



**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**

**Dear God, during this new academic year, bless our school. Bless our staff. Bless our children. Bless our families. Bless our Parish. Help us to be kind, patient, focused and help us to always try our best. Let us remember, as many hands make a house, so many hearts make St Ethelbert's School. Amen.**

Dear St Ethelbert's Community,

On behalf of all the staff and governors at St Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School and Nursery, welcome back! I would especially like to extend a warm welcome to our new families. We hope the summer holiday was kind to you all and you managed to get some relaxation during the glorious weather. Ms Dowd (Deputy Headteacher) and myself look forward to getting to know you all over the new academic year.

We are excited to let you know that our school newsletter will be sent out every **Friday during term time** to keep you updated with all the latest news, events, and important information.

**This week**, you will receive a **hard copy** of the newsletter containing essential information. From **next Friday onwards**, to help us save paper and be more environmentally friendly, the newsletter will be sent via **email**.

Please make sure you:

- Check your email inbox (and your spam/junk folder, just in case!)
- Ensure the school has your **most up-to-date contact details** so you don't miss out on any important news.
- If you need to update your contact information, please get in touch with the school office as soon as possible.





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Thank you for your support — we're looking forward to a fantastic year together!

For anyone who doesn't know, We also place the newsletter on our school website, and copy it on our School Facebook page. If you do go on our school Facebook page, please remember to 'like' and 'follow' us. Next week in the newsletter, I will explain our priorities for the year that Ms Dowd and I have been working on over the summer, which we are really excited about. As you know I always have high expectations in mind whether it is regarding teaching & learning, attendance, punctuality, behaviour, uniform, respect, or manners. I know you want the same so your children achieve their potential, so please support us with this. Working together, to get an outstanding education for the children. Ms Dowd and myself continue to be on the gates every day so we look forward to seeing you then for a chat.

Please find below some helpful information to any general start of year questions:

**Individual and Sibling photos**

Individual and sibling photos will be on Tuesday 9th September. Please make sure the children are smart and in full school uniform.

**Kent Test – Year 6**

This will take place next Thursday 11th September for children that have entered the Kent Test 2025. Any questions then please speak to me.

**Wrap Around Care - Reception to Year 6**

We are delighted to be able to offer our wrap-around care provision at St Ethelbert's from 7.45am until 6.00pm, Monday to Friday. Breakfast club will remain as it is now, starting at 7.45am at a cost of £2.50 per day, per child. After school, we can offer children care from 3.20pm until 6.00pm. This is open for children from Reception to Year 6. The cost is £6.50 per day, per child to cover staffing, resources and food. This will include two hours and 40 minutes of after school provision such as arts and crafts, outdoor play and a small snack and drink such as beans on toast. You may want the provision every day due to work commitments or ad hoc days. Either way, you must pre-book and pay in advance via school money. The booking system is now live. Children can be collected no later than 6.00pm at Dane Park Road entrance.

Any questions then please contact the school office. Speak to the school office if you have difficulties accessing school money.

**To speak to a member of the wraparound care staff after 4pm please call 07400 170519**





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**School Money and Class Dojo**

Any issues accessing school money then please phone the office. Any issues with Class Dojo then please speak to the class teacher at dismissal.

**Talking to the teacher**

If you need to speak to the class teacher at dismissal can I ask you to wait until the teacher has finished dismissing all the children. Most importantly, we need to make sure all the children are safely dismissed to parents before engaging in conversation. It also means other parents who need to go do not need to wait for a long period of time. If it is easier, please message the class teacher on Class Dojo or book a meeting via the office. The teacher will get back to you when they are available. Teachers are not expected to respond during the evening or during teaching time. Thank you.

**Homework**

Homework will begin from next Thursday. Homework is to be completed and returned the following Monday please (or Tuesday if it is a bank holiday). Please read our homework policy on the school website to see what your child will get for homework.

**Attendance and Punctuality Attendance at school is statutory – please don't be late!**

Please make sure your child is in school every day. The gates open for registration at 8.40am prompt and will close at 8.50am. If your child is late then both you and your child will need to come into the school office to register the reason for the lateness, including for Nursery children. If you are late three times with your child in a term then you will be asked to attend a meeting with me to discuss the reasons and a moving forward plan. If children are not collected by an agreed adult/carer at the end of the school day, they will be taken to the office. If a parent/adult picks up later than 10 minutes after the actual collection time, then the collection adult must sign them out electronically, and again provide the reason. Please collect on time – 3:10pm Reception, Years 1 & 2 and 3:20pm Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

**Second Hand Uniform**

This year, we will display uniform on the playgrounds at certain times throughout the year. There will be a recommended price attached to each item as a donation towards the school. Items to be paid via school money.





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**Allergies - We are a nut free school**

A number of children and staff have allergies including some, which could potentially have very serious consequences. Parents should ensure that they do not give children any food to eat, which contains nuts. This includes chocolate spread. Thank you.

**Water Bottles**

Please make sure your child comes into school with a water in a labelled water bottle. We do not allow juice in school. Thank you.

**PE Days**

Children will come into school dressed in their new PE kits on their PE days; this will allow the children more time for PE and also allows the PE kit to get washed in between lessons. Please ensure the children are wearing black trainers and a navy tracksuit with a navy top. We understand some of you have ordered from the school wear shop and are still awaiting delivery. You can wear your current PE uniform for now and change over to the new as soon as it arrives.

**Class PE Day**

Reception	Thursday
Year 1	Thursday
Year 2	Thursday
Year 3	Friday
Year 4	Friday
Year 5	Tuesday
Year 6	Tuesday

Year 5 swimming will be every Friday during Term 1, starting today. This year, we have the earlier slot so children should be back in time for normal dismissal. Please bring in swimming kits on Friday.

**School Uniform Policy - ESSENTIAL**

Please see our school uniform policy on the school website. Please make sure that the uniform policy is fully followed, especially for black polished shoes (not trainers) and the correct PE uniform. Ties must be worn. Let's continue to take pride in our uniform. A big thank you to parents and carers as the children look so smart. Thank you!





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### **Birthdays**

Sometimes families like to mark their child's birthday by bringing in something for the other children in the class. The school would prefer that this optional gift for the class is a book, which can be shared and enjoyed together. Because of allergies and food hygiene, staff will not distribute sweets or cakes sent in by parents. If this arises, staff will return the items to parents explaining why they cannot be distributed.

### **After School Clubs**

Early next week, you will receive a Google Form regarding after school clubs e.g. choir, homework, sports and forest school. Most of our children attend a club so space is limited but we try to accommodate as many children as possible. Clubs will start from Monday 15th September.

### **Communication**

I believe communication between school and home is essential to your child's academic progression and success, so whether you prefer email, phone call, text or face-to-face conversation, all of St Ethelbert's staff members will be happy to help. If you need to talk to someone:

- The class teacher is always the first point of contact. The easiest time is at the end of the day once all children have been dismissed. Please make an appointment at the office or directly with the teacher.
- If you need to speak to a senior member of staff, then please speak to a middle leader: Miss Rees, Mrs Webb, Mrs Russell or Mrs Vernon.
- Mrs James is my SENDCO who works on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, so please make an appointment with her regarding SEND concerns you have with your child.
- If the issue still doesn't get resolved, then please make an appointment via the office to speak with myself or my deputy Ms Dowd.
- If you need help at home, need help with your child's anxiety or behaviour then Jane from Spurgeons is here to listen and help. She is like a family liaison officer for our school. Conversations can happen in a group or a 1:1. If you would like more information and contact details, please speak to the school office.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend. Attendance has been excellent this week, thank you. Please keep it up throughout the year.

God Bless  
Mr S D Marshall  
Headteacher

