



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

Father, we pray that this weekend will be filled with rest, refreshment, and quiet time with you. Our lives can seem so overwhelming and confusing, but we know that you are there by our side always. Lord, thank you for guiding our path. Amen.

Dear St Ethelbert's Community,

As we move deeper into the winter months, we are experiencing extremely cold weather at the moment. Please could we remind everyone to ensure children come to school with appropriate warm clothing, including coats, hats, gloves, and scarves, so they can stay comfortable and safe during outdoor play. We would also like to say a huge thank you to all families for the fantastic effort put into Times Tables Rock Stars Day on Tuesday. The children looked absolutely brilliant in their rock star outfits, and their enthusiasm made the day truly memorable.

A special thank you goes to Mr Linton, our Maths Leader, for organising and leading such a successful and energetic day. The children were buzzing with excitement and fully engaged in all things maths — it was wonderful to see their confidence and enjoyment shine.

[Panto Time.... oh no it isn't.... oh yes it is!](#)

I believe the children deserve the best enrichment experiences in life as we aim for our school motto 'High Expectations for all, in the Light of Christ'. Therefore, I am very glad to announce for a FIFTH year in a row, that all of Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children will be jumping on a coach and heading to the Marlowe Theatre on Tuesday 9th December to see Snow White. Also, this year nursery, reception, year 1 and year 2 will walk to the Granville Theatre on Tuesday 16th November to see Aladdin. You should have received a letter this week. Thank you very much once again to our brilliant PTFA who have agreed to buy the tickets for the whole school. We will only ask parents to contribute towards the coach to the Marlowe in key stage 2. This will be on school money. Please note that junior children will need to be picked up later on Panto day and there will be no clubs. We will text with updates so you know roughly when we are due





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back (approx 5.15pm). You never know each year as we always get traffic coming out of Canterbury and at the Lord of the Manor roundabout. All children including Year 6 will need to be picked up. There will be wrap around care for the infants. The infant trip to the theatre on the 16th will be back by normal dismissal time.



Thank you, as always, for your continued support.
Warm regards,

God Bless

Mr Marshall
Headteacher

[Sports News](#)

Another great week of sport for St Ethelbert's.

Firstly, our Year 3 and 4 pupils took part in a football festival at Margate football club last Thursday, the team showed great grit and determination throughout coming up against some good teams.





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As always the children represented themselves and the school in a positive way, showing good sportsmanship throughout and working hard.

Onto our Year 5 and 6 children who took part in a dodgeball tournament on Tuesday,

It was a round robin tournament with no scores kept, although the team still managed to come away with some silverware.

The team managed to win the FairPlay trophy for showing great sportsmanship throughout, thanking the referee, congratulating the other team etc., showing our school values of Thoughtfulness and Inclusion.

This meant so much to the pupils, we can definitely see the hard work paying off.

Well done to all the children who took part in both events!



[PTFA News ...](#)

[PTFA Christmas Gift Wrap](#)

There will be a Christmas gift wrap event on Wednesday 3rd December. The payment for each gift (£2.50, up to 2 gifts per child) is available through 'School Money'.

The children can choose Christmas gifts from our various stock of items, which will be wrapped and ready for someone special.

We need more volunteers for this event and would greatly appreciate it if you could help wrap up the gift with the children in the morning.

ptfa@stethelbertsschool.co.uk

[PTFA Junior Disco](#)

Juniors Christmas Disco will be on Wednesday 3rd December 3:20-4:30 PM. Please book a space via 'School money', £2.50 entry.

There will be hotdogs, doughnuts, candy floss, sweets, drinks, and games and crafts, so please bring some change.





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PTFA Infant Party

PTFA is delighted to invite all Infant's children to the Christmas party on Wednesday 3rd December 3:10-4:20!

Each child will have the chance to meet Santa and receive a special gift, as well as fun games, snack & drink, all included in the entry fee.

The payment for entry (£2.00 per child) is available through 'School Money'.

Own Clothes Day' for the Christmas Fair

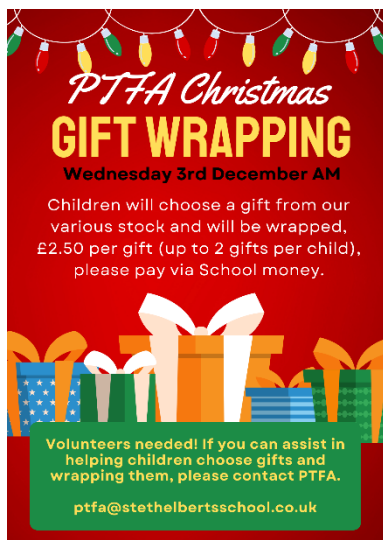
Friday, 5th December, will be a non-school uniform day in exchange for a donation to the PTFA Christmas Fair. Please bring an item for the fair listed in the photo.

Christmas Fair- Friday 12th December (after school)

We're excited to invite you to our annual PTFA Christmas Fair on Friday, 12th December, straight after school. There will be stalls, games, treats, and plenty of festive fun for the whole family.

We need volunteers to help run stalls and support the event. Please email ptfa@stethelbertsschool.co.uk if you could help us.

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[School Christmas Lunch](#)

On Wednesday 17th December we will be having our Christmas lunch. Please see the menu attached. A Google form will be sent out to all parents at the beginning of December to be completed if you wish your child to have a Christmas lunch.

[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.

[Kent Family Hubs](#)

Please find attached a copy of the Kent Family Hub timetable from September to December 2025. The next Strengthening Families workshop to help reduce conflict between parents/carers is running on **16th October 10:00am – 12:00pm at Birchington Family Hub**. For those that wish to attend please use the booking form via this link [Strengthening Family Relationships \(SFR\) Workshop - Reducing Parental Conflict](#)





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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	Isla	Inclusion	Developing her confidence this week, joining in with all the activities and interacting with her peers, all with a big smile on her face!
		Teddy	Knowledge	Joining in well with our phonic sessions including singing and showing the actions to our nursery rhymes
Reception	Poland Saint Jadwiga	Marnie	Knowledge	Being able to read all 5 words in her phonics test! /Very well done.
		Zayden	Knowledge	Being able to recognise all his phonics sounds so far! Well done.
Year 1	Romania Saint Andrew	Morgan	Thoughtfulness	Being wonderfully thoughtful in our class. You show kindness, care and take time to help others. We are proud of you!
		Darta	Inclusion	Always showing kindness and making sure everyone feels included. Your caring attitude makes our school a happier place for all.





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Year 2	Hungary Elizabeth of Hungary	Lacey-Mae	Thoughtfulness	Always being a good friend to others
		Oliver	Knowledge	His excellent reasoning skills in his maths lessons
Year 3	Japan Paulo Miki	Riverlynn	Knowledge	Describing seasonal food and meals that can be made from them
		Alicja	Thoughtfulness	Offering to help adults in the class all the time
Year 4	Italy Catherine of Siena	Gabriel	Knowledge	Showing good engineering skills in Design and Technology
		Nabilah	Thoughtfulness	Working well as part of a team during group tasks this week
Year 5	India Saint Mother of Teresa	Leonardo	Inclusion	Caring about others in the class and always lending a hand
		Liam	Inclusion	Offering to help his classmates without being asked
Year 6	France Saint Vincent de Paul & Saint Therese of Lisieux	Poppy	Knowledge	Reading more in class and showing enjoyment in her reading
		Tommy	Inclusion	Settling in brilliantly into the St Ethelbert's family
		Yaan	Knowledge	Scoring full marks on his arithmetic test!





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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
27 November	Year 5
4 December	Year 4
11 December	Year 3
18 December	KS2 Carol Service





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



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

Class with No Lates: Year 3 and Year 4

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

Reception	89.6%
Year 1	96.6%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	91.6%
Year 4	97.5%
Year 5	95.5%
Year 6	92%
Whole School this week	94.1%
Whole School academic year to date	95.8%
National Average academic year to date	95.4%

**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





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2025/26

November 2025

26th SEN parents evening

30th St Andrew's Day

December 2025

1st Christmas Tree and hoops up

3rd PTFA Christmas Gift Wrap

3rd PTFA Christmas Disco – 3.20pm-4.30pm

3rd PTFA Infant Party – 3.10pm-4.20pm

9th Panto –Marlowe Canterbury Years 3-6

12th PTFA Christmas Fair (outside)

15th Nursery Christmas Concert 11:00am

15th Nativity Play (Reception) 2.15pm

16th Carol Concert (Juniors) 2.00pm & 6.30pm

16th Granville Theatre Panto for YN- Y2

17th Nativity Play (Y1 & Y2) 9.15am & 2:15pm

17th Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas Jumpers

19th Benediction - 1.15pm

19th END OF TERM 2

