



**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**

**A Harvest Prayer**

**Loving God, Thank you for the wonderful world you have made. Thank you for the sunshine, the rain, and the rich soil that helps our food to grow. We are grateful for the farmers, gardeners, and everyone who works hard to bring us our meals. At this harvest time, help us to remember those who don't have enough to eat. Show us how to share what we have, and to always be thankful for your many blessings. May we care for the earth, just as you care for us. Amen.**

Dear St Ethelbert's Community,

🎵 Exciting News – Music is Taking Centre Stage at St Ethelbert's! 🎵

We are delighted to share some fantastic news about the development of our music provision here at St Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School and Nursery. As part of our commitment to providing a broad, balanced, and creative curriculum, we are launching an exciting new initiative to bring high-quality music education to every child in Key Stage 2.

**Instrumental Lessons for All KS2 Pupils**

Starting this week and next, every Key Stage 2 pupil (Years 3 to 6) will begin weekly instrumental lessons, delivered by a professional music tutor – completely free of charge.

Each year group will focus on a specific instrument for the entire academic year:

- Year 3 – Recorders
- Year 4 – Glockenspiels
- Year 5 – Ukuleles





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- Year 6 – Trumpets

These sessions will take place for one hour each week during school time, offering all children the opportunity to develop their musical skills, confidence, and creativity.

### **Music at the Heart of Our School**

We're incredibly fortunate to have Mr Evans, our talented music lead, who holds a degree in music. Mr Evans plays drums, guitar, and piano and regularly performs in our whole school assemblies for all children, creating a vibrant and joyful atmosphere for everyone to enjoy.

### **More Opportunities to Explore Music**

In addition to whole-class instrument lessons, we will continue offering:

- Small group guitar lessons every Tuesday with a professional tutor forms Year 3-6
- An exciting new lunchtime Band Club on a Tuesday – open to budding performers ready to take their music to the next level
- Further development of our wonderful school choir - including new choir folders and choir t-shirts for the O2 young voices.

We truly believe that music has the power to inspire, unite, and uplift – and we can't wait to see our pupils grow in confidence and enjoyment through this musical journey.

 *Photos of our new music lessons will be shared soon – watch this space!*

Thank you for your continued support as we bring the joy of music to every child at St Ethelbert's.

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### Harvest Festival – Monday 6th October

We are pleased to announce that our Harvest Festival celebration will take place on Monday 6th October. As part of this, we are asking for donations of non-perishable food items, such as tins, pasta, rice, and cereals, to help support our local community.

All donations will be sent to the Ramsgate Food Bank, and your generosity will make a real difference to families in need

### Trip to Monkton Nature Reserve

On Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> 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. Please complete and return the slip as soon as possible. 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 **3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025** to **26<sup>th</sup> November 2025**.

### Year 5 Swimming

The Year 5 swimming will start on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Cross Country

#### **YR 3-6 CROSS COUNTRY - 4th October 2025 – CANCELLED**

Please note that the above Cross-Country event at Quex has been cancelled. There is another event scheduled in for February and we will be signing up to this event.





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### Outside 'knowledge' achievement

Last Saturday Louis in Year 3 competed in his first ever junior skateboarding competition which was run by Skateboard GB at Revolution Skatepark called 'Survival of the Sickest' and he came 7th place in the Under 12 group.

Louis was so calm, professional and fearless, despite competing against so many amazing skaters. He cheered on his buddies and made lots of new friends who travelled down to compete for the event. We are so proud.

Well done Louis!



### Sharing the Learning

Monday 13th October at 2.15pm will be our first 'Sharing the Learning' of this academic year. All parents from Nursery to Year 6 will be invited into class to share the learning of this term. Children will be dismissed at normal time. Parents can go between classes if they have more than one child. Please come to normal gates for entry. Gates will only be open for five minutes so please arrive on time. Thank you.

### Parents Evening

Parents' evening is due to take place Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th October from 3.20pm – 6.00pm. You will receive a link to sign up. Appointments last 10 minutes. This will be a chance to speak to the teacher about how your child has settled into the new year, progress made, targets and view books.

### 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](#).





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### Lilian Road and Dane Park Road

One or two parents have been parking on double yellow lines on the corner of the road; blocking people in by the Hereson Centre; parking in the middle of the road to drop off children and using the private garage spaces on Lilian Road. Those spaces are for the residents and not the school. I fully support our neighbours. This week, we have seen examples of unsafe parking and children being dropped off and crossing the road themselves; please ensure your child is crossing the road safely and that you do not park on yellow lines. This is for the safety of all children. I appreciate that like every school, there is limited parking. I am very grateful to most St Ethelbert parents who are respectful of our neighbours and pedestrians. If there is no space then park further away where there is an appropriate space. The highway code applies for all drivers.



Again, can I please ask you to be considerate with your parking and slow down for the safety of all. Thank you to the majority of parents who do park sensibly on both Dane Park and Lilian Road. Moving forward, I will write to known individuals so there is not a blanket message in our newsletter.

### Scholastic Book Fair



" We are excited to announce that the **Scholastic Book Fair** will be coming to our school from the **2nd until the 7th October!**

When our Scholastic Book Fair arrives, you'll be able to browse over 200 of the books children really want to read, from award-winners and new releases to beloved favourites and bestsellers, all at amazing prices. Plus, for every book bought, you help to **earn free books for our school!** All payments will be cashless so bring your phone. There will be a QR code to scan which will give you an online payment link at [www.travellingbooks.co.uk/pay](http://www.travellingbooks.co.uk/pay).





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The book trolleys will be set up before and after school on the **KS2 playground** (Dane Park Road entrance) on the **2nd and 3rd October** and on the **Year 1 and 2 playground** (Lillian Road entrance) on the **6th and 7th October**. Feel free to go to whichever playground is most convenient for you.

Happy reading!"

### [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.

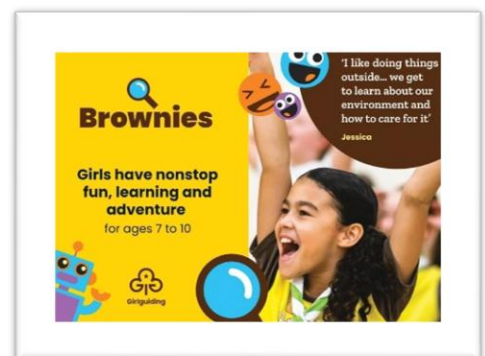
### [Kent Family Hubs](#)

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](http://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!





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**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
Nursery	United Kingdom Saint George	Archie	Inclusion	Settling into nursery very well for his first week at St Ethelbert's
		All of Nursery	Inclusion	Helping to create our new sensory garden in the outdoor learning environment
Reception	Poland Saint Jadwiga	Jozef	Knowledge	Always following our classroom rules by always sitting quietly waiting to learn





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		Joel	Knowledge	Starting to blend words using his phonics! Very well done
Year 1	Romania Saint Andrew	Adem	Knowledge	His understanding of the < > = signs in maths
		Elijah	Inclusion	Your smile, friendship and positive attitude help create a classroom where everybody belongs
Year 2	Hungary Elizabeth of Hungary	Rose	Thoughtfulness	Always trying to cheer her friends up if they are feeling sad
		Anora	Knowledge	Her wonderfully written fact file about a budgerigar
Year 3	Japan Paulo Miki	Akorede	Knowledge	Clearly explaining his maths reasoning problem
		Poppy	Inclusion	Her willingness to help others or explain what they need to do
Year 4	Italy Catherine of Siena	Zuzanna	Thoughtfulness	Always offering to help with jobs around the classroom
		Hadlie	Knowledge	Working really hard on developing her descriptive writing skills and her cursive handwriting
Year 5	India	Sophie	Knowledge	Trying really hard with her reading





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	Saint Mother of Teresa	Layla	Knowledge	Trying really hard with her handwriting and creating a fantastic myth
Year 6	France Saint Vincent de Paul & Saint Therese of Lisieux	Nikolas	Thoughtfulness	Settling in to the St Ethelbert's family and being a wonderfully polite young man!
		Lottie	Inclusion	Always answering and asking brilliant questions in all subjects



**Well done!**





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**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
9 October	Year 6
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
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:

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

<b>Reception</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>%</b>





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<b>Year 3</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Whole School this week</b>	<b>97.3%</b>
<b>Whole School academic year to date</b>	<b>97.3%</b>
<b>National Average academic year to date</b>	<b>96.%</b>

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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](tel:07400170519)**

**DIARY DATES**

**2025/26**

**October 2025**

6th CAFOD Harvest Festival - food donations  
10<sup>th</sup> Mental Health Day  
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  
14<sup>th</sup>/15th Parents evening - 3:20pm - 6:00pm  
**17th END OF TERM 1 FOR CHILDREN**  
**27<sup>th</sup> TERM 2 STARTS FOR CHILDREN**





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**November 2025**

Poppy sale  
4th Flu Vaccinations  
11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance – 2 minutes silence  
10<sup>th</sup>– 14<sup>th</sup> Anti-bullying week  
14<sup>st</sup> Children in Need – Non-uniform  
18th Times Table Rockstars Day - dress up  
26th SEN parents evening  
30<sup>th</sup> St Andrew's Day

**December 2025**

1st Christmas Tree and hoops up  
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  
17<sup>th</sup> Nativity Play (Y1 & Y2) 9.15am & 2:15pm  
17th Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas Jumpers  
19th Benediction - 1.15pm  
**19th END OF TERM 2**

