



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 All Saints' Day

Heavenly Father, On this blessed All Saints' Day, we give you thanks and praise for the great cloud of witnesses who surround us— the saints who have walked before us in faith, who loved you with all their hearts and who now rejoice in your eternal glory. Grant us, O Lord, the grace to follow in their footsteps. May their example inspire us to live with courage and compassion, to seek justice, to show mercy, and to carry your light into the world. Amen

Dear St Ethelbert's Community,

Welcome back to Term 2! We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half-term break and that the children are returning refreshed and ready for another busy and exciting few weeks of learning. This is a long term and it will be a busy one!

Term 2 is always a wonderful time of year in school life – full of opportunities for new learning, creativity, and community events as we move towards the festive season. My colleagues have been busy planning engaging lessons, enrichment activities, and experiences that will continue to inspire and challenge our pupils.

Over the coming weeks, you can look forward to:

- **Curriculum highlights** – classes will be exploring new topics and developing key skills across all subjects. The curriculum newsletter will be published next week.
- **SEND and wellbeing focus** – we continue to strengthen our inclusive practices through our involvement in the new SEND Community of Schools model, ensuring every child receives the support and opportunities they need to thrive.
- **Community events** – we'll be sharing details soon about upcoming celebrations and performances.





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- **Communication and updates** – please keep an eye on our weekly bulletins, curriculum newsletters, school website and school facebook for the latest information and reminders.

As always, we greatly value the strong partnership between home and school. Your support and engagement make such a difference to your child's experience and progress. If you have any questions or would like to discuss your child's learning or wellbeing, please don't hesitate to get in touch with your child's class teacher or a member of the senior leadership team.

Thank you for your continued support. We're looking forward to a fantastic Term 2 filled with learning, growth, and community spirit!

[Welcome to Our New Chair of Governors](#)

I'm pleased to share that we held our first full Governing Body meeting of the academic year last term, and I am delighted to announce that Mr Daniel Coleman has officially been appointed as our new Chair of Governors.



Daniel brings a wealth of experience to the role. He has worked for many years with the Diocese of Southwark as an educational advisor, has served as Chair of Governors at other schools, and is also a former headteacher. He is also an inspector for the dioceses equivalent of Ofsted inspections. His background and leadership experience will be invaluable as we continue to grow and move St Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School and Nursery forward.

Please join me in warmly welcoming Daniel to his new role. I very much look forward to working closely with him as Headteacher of St Ethelbert's.

For a full list of governors and their responsibilities please follow the link:

<https://www.stethelbertsschool.co.uk/governors/>

[Important Safeguarding Notice: Children's "Spy" Books](#)

We want to make you aware of a recent national issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the *Spy Dogs*, *Spy Cats*, and *Spy Pups* series.





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Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.

The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

What this means for you:

- If your child has any *Spy Dog*, *Spy Cat* or *Spy Pups* books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.
- It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves — the concern is only with the outdated link.
- We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.

God Bless

Mr Marshall
Headteacher

Titanic!

Boys from our Year 2 class showed great teamwork and our values of knowledge and inclusion by creating a fantastic junk model of Titanic as a Thrive activity in the afternoons. It took them over 6 weeks to build and paint.

Well done, it looks amazing!





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Year 5/6 Football

St Ethelbert's Year 5/6 football team put in a fantastic effort in their recent Les Riggs Cup on match against a strong and well-organised Minster side.

Despite the final score not going their way, the team showed real determination from start to finish, working tirelessly to defend, create chances, and support one another across the pitch.

Minster's skill ultimately proved too much on the day, but the children never let their heads drop and continued to give their all until the final whistle.

This will now mean the children now will go through to a new round in the consolation cup.

Well done to all the children who took part.



Change to SEND Parents Evening

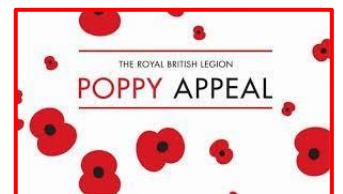
Please note that the SEND parents evening has been changed from **3rd December 2025** to **26th November 2025**.

Autumn/Winter 2025-26 Menu

There is a new [Autumn/Winter menu](#) from Monday, 27th October 2025. Full details can be found on our website <https://www.stethelbertsschool.co.uk/>

Poppy Appeal 2025

This year St Ethelbert's will again be selling poppies to raise money for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Mrs Cayley and our Year 6 Prefects will be selling poppies on the infant and junior school playgrounds at the end of the day. Poppies will be on sale from Monday 27th October until Tuesday morning 11th November. We will also have rulers, wristbands and reflective poppies for sale.



We will also be having a 'wear something red' non-uniform day on Friday, 7th November for a £1 donation.





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Poppy Run

In addition to selling poppies we will also be having a 'Poppy Run' this year to raise funds. If the children would like to participate it is a £1 donation. Permission slips will be sent home with the children shortly. The run will take place during the morning of their PE day week commencing 3rd November. All money received will go to the Royal British Legion. When the children have completed their run, they will receive a certificate of participation and choose a gift of either a wristband or ruler.

Bag 2 School

A bag has been sent home.

This is one of our popular fundraising events, please fill it with unwanted clothes, shoes, and accessories (details can be found on the bag) and bring them back to the school car park on Thursday 6th November by 9 AM. We have raised £75(150kg) from the last collection in 2024, can we beat it!?

PTFA meeting

Join us for our next PTFA meeting on Tuesday, 4th November at 3:30 PM. Everyone is welcome — we'd love to see you there!

PTFA@stethelbertsschool.co.uk

<https://www.stethelbertsschool.co.uk/ptfa/>

Christmas Card Project

The order form was sent home with the children this 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





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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.

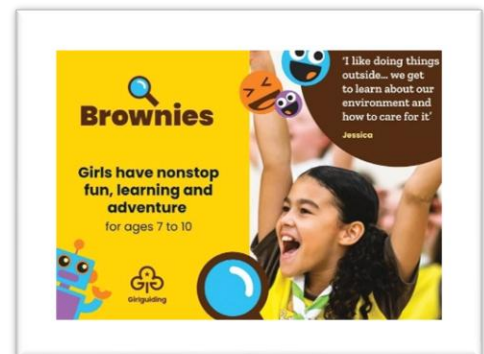
Kent Family Hubs

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](#)

4th Ramsgate East Brownies - for girls aged 7-11

We do have some places available at present, but once these are filled, we do operate a waiting list or we can transfer the girls to other units in the area.

If parents/carers are interested they can register their daughters on; www.girlguiding.org.uk then someone will contact them.



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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	Augustine	Inclusion	Joining in with all activities and interacting with his peers – it has been amazing to see his confidence grow!





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		Bella	Knowledge	Being fully engaged in all activities, especially when making a pumpkin print this week!
Reception	Poland Saint Jadwiga	Brandon	Thoughtfulness	Making sure our leaning areas are tidy without needing to be asked
		Thea	Knowledge	Doing amazing independent writing in our Remembrance Day activities!
Year 1	Romania Saint Andrew	Alex	Knowledge	Showing great improvement with their handwriting
		Taylor	Inclusion	Always ensuring her friends have someone to play with
Year 2	Hungary Elizabeth of Hungary	Leo-George	Thoughtfulness	Always welcoming others with a cheerful smile
		Naya	Knowledge	Working hard to understand addition and subtraction
Year 3	Japan Paulo Miki	Noah	Knowledge	His superb use of expanded noun phrases
		Mia	Thoughtfulness	Being polite and wishing all the adults have a 'good lunch' every day.
Year 4	Italy Catherine of Siena	Theo	Knowledge	Making good progress in our handwriting lessons – you have shown good improvement in your work on our display





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		Eryk	Thoughtfulness	Working well in collaborative activities, particularly in maths talk tasks
Year 5	India Saint Mother of Teresa	Luiza	Thoughtfulness	Always showing all of the St Ethelbert's values and thinking of others at all times
		Rory	Knowledge	Independently getting on with his work! 😊
Year 6	France Saint Vincent de Paul & Saint Therese of Lisieux	Julia	Knowledge	Producing a fantastic fantasy narrative Hot Write!
		Lucy	Inclusion	Showing a much improved attitude to learning. Well done Lucy!





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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
6 November	Year 3

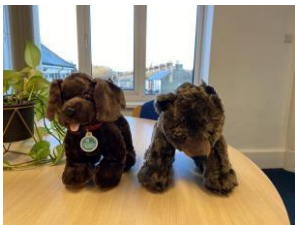




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13 November	Year 2
20 November	Year 6
27 November	Year 5
4 December	Year 4
11 December	Year 3
18 December	KS2 Carol Service

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



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

Class with No Lates: Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

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

Reception	96.7%
Year 1	98%
Year 2	92%
Year 3	94.1%
Year 4	97.1%
Year 5	95.5%
Year 6	94.1%
Whole School this week	95.3%
Whole School academic year to date	96.1%
National Average academic year to date	95.7%





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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

November 2025

Poppies on sale
4th Flu Vaccinations
7th Non-uniform 'wear something red' Poppy Appeal £1 donation
11th Remembrance – 2 minutes silence
10th– 14th Anti-bullying week
14st Children in Need – Non-uniform
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
4th PTFA Christmas Disco – 3.20pm-4.45pm (TBC)
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

