

MCK - Mary's Child Kent

Newsletter February 2026.

We love, support and care for families and individuals in need in our local community.

What do we do?

This month our newsletter focus is on our food and events.

MCK is committed to supporting families and individuals in our community. One of the ways we do this is by running food and fun sessions for families during the school holidays. Families are able to attend these sessions where the children, and often the adults, take part in a variety of crafts, games and activities. There is always lots of glitter and glue! Children also receive a healthy and nutritious buffet style lunch.

The aim of Food and Fun is to support families during the holidays by providing food support as well as a place for children to meet up and play, and adults to socialise helping to prevent social isolation. These events are always well attended by families in the local area. We often receive funding from local foundations and organisations that help us to put these sessions on. We are also very grateful to the volunteers from local organisations, churches and within MCK, as without their help and support we would not be able to run these events.

Christmas 2025

Christmas Treat Parcels



On 25th November MCK packed 144 Christmas Treat parcels for eight local schools to distribute. Thank you to everyone who was involved in any way. Thank you to Dartford Borough Council for helping to fund this, as well as Beaverbrook's the jewellers for their contributions.

Thank you to all the MCK volunteers as well as those from Catalent and Global Learning group who helped pack and deliver.

Christmas Tree Festival

MCK - Mary's Child Kent would like to thank everyone who supported their Christmas Tree Festival this year. Thank you to those local businesses, charities and organisations who sponsored and decorated trees. Thank you to those helped to set up across the three venues, those who served refreshments as well as those of you who performed, sang or danced over the weekend.

Thank you to those who visited, enjoyed the festive atmosphere and those who donated to MCK it is very much appreciated.

A total of £1,852 was raised which will support the work of MCK in the local area.



Thank You!



Thank You!

MCK runs three food banks in the local area, and your support can truly make a difference to families and individuals who are struggling to make ends meet. So, we ask if you feel you can support us you can drop donations to the office at St Mary Greenhithe or in the trolley at Asda which is collected weekly.

Together, we can make a positive impact and create a brighter future for our community.

**DURING 2025 YOUR HELP
ENABLED US TO SUPPORT
857 PEOPLE WITH OVER
17,000 MEALS**

Upcoming Events



Family Food and Fun Event

11am - 1pm

Thursday 19th February '26
Manor School Swanscombe

Friday 20th February '26
St Mary Greenhithe Church Hall

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Please state names of children/ adults and any allergies.

Please sign up for this free event so we can ensure everyone is catered for.

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Working with our wider community



MCK is generously supported by individuals who regularly give financially as well as local organisations, businesses and grant trusts. We are very grateful for everyone's support. We were fortunate to recently receive grants and donations from The National Lottery Community Fund, Colyer Ferguson Charitable Foundation, Whitehead and Monckton Foundation and the Kent Community Foundation. These are all to support our legal and advocacy work. We have also received donations from other local groups, businesses and organisations. These gifts and donations help us to support families and individuals in our local area, whether through the food banks, support from our legal adviser or at our food and fun events.

How can you support us?

- Become a volunteer by helping us at special events, food and fun etc...
- Donate items to our food banks
- You can also support us financially in a variety of different ways. Cash, cheque, standing order or by scanning the QR code below. Please remember to gift aid your donation.



Become a Co – op member
and vote for MCK

**CO-OP MEMBERS
CAN SUPPORT
LOCAL PROJECTS**

Choose our cause so we can help
more people in your community.



Legal and
Advocacy work

Food Banks

Special Events

Digital support

Food and Fun

MCK is a small local charity whose purpose is
to love, support and care for families and
individuals in need in our local community.

Scan the QR code,
download the
Co-op App or
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