



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

Prayer for Remembrance

Loving God, on this Children in Need day, we bring before you all children in need — those who are hungry or afraid, those who are lonely or without a home, those who are sick, and those who are sad. Wrap them in your loving arms, Lord, and keep them safe from harm. Bless them with people who care, who will show them kindness and love, as you taught us to do. Give them courage to face each day, hope to see brighter tomorrows, and faith to know that you are always with them. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dear St Ethelbert's Community,

Please follow the link to donate to Children in Need Donate to BBC Children in Need [Donate here](#)

This week, the children have been focusing on Anti-Bullying Week through a range of thoughtful assemblies and engaging class activities. The theme this year encourages everyone to be a "Power for Good," and our pupils have been learning about kindness, respect, and how we can all play a part in making our school a safe and welcoming place for everyone. We are very proud of the maturity and compassion the children have shown throughout the week like they always do. As a school we do not tolerate bullying and if it is ever reported then we will always listen and act upon it straight away. Bullying is a horrible experience for children's wellbeing and mental health and we will always stamp it out.

Please follow the link to view our anti bullying policy. [Anti Bullying Policy](#)

Please follow the link for further parent resources from the Anti-Bullying Alliance website [Anti Bullying Alliance](#)





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On Tuesday, the whole school came together to mark Remembrance Day with a two-minute silence on the playground. Every child and member of staff stood still and silent, each holding a hand-made poppy as a symbol of respect and remembrance. It was a truly moving moment of reflection, and I would like to thank all the staff and children for their thoughtfulness and respect.

Across the week, classes have also taken part in a range of activities to learn about remembrance and to pay tribute to those who have served and sacrificed. *We shall remember them.*

Please do take a look at our school Facebook page to see some lovely photos from the week's activities.

God Bless

Mr Marshall
Headteacher

[We Will Remember Them](#)

On Armistice Day Mr Marshall and Ms Dowd together with the Head Boy and Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy, Deputy Head Girl and Mrs Cayley went to St George's Church Ramsgate to lay the school wreath made by Year 6.

After laying the wreath they stood quietly around the memorial to remember those who gave their lives for their country



[Year 5 and 6 Basketball](#)

On Friday our year 5/6 pupils represented the school at a basketball tournament.

They competed against a total of 7 different schools and played in some really close and well contested games,





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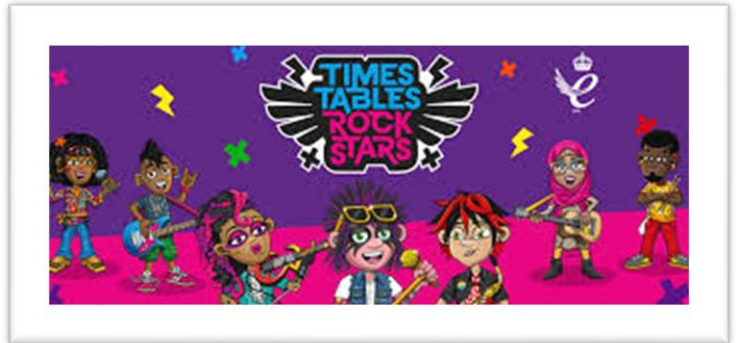
Out of 7 games played, losing 4 drawing 2 and winning 1 the children just fell out of the qualifying places for the basketball finals in a few weeks' time.

But as always, they represented the school in such good spirit and showing good effort and sportsmanship throughout.

Well done Team!! 🤝👏🏀🏆

[Times Tables Rockstars](#)

Times tables play such an important part of your child's learning in maths. To celebrate and encourage times tables at St Ethelbert's, there will be a Times Table Rockstars Day on **Tuesday, 18th November**. In line with the national curriculum, Reception and Year 1 won't have started learning their times tables yet but will still be able to join in the fun. Children will continue to develop their number sense through a range of activities throughout the day. This is a whole school event where children will spend the day engaging in fun times table related activities within their class. The best part is, children can come dressed as a rockstar (even if it is your PE day)! They can come in their outfit and wear this for the whole day. Of course, this part is optional; as inclusion is one of our school values, if children do not wish to dress up, they can just wear school uniform as normal. We look forward to the day and seeing your rockstar outfits!



[Change to SEND Parents Evening](#)

Please note that the SEND parents evening has been changed from **3rd December 2025** to **26th November 2025**.





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PTFA News ...

Christmas Card Project

The order form was sent home with the children last week. If you wish to purchase anything, please remember to place your order through the online shop by Sunday 16th November.

PTFA will receive 20% of every item sold, and the money raised will be used to enhance children's school experiences.

PTFA hopes that you will enjoy the unique creations made by your children.

If you have any problems or inquiries please email us at ptfa@stethelbertsschool.co.uk

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.

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'.





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**PTFA Christmas
GIFT WRAPPING**
Wednesday 3rd December AM

Children will choose a gift from our various stock and will be wrapped, £2.50 per gift (up to 2 gifts per child), please pay via School money.

Volunteers needed! If you can assist in helping children choose gifts and wrapping them, please contact PTFA.
ptfa@stethelbertschool.co.uk

**PTFA
CHRISTMAS
DISCO**

**YEAR3-6
£2.50 ENTRY**

**WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER
3:20-4:30**

- CUP DRINK 20P
- CANDY FLOSS 50P
- HOTDOG £1
- DOUGHNUT 50P
- SWEETS 20P-£1
- PRINGLES £1
- TACK SHOP 50P-£1
- GAME 50P
- CRAFT 50P

St ETHELBERT'S PTFA

Christmas Party
FOR YEAR R-YEAR 2

**Wednesday 3rd December 2025
3:10-4:20
£2 entry**

- ★ Snack & Drink included
- ★ Games
- ★ Meet Santa and get a gift!

[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	Lottie, Ivy, Augustine and Malachai	Knowledge	Independently being able to put their puddle suits on when learning outside
Reception	Poland Saint Jadwiga	Reuben	Thoughtfulness	Offering to carry his friend's bag when they are finding it difficult
		Harley	Knowledge	Always wanting to practise his writing and phonics!
Year 1	Romania Saint Andrew	Ivy	Thoughtfulness	Being supportive, patient and encouraging to her partner in the computing lesson when using the Chrome books
		Chisoma	Knowledge	Her use of punctuation in her writing
Year 2	Hungary Elizabeth of Hungary	Jenaiah	Thoughtfulness	Always being cheerful towards friends and staff
		Evelyn	Knowledge	Her beautifully written poem about Remembrance Day
Year 3	Japan	Zuzanna	Thoughtfulness	Modelling superb manners to both adults and children





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	Paulo Miki	Amelia	Knowledge	Explaining clearly how to do an inverse operation
Year 4	Italy Catherine of Siena	Alfie	Knowledge	Scoring high marks in this week's maths tests
		Hadlie	Knowledge	Showing excellent concentration during her reading test and improving her score
Year 5	India Saint Mother of Teresa	Rory	Knowledge	Getting full marks in his spelling test this week. He practised so hard.
		Chika, Erin, Lucy, Holly, Holden	Inclusion	Playing with a friend in need
Year 6	France Saint Vincent de Paul & Saint Therese of Lisieux	Yaan	Thoughtfulness	Helping his table with tricky maths problems
		Darcey	Knowledge	Working really hard all week on her fractions in maths





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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
20 November	Year 6
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 R, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6

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

Reception	92.0%
Year 1	98.5%
Year 2	98.5%
Year 3	94.9%
Year 4	94.4%
Year 5	97.9%
Year 6	96.1%
Whole School this week	96.1%
Whole School academic year to date	96.1%
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****





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DIARY DATES

2025/26

November 2025

18th Times Table Rockstars Day - dress up
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

