIGUNDS**

**Curry
Night**



Thursday 8 October

5pm-8pm. Served 6pm-7.30pm

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 an evening of good food where you
can 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.

Term 1 2026

Monday, 5th October 2026

Multi-Sports Club – Year 1 & 2

Tuesday, 6th October 2026

Class 4 Local Visit

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

Lego Club – Year 1 & 2

Wednesday, 7th October 2026:

Thursday, 8th October 2026:

Whole School Inter House PE Event

Gardening Club – Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

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

Friday, 9th October 2026:

FOREST SCHOOL

Morning – Class 4

Afternoon – Class 3

Swimming – Yr 6

Football Club – Yr 4, 5 & 6

Forest School Club – Yr 2, 3 & 4

HOUSE POINTS

- 1st - **TEMPLE** - 252 points
- 2nd - **LANG** - 217 points
- 3rd - **FISHER** - 208 points
- 4th - **RAMSEY** - 205 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.

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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

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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*

Lunch Menu – Week –Three Week Beginning Monday, 5th October 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.					
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					
WEEK 2 All items are subject to availability.					
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					
WEEK 3 All items are subject to availability.					
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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