

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 9th October 2026



Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Mr Lamprell

Farewell and Thank You to Revd. Melissa Carter!

As we approach the end of this term, we sadly say farewell to our Chair of Governors and school clergy, **Revd. Melissa**, who will be leaving St Mary's CEP.

On behalf of the whole school community, I would like to express our sincere thanks for her dedication, commitment and support during her time at our school. Her contribution has been greatly valued, and she has always shown a genuine passion for ensuring that St Mary's CEP continues to provide the very best opportunities for our children.

Revd. Melissa has worked closely with school leaders and governors, offering challenge, encouragement and support, while always keeping the needs and wellbeing of our children at the heart of decision-making.

We will be very sorry to see Revd. Melissa leave and will certainly miss her calm, thoughtful and supportive approach. We are incredibly grateful for everything she has done for St Mary's CEP and wish her every happiness and success for the future.

From Term 2, I am delighted to share that Ms Bernie Mayall (our current Vice-Chair of governors) will be stepping up into the role of Chair and Ms Michelle Harding into the role of Vice-Chair respectively.

A farewell from Revd. Melissa:

It has been a joy to be part of St Mary's CEP community over the past 7 years. Leading Collective Worship and school services, being a school Governor and for the last couple of years Chair of Governors has been such a privilege because they have given me the opportunity to get to know you all. St Mary's CEP is such a special school because it really does follow its Christian values of supporting everyone to learn and flourish.

Unfortunately, even with my guide dog Taylor at my side, I have been finding the busy traffic more and more difficult to negotiate so to help me flourish, I had to take the difficult decision to look for a new job somewhere a little quieter. I will be moving to Bedford at the end of this term to be vicar of a village church and chaplain in a school. All that I have learnt from you will go with me, you have taught me so much about what it means to be 'a shining light' and I look forward to hearing how you all continue to be amazing.

May God continue to watch over you and hold you in his peace.



God Bless, Revd. Melissa

'Flu Immunisation

The NHS School-Aged Immunisation Service took place last week, administering the annual flu vaccination for all children who have had permission given. If you gave consent but your child missed their Childhood Flu Immunisation in school, you will have received an automated email from the Immunisation Service with a link to book an appointment at one of their community clinics.

Alternatively, if you missed the opportunity for your child to be vaccinated at the school session you can complete a consent form via the following link <https://www.kentimmunisations.co.uk/> using the school code: **KT118748**. Please contact the team directly on 0300 123 5205 option 1 for more information about community clinic availability & bookings.

Class 4 Family Collective Worship

It was lovely to welcome our Class 4 families into school this morning for our first Family Collective Worship of this year. Ms Morris reports, 'On Friday, the children in Penguins Class led the Family Collective Worship. They told us all about the story of Creation, sharing their art-work and a song. They retold this story from the Old Testament and shared ideas about things we can all do to look after the environment.'

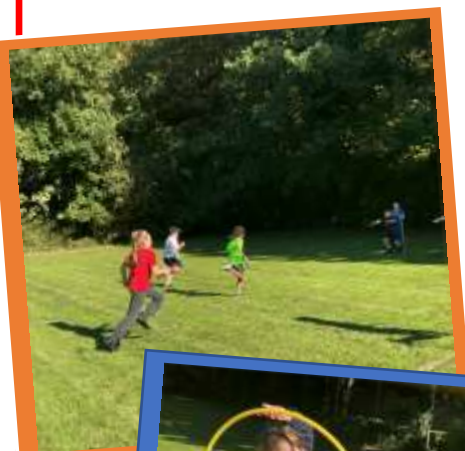


Sporting success – Inter-house PE Event!

Pupils from Classes R to 6 had an enjoyable day this week as they earned house points for their respective 'house'. The children showcased excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship when completing a range of physical activities. From relay races to obstacle courses, the children participated with enthusiasm and energy – well done to all!

The winning 'house' for our first inter-house competition of the academic year was **Green Ramsey!**

Miss Phengphachanh reports, 'What a fantastic day of team spirit! The sun came out just in time for our Inter-House Sports Competition, bringing plenty of smiles! Despite a slightly chilly start for our morning groups, the children from Year R to Year 6 embraced every activity with enthusiasm and really enjoyed taking part. From relays and hoop races to obstacle courses, it was wonderful to see such engagement across all year groups. Well done to everyone who took part!'



Owl Enrichment Day

Last year we held a fund-raising mini-marathon in school to raise money to fund enrichment opportunities for our children. You were very kind in supporting us with sponsorship!

We are pleased to announce that we have chosen to spend some of the funds on an Owl Enrichment Day. This will be held in school on Wednesday, 21st October.



We have invited The UK Owl and Raptor Centre to visit the school and complete workshops with EYFS and Key Stage 1 children, followed by a workshop for Key Stage 2. This will be an exciting opportunity for our children to 'meet' different species of owls and learn about the hidden lives of these secretive birds. The children will also complete a variety of activities throughout the day themed around the workshops.

Reception Class 2027

It has been a pleasure to show many prospective families around school this week.

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 good weekend.

Mr Matthew Lamprell - Headteacher

Go with the FLO...

We are creeping towards the end of Term 1, and the autumnal mornings are upon us—which makes it the perfect time for a reminder of our uniform expectations.

Please can you make sure you send your child to school in the correct uniform, ready to learn. This includes:

- A white polo shirt with buttons at the neck, or a long-sleeved white shirt
- A navy-blue jumper or cardigan
- Black shoes (no trainers or heavy boots, please)
- Only one pair of stud earrings (these must be removed on PE days)
- Long hair tied back

With the chillier days quickly coming in, it is also really important that your child is sent to school with a coat (clearly labelled with their name). We try to make the most of all our wonderful outdoor space here at St Mary's, which means going outside on colder days too.

If you are struggling to get hold of any uniform, please let me know. I am always happy to help!

Miss Lisa Graham – Family Liaison Officer

Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

This week, we have been thinking about the idea of resilience – keeping going even when we encounter difficulties.

It's not an easy thing to do, but it makes a huge difference especially if we develop it together. The children reflected on the importance of our Christian value of perseverance and what can help you persevere: asking for help from a friend or teacher or trying different methods.

We finished the week with a beautiful Collective Worship from Class 4, who took the opportunity to tell us about the Christian story of Creation. Well done Class 4!



Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R – Ronnie is our Learner of the Week in Turtles class! He has been joining in so well with our phonics activities and trying really hard to read words. Ronnie is also a very helpful and kind friend and a lovely member of our class. The Turtles class staff are very proud of Ronnie and all the effort he has been putting into his learning. Well done, Ronnie!



Class 1 – Starfish Class Learner of the Week is **Iyla-Rose**! Iyla-Rose has been showing all of our school values, by having a brilliant attitude towards her learning and being a kind friend to all. She has been especially determined when working on her writing using her sound board to write her sentences. Well done Iyla-Rose - you're a star!

Class 2 – Our Learner of the Week in Otters Class is **Reign** as he is a very helpful and independent learner, particularly in Maths. He demonstrates excellent reasoning skills and always takes the time to check his answers carefully. During the Inter-House competition, Reign was very encouraging and supportive towards his peers. His kindness, positive attitude and willingness to help others make him a wonderful member of the class. Keep making us proud Reign! Well done!

Class 3 – Our Learner of the Week in Puffins Class has worked extremely hard in all subjects this week, taking care to present their work neatly and with pride. They have shown our Christian values of perseverance and respect, and are a pleasure to have in our class. They are a good friend to others and we are all so proud of them. Keep up the amazing work!

Class 4 – This week **ALL of the Penguins Class** are the winners as they have been superstars in the past few days, which have been extremely busy. They have pulled together as a team, helping each other and the adults to make sure that we achieved everything that we needed to. We are very proud of you all!

Class 5 – Saoirse is our Learner of the Week as she is preparing to begin an exciting new chapter beyond St Mary's. Although our time together has been short, Saoirse has certainly made a lasting impression with her wonderful personality and the joy she brings to our classroom. She will be greatly missed by everyone in Orcas Class, and we wish her all the happiness, success and exciting adventures that her new journey brings. Keep being yourself Saoirse, and remember that you will always be part of our St Mary's family!

Class 6 – Brian W is our Learner of the Week in Seahorses Class for the wonderful attitude he has demonstrated towards all of his learning! Brian has amazed us with his brilliant mathematical ability when applying both mental and written methods. 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'. Brian always demonstrates our school Christian values and is a wonderful role model for others. We are really proud of you! Well done Brian!

Thought for the Week



“Challenges
are what
make life
interesting
and overcoming
them is
what makes
life meaningful.”





St Mary's Church of England
(VA) Primary School, Dover

Learning for Life with God as our Guide



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

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.



Course Code	Course Title	Start	End	Day	Start Time	End Time
155083	Spooky Crafts Deal Family Hub	26/10/26	26/10/26	Monday	13:00	15:00
155084	Spooky Crafts Buckland Family Hub	30/10/26	30/10/26	Friday	10:00	12:00
155086	Understanding Autism Buckland Family Hub	06/11/26	06/11/26	Friday	10:00	12:00
155704	First Aid for Babies Buckland Family Hub	04/11/26	04/11/26	Wednesday	13:00	15:00
155751	Family Space – a 4-week course for neurodiverse families (key stages 1&2) Dover Library	10/11/26	01/12/26	Tuesday	15:30	17:00

Book your place on one of these FREE courses:

Visit: www.kentadulteducation.co.uk

Enter the course code into the search box.

Call: 03000 41 22 22



Kent Adult Education is part of
Community Learning & Skills



What's that Musical Instrument!

With musicians from the London Philharmonic Orchestra

Dover Library

Monday 26th October, 11:00 am to midday

Learn how the violin, bassoon and tuba work and hear how they sound.

Suitable for ages 4 – 11 years.

Booking required.

Contact doverlibrary@kent.gov.uk or call 03000 41 31 31

Children must be accompanied by an adult

kent.gov.uk/libraries



03000 41 31 31



Term 1 2026

Monday, 12th October 2026
Multi-Sports Club – Year 1 & 2

Tuesday, 13th October 2026
Class 3 Local Visit
Create & Chill Club – Year 3, 4, 5 & 6
Lego Club – Year 1 & 2

Wednesday, 14th October 2026:

Thursday, 15th October 2026:
Kent Test Results to Year 6 Parents
Class 2 & Class 6 Local Visit
Gardening Club – Year 3, 4, 5 & 6
Times Table Rock Stars Club – Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

Friday, 16th October 2026:
Class 2 Family Collective Worship

FOREST SCHOOL

Morning – Class 2

Afternoon – Class 5

Swimming – Yr 6

Football Club – Yr 4, 5 & 6

Forest School Club – Yr 2, 3 & 4



FF

October

Football Fun camps

A truly unique inflatable football experience

Book Now!

www.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk

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.



AFTERSCHOOL CARE

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

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**

HOUSE POINTS

- 1st - **LANG** - 151 points
- 2nd - **RAMSEY** - 133 points
- 3rd - **FISHER** - 125 points
- 4th - **TEMPLE** - 116 points



GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

- 1st - **Class 5** - 100 points
- 2nd - **Class 2** - 89 points
- 3rd - **Class 1** - 82 points

Lunch Menu – Week ~One Week Beginning Monday, 12th 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.

Matthew Lamprell – Headteacher
office@stmarysprimary.net - 01304 206887