

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 16th October 2026



Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Mr Lamprell

It seems as though Term 1 has 'flown by' as we come to the end of the penultimate week of term. As always, school has been busy with the children enthused and immersed in a range of curriculum activities.

Dover Library Visit!

This week's library visit was undertaken by Class 3. As well as having a library in our school, it is fantastic to have a local library in our community – the children certainly enjoy the 'library experience', whether that is reading in the library or borrowing their chosen book. The children represented the school well by demonstrating our school values and rules – well done!



St Mary's Church Visit!

Continuing with the theme of getting out into our local area, Classes 2 and 6 visited St Mary's Church. This enrichment activity enabled the children to extend their learning beyond the classroom. Mrs Fagg and Ms Phengphachanh share, 'Year 6 visited St Mary's Church on Thursday, exploring the importance of prayer to Christians. The children discussed why the church is a good place to pray, the purpose of prayer and what Christians might pray about. We also explored areas of the church and discussed what parts of the church would be the best area/position to pray and why. We concluded with sketching our own prayer window, considering how it will help Christians to pray, reflect and remember. The children were respectful in church, asked thought-provoking questions and reflected on their thoughts and beliefs brilliantly. Well done Year 6!'



'During the visit, the children in Class 2 asked lots of interesting questions about the church, including how old it is. They looked closely at the beautiful stained-glass windows, paying attention to the colours, patterns and intricate details, before designing their own stained-glass creations. The children also enjoyed a shape hunt, discovering so many different shapes in the church's architecture and features!'

It was wonderful to see their curiosity and enthusiasm as they explored, observed and discovered so much about this fascinating church.'

Black History Month

Last week, all classes completed learning based around an inspirational figure in line with this year's theme: 'Honouring our Communities'. Black History Month 2026 invited the children to recognise the communities that shape, support and strengthen Britain. The children explored how their selected figure showed leadership, care, service, creativity, courage and commitment. Miss Sayer reports, 'The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about inspirational figures, including: Bishop Rose, Marcus Rashford and Malorie Blackman. They have explored the incredible contributions these individuals have made to their local communities and beyond. Inspired by their actions, the children have created some fantastic pieces of work exploring how they, too, could make a positive difference within their own local community.'



Class 2 Family Worship

Many thanks to all our families from Class 2 who attended today's Family Worship. It is always a special event for the children to showcase their learning, not only to the whole school, but to their adults. It always fills me with pride when I see the children confidently and proudly sharing their work – this included their learning about Antarctica through their English text, What Is the Coldest Place on Earth? They read and shared fascinating facts about this icy continent, proudly presented their penguin artwork featuring frozen scenes, and performed a song they had created all about the North and South Poles.

It was wonderful to see the children sharing their knowledge, creativity and enthusiasm with such confidence. Well done, Otters Class!



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.

I hope you all have a restful weekend; I look forward to seeing you all for the final week of this term.

Mr Matthew Lamprell - Headteacher



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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

Parent/Carer Coffee Morning at St Mary's CEP, Dover

We are delighted to invite all parents and carers to our Parent Coffee Morning at St Mary's CEP on **Thursday, 22nd October, from 9:00am to 10:00am.**

This will be a relaxed and friendly opportunity to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, meet others, share experiences and have a chat in our welcoming environment.

Whether you are new to our school or have been part of our school community for some time, we would love for you to join us. It's a lovely chance to connect with other families, build relationships and strengthen our wonderful school community.

All parents and carers are very welcome! We look forward to seeing you there.

For further information, please speak to the school office or call [01304 206887](tel:01304206887)

Mrs Charlotte Burkett - SENCO



Go with the FLO...

Today, Friday 16th October, was our first visit of the school year to the **Little Lambs** baby and toddler group, run by **St Mary's Church**.

Our amazing Year 6 House Captains happily walked to join the group, despite the rain, and met the lovely parents and toddlers.

The House Captains did an amazing job of 'jumping straight in', playing with the children and making their new little friends smile all morning. They interacted so well with the babies and their parents – and even enjoyed a well-deserved juice and biscuit!

We are so proud of how they represented our incredible school, and a great start to our **Little Lamb** visits.

Miss Lisa Graham – Family Liaison Officer



Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R – Our Learner of the Week in Turtles Class has been a wonderful role model! They have been following our class rules and showing great responsibility by helping with classroom jobs. They have also wowed us in phonics by remembering lots of different letter sounds and showing fantastic listening and learning skills. We are so proud of their positive attitude, helpfulness and enthusiasm for learning. Keep up the amazing work!



Class 1 – Starfish Class Learner of the Week is **Ruby-Rose**! Ruby-Rose has been an active participant in all of our lessons, trying extremely hard and persevering even when it gets tough. She has been especially determined when working on her maths whilst we have been learning all about the part-whole model. Well done Ruby-Rose – you are a star!

Class 2 – Otters Class Learner of the Week is **Jason**! Jason consistently follows our school values and always strive to make the right choices. He shows excellent focus in his learning and approaches tasks with enthusiasm and a positive attitude. Jason produced an amazing artwork this week, demonstrating wonderful creativity and attention to detail. Keep making us proud Jason. Well done!

Class 3 – **Daksh** could be Puffins Class Learner of the Week every week because of his fantastic attitude towards all aspects of school life and his consistent hard work! He produces brilliant work across all subjects and has particularly impressed us this week with a fantastic piece of home learning all about the rainforest. Daksh is always eager to help his friends, shows lovely manners and consistently listens carefully to instructions and follows our school rules. He is a wonderful role model to his classmates and should be incredibly proud of all he achieves. Keep up the amazing work, Daksh – we are so proud of you!

Class 4 – Our Learner of the Week in Penguins Class is **Daniel**. He has really impressed us with the progress he is making and the quality of work he is producing! He has made a great start on his information text about the mythical creature, Pegasus, and is demonstrating a sound grasp of subtraction in maths. Daniel has adopted a sensible and committed approach to his role as School Council representative, and we are so proud of him. Well done Daniel!

Class 5 – Our Learner of the Week in Orcas Class is **Aria**! She is making a tremendous effort in her learning and showing a growing sense of maturity in everything she does! It has been wonderful to see her taking greater responsibility for her learning and developing a real sense of pride in her work and achievements. Aria's positive attitude, determination and growing confidence are shining through, and she should be incredibly proud of the progress she is making. Keep up the fantastic work, Aria – you are becoming a brilliant role model!

Class 6 – **Leial** is Seahorses Class Learner of the Week for the wonderful attitude she has demonstrated towards all of her learning! Leial is always focused and contributing to whole class learning; the information she shares is always valuable to others. We have been impressed with the amazing informal letter she has written during English lessons, and she has been really focused in maths. Leial always portrays our Christian values each and every day and is a wonderful role model for others – always calm and kind. A super star! Well done Leial!

Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

This week we have focused on deepening our understanding of our school Christian Narrative.

At St. Mary's, this narrative provides us with inspiration to 'shine our light before others'. The children discussed the importance of being an example to others and sharing their talents.

On Wednesday we said a fond farewell to Reverend. Melissa, in her last Collective Worship at our school. Reverend Melissa reminded us of the importance of compassion for others and then enjoyed a song and card presentation that the classes had prepared.



Admission to

Primary school in Kent 2027

KCC residents apply online at
kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

Opens Friday 6 November 2026 and closes at
midnight on Friday 15 January 2027

For children born between
1 September 2022
and **31 August 2023**,
Transferring to Primary 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 Primary admissions at www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions.

You can name up to three Primary 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 **Friday 6 November 2026 and closes at midnight on Friday 15 January 2027**. Other LA deadlines may differ.

You will first need to set up an online account. The applicant is you, the parent/carer; you will then need to add your child's details before starting an application. You will receive a confirmation email that your application has been correctly submitted.

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

Receiving your offer

On offer day (**Friday 16 April 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 **Friday 30 April 2027**. A link to a guide with information you will need to provide the school with will be in your offer email.

If it has not been possible to offer 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.

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

Friday 6 November 2026	Online application process opens. Go to www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions to register and apply.
Friday 15 January 2027	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk
Friday 16 April 2027	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm.
Friday 30 April 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 schools named on the original application.
Monday 17 May 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 primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk

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

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.



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Common misconceptions

MYTH #1

Attending a nursery or pre-school will automatically guarantee your child a space at the associated school.

TRUTH

You must still apply using the online application portal at:

www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions 

★ Nurseries and primary schools are not linked for admissions purposes.

MYTH #2

A sibling attending the school will automatically guarantee your child a space at the same school.

TRUTH

You must still apply using the online application portal at:

www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions 

★ If eligible, your application may be considered under a school's 'sibling' oversubscription criteria.

MYTH #3

Attending an infant school will automatically guarantee a space for your child at the linked junior school.

TRUTH

You must still apply using the online application portal at:

www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions 

★ Children do not automatically transfer to a junior school. Admissions are ranked according to the school's admission criteria, including any linked school arrangements.



www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

Need help?

Email primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk

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Thought for the Week



"The things that make me
different are the things that
make me."

– A.A. Milne, "Winnie the Pooh"



Term 1 2026

Monday, 19th October 2026
Multi-Sports Club – Year 1 & 2

Tuesday, 20th October 2026

Class 2 Local Visit

FOREST SCHOOL

Morning – Class R

Afternoon – Class 6

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

Lego Club – Year 1 & 2

Wednesday, 21st October 2026:

Class 1 Local Visit

Whole School – Owl Experience

Thursday, 22nd October 2026:

Class 4 Ukulele

Gardening Club – Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

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

Friday, 23rd October 2026:

Football Club – Yr 4, 5 & 6

LAST DAY OF TERM 1

**TERM 2 STARTS ON TUESDAY, 3rd
NOVEMBER**

London Philharmonic Orchestra



Kent Libraries



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



FOOTBALL TRIALS Every Saturday in November

12PM-1PM

Elms Vale Recreation

Ground, Dover, CT17

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**CURRENT YEAR 6 or
Experienced Year 5s**



To Register your child,
please email:

doverroyalsfc@gmail.com

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

LEGO

Forest School

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

MODELFEST

AT THE MUSEUM 10am - 4pm

24TH OCT - 25TH OCT 2026

Planes, Trains & Automobiles

A series of model displays including:

WARHAMMER
40,000

SCALEXTRIC

& much more!

Usual Museum entrance prices apply, see webpage
for more information

@RAF Manston History Museum
If you have any questions, please contact us at
info@rafmanston.co.uk

Subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances including, but not limited to, weather conditions, mechanical breakdowns and shortage of volunteers and/or exhibitors.

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** - 240 points
- 2nd - **TEMPLE** - 185 points
- 3rd - **FISHER** - 183 points
- 4th - **RAMSEY** - 181 points



GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

- 1st - **Class 2** - 147 points
- 2nd - **Class 6** - 144 points
- 3rd - **Class 3** - 138 points

Lunch Menu – Week Two

Week Beginning Monday, 19th 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					
WEEK 1 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.					
MONDAY					
TUESDAY					
WEDNESDAY					
THURSDAY					
FRIDAY					
WEEK 2 *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 					
MONDAY					
TUESDAY					
WEDNESDAY					
THURSDAY					
FRIDAY					
WEEK 3 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 					

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
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