



**ST ETHELBERT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY**  
*HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR ALL, IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST*

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**Latest Newsletter from Mr Marshall**

**Loving God, we thank you for the gift of this new day and for our school community, where we learn, grow, and care for one another. As we remember St Paul Miki and his companions, give us courage to stand up for what is right, kindness in our words and actions, and faith to trust in you, even when things feel difficult. Bless our pupils, staff, and families. Help us to work hard, to forgive readily, and to live each day with honesty, respect, and compassion.**

**May all that we do today bring glory to you and help build a world of peace and love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

Dear St Ethelbert's Community,

**[Safer Internet Day](#)**

On Tuesday it is Safer Internet Day. We will be focusing our day on Safer Internet. The internet is a fantastic resource but it can also be dangerous with the developments of AI (artificial intelligence) Fake news. We need to learn how to spot the dangers and what we would do in the event of finding something we don't want to see

Tips for children

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026/top-tips-for-young-people>

Tips for parents

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers>





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### Fluffy New Delivery!

Reception Class had a very special delivery on Monday - chicken eggs! The class have been looking after them in an incubator, waiting very patiently for them to hatch. As of this morning, we have 9 hatches (5 boys and 4 girls). We now have nine very cute and fluffy chicks to look after for the next week! What an amazing opportunity to watch!

### Make-up

We have noticed that some children are bringing make-up into school. These are strictly not allowed in school. Please check your child's bag and remove. These must be kept at home. Thank you

God Bless

Mr Marshall  
Headteacher

### Children's Mental Health Week – 9-13<sup>th</sup> February

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and the theme is 'This is My Place'. We will be focusing our week on good mental health. Next Friday, 13th February, children can have a non-uniform day and wear something yellow or bright and colourful to celebrate positivity and the theme of belonging.



Place2Be's 2026 parent resource pack includes top tips for families, parents and carers, activity ideas to do at home and lots of fundraising inspiration.

Details can be found here: [Place2Be family information pack](#)

### Kindness Day Menu

On Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> February we will be having a change of menu for kindness day when the children will be able to decorate their own pizza! If you would like your child to have a school meal there is no need to pre-book just let the teacher know in the morning. Please pay via School Money. Thank you.





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### [Class Photos](#)

This year, whole class photos will be on Monday 9th March. Please make sure the children come in wearing full school uniform, even though this is an expectation every day. Weather permitting, we will have traditional photographs outside in front of the church like before. If not, the photographs will have to be in the junior hall. We are praying for kind weather!

### [Advanced preparation - World Book Day](#)

World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March. Children are welcome to come to school dressed as a character from a book, but if your child prefers it, they could come in their uniform and bring in a book to share with their class instead.

### [Around the World Day/Sharing the Learning](#)

On Friday, 13th February, all the children from Nursery to Year 6 will be off timetable for the day celebrating Inclusion. The children will be exploring their class country and learning more about it. We will be carrying out lots of creative lessons. All parents and grandparents are invited into school from 2.30pm for sharing the learning.

Nursery – United Kingdom  
Reception – Poland  
Year 1 – Romania  
Year 2 – Hungary  
Year 3- Japan  
Year 4 – Italy  
Year 5 – India  
Year 6 – France

### [Breakfast Club – IMPORTANT NOTICE](#)

Due to a significant increase in the number of children attending Breakfast Club and to ensure we maintain a safe environment for all pupils, please note the following:

- All sessions **must** now be booked in advance through School Money. Bookings can be made up until midnight the night before the required session.





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- To ensure the safety of all children, attendance is now strictly capped at 30 pupils per session. Once this number is reached you will not be able to make a booking. All children must be booked in advance to attend. If a child has not been pre-booked, they will unfortunately not be able to join breakfast club that morning.
- A parent or carer must now check their child in with a member of staff at either 7:45 am or 8:00 am.

**Exceptional Circumstances:** We understand that emergencies happen. If you require a space due to exceptional circumstances and are unable to book online, please contact the School Office directly. Please note that admission in these cases is at the sole discretion of the Headteacher.

We appreciate your cooperation and support in helping us keep our breakfast Club safe and enjoyable for all children.

### [RAF Manston History Museum](#)

RAF Manston History Museum annual Bricks at the Museum event, is being held over the February half term between the 14th and the 22nd. This is our biggest event of the year, and the museum is full of Lego and other brick companies, with existing sets and peoples' own original creations. We are also holding a raffle this year, with the prize being a Star Wars Lego set valued at around £300. For details please see attached flyer.

### [Study Smart UK – free online courses](#)

These courses are FULLY FUNDED (Free) to attend and specifically designed for parents and carers who are looking for a springboard into working in a school. Each course only takes 6 weeks to complete, with online sessions run ONLY in school hours and term times, to fit in around family life.

Our next course starts on Monday 2nd February. Places are limited and will be accepted on a first come first serve basis.

If you are interested please follow the link for more information and to book a place

<https://www.studysmartuk.online/>

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**STUDY SMART**  
Free Online Courses

Fully Funded Education Support Course  
Online LIVE Webinars  
6 Week Course  
Mon - Fri 9.30 - 11.30 & 12.30 - 2.00  
Support Session 4.00 - 4.30

Starting  
Monday 2nd  
February

Levels 1, 2 & 3 Available  
Accredited Awards & Certificates in:  
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Wellbeing  
Safeguarding & Prevent  
Occupational Studies  
Understanding Challenging Behaviours  
Principles of SEN

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**Kent Fostering and Supported Homes**

We are looking for new carers and hosts to join our outstanding fostering community and help care for some of Kent's most vulnerable children and young people.

As part of our team, carers and hosts receive excellent support, high-quality training, and the opportunity to make a lasting, positive difference in a child's life.

To learn more, visit our website <https://www.kentfostering.co.uk/>

It's never too late to give a child a second chance to shine and become the person they're meant to be.



To speak to one of our advisors please call us on **03000 420 002** or fill in our online enquiry form [here](#).

**SEND**

Please click [here](#) for the latest Kent County Council Newsletter for SEND. Here you will find the latest news on Children's mental health, KCC SEND progress to date and further general advice, guidance and support.

**PTFA**

Please nominate our PTFA for the chance to win £1000 for our children/school.

They start each year with a clean slate - 2025 nominations are not carried over, so please nominate us again this year!

Thank you for your continued support.

[Click here](#)

**EVERY ENTRY  
COUNTS**



Please take one minute  
to nominate us  
for £1,000!





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Children showing our school values this week				
Year Group	Class Name/Saint Name	Child	Value	Reason for Value
Nursery	United Kingdom Saint George	Joelle	Thoughtfulness	Being a very kind friend when another peer was sad
		Heaven	Inclusion	Showing increased confidence and developing her vocabulary
Reception	Poland Saint Jadwiga	Aoife	Knowledge	Doing amazing sentence writing about our chicks! Very proud!
		Arthur	Knowledge	Being able to read 3-digit numbers!!
Year 1	Romania Saint Andrew	Jacob	Knowledge	His teamwork and recall when acting out a traditional tale
		Alex	Thoughtfulness	Always trying to keep our classroom tidy and putting things back where they belong
Year 2	Hungary	Evelyn	Thoughtfulness	Always being kind and considerate to others





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	Elizabeth of Hungary	Amaya	Knowledge	Her wonderful work in English, maths and phonics this week
Year 3	Japan Paulo Miki	Eliza	Inclusion	Taking her time to invite others to join her at lunchtime
		Filip	Knowledge	Using charcoal to draw animals similar to cave paintings we have seen
Year 4	Italy Catherine of Siena	Theo	Knowledge	Hugely improving his cursive handwriting
		CJ	Knowledge	Understanding the features of instructional writing
Year 5	India Saint Mother of Teresa	Noah	Thoughtfulness	Showing some deep thinking in RE and producing this wonderful piece for our class book
		Henry	Knowledge	Trying really hard during his 'cold write' task. Author in the making?
Year 6	France Saint Vincent de Paul & Saint Therese of Lisieux	Zoe	Knowledge	Increasing her practise SATs maths score! Well done Zoe!
		Nikolas	Inclusion	Showing increased confidence and participation! Well done Nikolas





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**Well done!**

**Class Masses**

If you would like to join us for a class Mass then you are very welcome. Children lead the Mass with readings and bidding prayers.

Date	Year Group attending Mass
12th February	Year 5
	Half Term
25th February (Wednesday)	Feast of St Ethelbert Whole School (Yr6 Leading)
5th March	Year 4
12th March	Year 3





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19th March	Year 2
26th March	Year 6

**Mass will be on Thursday mornings at 9.30am in St Ethelbert's church**



**[Attendance this academic year...](#)**

Class with No Lates: Year 4

**Our attendance policy states that we aim for a 100% attendance**

Reception	93.1%
Year 1	93.3%
Year 2	95.8%
Year 3	96.7%
Year 4	92.5%
Year 5	92.5%
Year 6	94.6%
Whole School this week	94.1%
Whole School academic year to date	95%
National Average academic year to date	94.8%





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**PLEASE NOTE – IF YOU NEED TO CONTACT A MEMBER OF THE WRAPAROUND CARE STAFF AFTER 4PM  
THE NUMBER TO CALL IS **07400 170519****

**DIARY DATES**

**2025/26**

**February 2026**

9th Children's Mental Health Week - non-uniform on 13<sup>th</sup>  
10<sup>th</sup> Safer Internet Day  
13th Around the World Day  
13th Sharing the Learning - parents invited in from 2.30pm  
**13<sup>th</sup> END OF TERM 3 FOR CHILDREN**  
17<sup>th</sup> Shrove Tuesday  
18<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday  
**23rd TERM 4 STARTS FOR CHILDREN**  
25th St Ethelbert's Feast Day – whole school mass

**March 2026**

1st St David's Day  
5th World Book Day - Dress up  
9<sup>th</sup> Class photos  
17<sup>th</sup> St Patrick's Day  
17th St Gertrude's Day  
20<sup>th</sup> Red Nose Day - wear red  
24<sup>th</sup> Feast of Saint Oscar Romero  
24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening – 3.20-6.00pm  
30th Easter hats and bonnets due in  
30th Sharing the learning - parents invited in from 2.30pm  
30th Multiplication Table Check parent's info meeting 3.20pm  
31st Passion Service - 10am  
31st Stay and Play session for children starting Nursery in Term 5 - 3.30pm-4.00pm

**April 2026**

**2nd END OF TERM 4**





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