



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

Weekly Reflection

Autumn Prayer

Loving Creator, As the days grow shorter and the leaves change their colours,
We thank you for the beauty and quiet grace of autumn. Thank you for the crisp air, the harvest gathered, and the restful pause before winter. Help us to embrace this season of change with grateful hearts, to find peace in the slowing rhythms of nature, and to prepare our minds and souls for renewal. May we be mindful of your presence in every leaf that falls and every breeze that blows. Bless this season of transition and all who walk through it.
Amen.

Dear St Ethelbert's Community,

A Lovely Start to the Academic Year

It has been a wonderful start to the new academic year, and it's hard to believe that Term 1 is already drawing to a close. The time really seems to be flying by! While we are nearing the end of the term, there is still one more week of exciting learning and activities ahead. Please remember that we will break up next Friday at the normal time. Thank you for your continued support in making this term such a positive experience for everyone.

Important Reminder About Parking

We ask all parents and visitors to be mindful of parking around the school, particularly on Lilian and Dane Park Road. Please remember that the parking spaces outside the Hereson Centre are designated for their visitors **only**, and the parking under the arches is **private** parking reserved for local residents. It is important not to park on double yellow lines and to be considerate to our neighbours and pedestrians at all times. Your cooperation helps us maintain good relationships within our community and ensures





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safety for everyone. Likewise, our staff car park is strictly for staff and the gate will be closed in the morning and afternoon at drop off and pick up moving forwards.

Kent Fire and Rescue Visit

We were delighted to welcome Kent Fire and Rescue to our school on Wednesday. They conducted important safety workshops with all our children, teaching them valuable lessons about fire safety and emergency awareness. We would like to sincerely thank the firefighters for their dedication and for giving up their time to share this crucial knowledge with our pupils.

Parents' Evening Reminder

A quick reminder that Parents' Evening will take place next Tuesday and Wednesday after school. You should have received a Google form to sign up for your appointment slot. If you encounter any issues booking your time, please don't hesitate to contact the school office for assistance. All parents are kindly asked to enter the school through the Dane Park Road entrance.

Share the Learning Invitation

We warmly invite all parents to join us on Monday at 2:30 pm to share in the children's learning. You can come into the classroom through the usual gates and see first hand some of the exciting work your child has been doing. Please note that phones should not be used while on school premises during this time to safeguard the children and create a respectful environment.

Harvest Food Donation Thanks

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated food for our Harvest collection. We have been overwhelmed by your generosity this year! All donations will be collected on Monday by the Salvation Army to support the Ramsgate Food Bank, helping those in need in our local community.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend, see you on Monday!

God Bless

Mr Marshall
Headteacher





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[Trip to Monkton Nature Reserve](#)

On Tuesday, 14th October Year 1 and Year 2 will be going on a trip to Monkton Nature Reserve. Details of the trip and a permission slip have been sent home with your child. Further copies of the permission slip can be obtained from the school office.

[Year 6 parents - Secondary School Places](#)

It's time to start thinking about secondary schools- please find attached a list of open day events for our local secondary schools which you may find useful. Applications for secondary school places are open now and close on 31st October. Details can also be found on our [website](#).

[Change to SEND Parents Evening](#)

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

[Year 5 Swimming](#)

The Year 5 swimming will start on Friday, 5th September 2025 at Ramsgate Swimming Pool. The children will start their lesson at 1.10pm and finish at 1.55pm. The children will be back at school and ready to be dismissed as normal.

The programme will take place every Friday up to and including the 17th October 2025. Your child will need to bring swimwear, goggles and a towel on these days. No spray deodorants are allowed, only roll-on. They must wear a coat as they may be cold walking to and from the pool.

[Data Collection](#)

In order to keep all information accurate and up to date we will be asking parents to complete a data collection form on parents evening. Blank forms will be available outside the classrooms and we would ask all parents to complete a form and hand it to the class teacher at the start of your appointment. This information will be kept strictly confidential and used in accordance with our [Privacy Policy](#).

[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/>





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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

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.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who came to the Scholastic Travelling Book Fair. Thanks to you we raised an amazing **£226.98** to spend on books for our school.

Thank you for your support.



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](#)



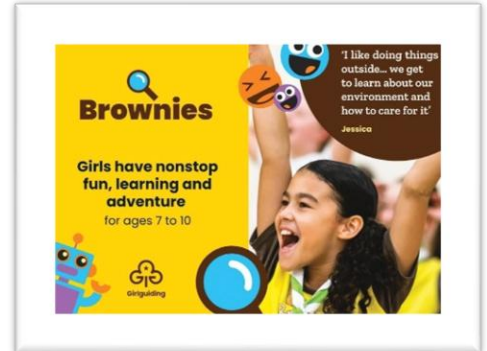


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4th Ramsgate East Brownies - for girls aged 7-11

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



Children showing our school values this week				
Year Group	Class Name/Saint Name	Child	Value	Reason for Value





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Nursery	United Kingdom Saint George	Ivy	Thoughtfulness	Always being kind and helpful, tidying up and following the Nursery rules! 😊
		Isla	Knowledge	Showing us her brilliant fine motor skills when doing handwriting patterns!
Reception	Poland Saint Jadwiga	Jayanna	Thoughtfulness	Making sure our outdoor area is tidy and setting the example for others!
		Layla	Knowledge	Doing amazing homework and including some super writing!
Year 1	Romania Saint Andrew	Madison	Thoughtfulness	Her impeccably good manners and kindness to adults
		Otis	Inclusion	Being an exceptionally kind friend to all and always ensuring children have someone to play with
Year 2	Hungary Elizabeth of Hungary	Ehvehlyn-Marie	Inclusion	Always helping and including others at playtime
		Ocheze	Knowledge	Her excellent use of description in her sentence work
Year 3	Japan	Amelia	Thoughtfulness	Considering others on her table





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	Paulo Miki	Cillian	Knowledge	Demonstrating his comprehension by consistently scoring 100%
Year 4	Italy Catherine of Siena	Jessica	Knowledge	Demonstrating good use of 'show not tell' to convey emotions in her writing
		Toby	Thoughtfulness	Showing good collaboration with others during shared writing tasks
Year 5	India Saint Mother of Teresa	Luiza	Inclusion	Immersing herself in all aspects of school life
		Ellie-May	Inclusion	Joining in during PE – we are so proud of you!
Year 6	France Saint Vincent de Paul & Saint Therese of Lisieux	Amy	Inclusion	Making sure everyone in Year 6 has a friend to play with
		Elenora	Knowledge	Showing a real natural ability in her trumpet lessons





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

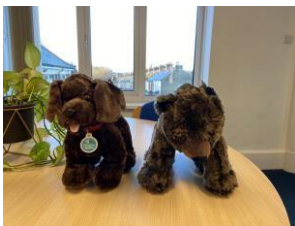




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4 December	Year 4
11 December	Year 3
18 December	KS2 Carol Service

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



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

Class with No Lates: Reception and Year 3

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

Reception	91.3%
Year 1	93%
Year 2	97.3%
Year 3	93.5%
Year 4	93.5%
Year 5	97%
Year 6	91.4%
Whole School this week	94.3%
Whole School academic year to date	96.4%
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

18th Feast of Saint Luke
13th Sharing the Learning - parents invited in from 2.30pm - thrive focus
14th Year 1 and Year 2 trip to Monkton Nature Reserve
14th/15th Parents evening - 3:20pm - 6:00pm
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
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
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

