



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

Heavenly Father, We thank You for the week that has passed, for the learning, laughter, and friendships shared within our St Ethelbert's school community. As we step into the weekend, we ask for your protection over all our families. Keep them safe in their homes, in their travels, and in their rest. Surround each child, parent, carer, and staff member with your love, peace, and joy. May this weekend be a time of renewal, of togetherness and calm, filled with kindness, patience, and care.
Amen.

Dear St Ethelbert's Community,

This week, we will be sending out curriculum newsletters from each class. These newsletters, which are sent out termly, are designed to give you a clear overview of what your child will be learning in each subject this term. From Maths and English to Science, History, and the Arts, we hope you find this information helpful in supporting your child's learning journey.

We encourage you to take some time to read through the curriculum newsletters with your child. Ask them questions, talk about what they're excited to learn, and explore any topics that spark their curiosity. These conversations can really help children deepen their understanding and stay engaged in their learning.

We'd also like to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of regular reading at home. Whether it's a school book, a library book, or something they've chosen themselves, reading regularly builds confidence, improves vocabulary, and supports progress across all subjects.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. If you have any questions about the curriculum or how best to support your child at home, please don't hesitate to get in touch or follow the link:

<https://www.stethelbertsschool.co.uk/topic/curriculum>

Warmest regards,





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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. 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 menu](#)

On **Thursday 2nd October** there will be a change of menu to a Carnival Menu. Attached is a poster with the details and this can also be found on our [website](#). A Google form will be sent out to all parents and if you would like your child to have a school lunch on that day, please complete the form. Thank you.

[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.

[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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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.

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](#)

God Bless

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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

September 2025

21st Feast of Saint Matthew

October 2025

2nd Autumn Census

5th World Teacher's Day

6th CAFOD Harvest Festival - food donations

10th 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

14th/15th Parents evening - 3:20pm - 6:00pm

17th END OF TERM 1 FOR CHILDREN

27th TERM 2 STARTS FOR CHILDREN

