



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 Half-Term – St Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School

Loving God, As we come to the end of this half term, we thank you for the learning, laughter, and love that have filled our school days. We pray for our children, staff, and families— keep them safe and well during the holiday. Grant each of us rest and refreshment, time with loved ones, and moments of peace. May we return renewed in body, mind, and spirit, ready to continue growing in faith, wisdom, and kindness. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Dear St Ethelbert's Community,

Wishing You a Safe, Happy and Relaxing Half-Term Break

As we come to the end of what has been a successful and productive first half of the autumn term, we'd like to take a moment to thank all of our children, families, and staff for their continued support and hard work.

There has been a great deal of learning taking place across the school, and we hope you found this week's Parents' Evening both informative and encouraging. Ms Dowd and I regularly visit classrooms, and it has been wonderful to see children so settled, engaged in their learning, and enjoying their new classes.

We'd also like to send a special message to all of our Year 6 children and families who received their Kent Test results yesterday. Congratulations to those who achieved a pass—we're very proud of your accomplishment. But to those who did not, please know that we are equally proud of you. You approached a challenging test with courage and determination, and that in itself is something to be celebrated. Well done to each and every one of you.





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A huge good luck to Lily in Year 6 and Carter in Year 4, who will be performing this Sunday at His Majesty's Theatre in London's West End! What an incredible opportunity—we are all so proud of you and can't wait to hear how it goes.

We wish all of our families a safe, happy, and relaxing half-term break. We look forward to welcoming the children back on **Monday 27th October**, with **Breakfast Club starting at 7:45am** and **Wraparound Care available until 6pm** as usual.

God Bless

Mr Marshall
Headteacher

[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 will be 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.

Thank you for your continued support





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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.

Sports fixtures

A successful weekend of sport for St Ethelberts!

On Thursday 9th of October our years 1/2 children represented the school at a football festival at Margate football club.

All the children played brilliantly and showed great effort throughout, and a great goal being scored by Zachariah.

For the majority of the children it was the first time even playing in a football match so they did themselves really proud.

On Friday the 10th of October, the year 5/6 children represented the school at a basketball festival, this was a great chance for the children to learn new skills and drills and to put them skills to the test in some matches against other schools.

Out of 3 games played the children managed to win two and draw a game, and didn't concede a point throughout all the games they played.

Finally, on Saturday the 11th of October, again our year 5/6 pupils represented the school at the super Saturday tournament.

It was a great morning with some great teamwork, sportsmanship and courage shown. Overall it was a great performance from all involved, finishing joint second overall in the 6th tier. And a great goal being scored by Emerson in our 1-0 win in our penultimate game.

Overall a great weekend for sport at St Ethelberts. Well done to everyone who took part!





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[Trip to Monkton Nature Reserve](#)

This week Year 1 and 2 spent the day at Monkton Nature Reserve. They had the opportunity to take their learning outside with nature walks and discover different habitats: scrub, meadow, woodland and pond. They were able to see the wide variety of trees and plants that the reserve has to offer as well as browse the museum's collection of fossils and animals. All of the children had an amazing time and we hope to be able to provide more opportunities like this in the future.



[Bag 2 School](#)

A bag has been sent home this week.

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!

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



[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.





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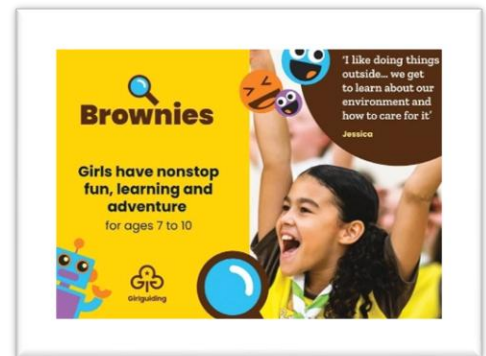
Kent Family Hubs

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.



Football Fun Factory October Half-Term Camps at Sandwich Leisure Centre

Each day runs from **9:00am to 3:30pm** and includes a wide variety of football activities, plus our **unique giant inflatables** that create the ultimate football playground!

Camp Details:



Sandwich Leisure Centre



Monday 20th October, Tuesday 21st October, Wednesday 22nd October



Bookings: [Click here to book](#)

Our camps are:



Open to boys and girls of all abilities



Delivered in a safe, inclusive, and welcoming environment



Designed to keep children active, entertained, and smiling all day





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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	Knowledge	Always setting a good example during our phonic lessons!
		Malachai	Thoughtfulness	Showing a huge improvement in all aspects of being in the Nursery!
Reception	Poland Saint Jadwiga	Eliots	Knowledge	Trying really hard with his writing and getting better each day!
		Zayden	Inclusion	Working in a team in the construction area and getting everyone involved
Year 1	Romania Saint Andrew	All of Year 1	Knowledge	Showing amazing listening, kindness and excellent behaviour on our school trip
Year 2	Hungary Elizabeth of Hungary	Kingsley	Knowledge	Demonstrating an understanding of fact families in maths
		Sullivan	Inclusion	Working well with others
Year 3	Japan	Jacob	Knowledge	His continued effort in trying to improve his spelling





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	Paulo Miki	Harper	Thoughtfulness	Her willingness to help her peers complete a given task
Year 4	Italy Catherine of Siena	Leona	Knowledge	Improving her writing pace during English lessons – good job on your hot write!
		Rose	Thoughtfulness	Always being polite and using good manners
Year 5	India Saint Mother of Teresa	Malcolm	Knowledge	Trying hard to manage his distractions and trying super hard
		Lucy	Thoughtfulness	Always thinking of others especially when they are upset
Year 6	France Saint Vincent de Paul & Saint Therese of Lisieux	Sienna	Knowledge	Showing great effort in all of her classwork this week!
		Aislin	Thoughtfulness	Always showing calmness and compassion to everybody





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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
23 October	Half Term
30 October	Year 4
6 November	Year 3
13 November	Year 2
20 November	Year 6
27 November	Year 5
4 December	Year 4

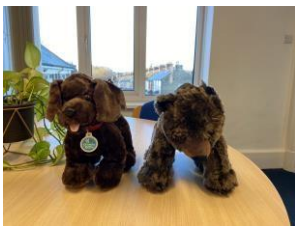




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11 December	Year 3
18 December	KS2 Carol Service

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



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

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

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

Reception	94.6%
Year 1	98.3%
Year 2	97.6%
Year 3	92.9%
Year 4	91.07%
Year 5	97.04%
Year 6	95.1%
Whole School this week	95.2%
Whole School academic year to date	96.3%
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

October 2025

17th END OF TERM 1 FOR CHILDREN

27th TERM 2 STARTS FOR CHILDREN

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

14th 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

