



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

**Lord Jesus, as this Holy Week begins, help me focus on you.
Quiet the noise in my heart. Open my eyes to see your
sacrifice and your love. Walk with me through these seven
days and lead me toward resurrection joy. Amen.**



Dear St Ethelbert's Community,

On Monday, Ms Dowd and I spent the day at Minster Abbey. The community of nuns are linked to our school so it is always lovely to build our relationship with them and our school. We usually visit with Year 6 once a year but it was lovely to visit them on Monday and to take part in Mass.

We had parents' evening this week and will celebrate 'Sharing the Learning' on Monday at 2.30pm, which will have an Easter theme. It is always lovely to have parents in school, seeing what the children get up to and having a catch up about your child's progress. Year 4 parents evening will be next Tuesday and Wednesday.





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Year 5 and 6 went over to the church today to learn about, and take part in, the Stations of the Cross with Father Jonathon. Thank you to Fr for leading this for us.

Next week is our last week at school. Please remember Easter Bonnets or Gardens on Monday and don't forget to clearly name them. If you forget then you can bring them in on Tuesday. They will be judged and returned home on Wednesday. The last day for all clubs and wraparound care will be on Thursday as normal. We finish school next Thursday at normal time.

[Notifying the School of your Child's Absence](#)

It is parents' responsibility to contact the school every day by 9:00am at the latest if their child is absent. This is a safeguarding requirement so that all parties know your child is safe and their whereabouts are known. Parents should regularly update the school during any period of absence from school and inform the school when their child is returning. The school must be notified by a phone call to the office on 01843 585555 and not via Class Dojo or email. Thank you.

[Multiplication Tables Check](#)

On Monday 30th March there will be a Year 4 parent information meeting about the multiplication tables check. The meeting will be at 3.20pm after Sharing the Learning. [Multiplication tables check: information for parents](#)

[Sharing the Learning](#)

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God Bless

Mr Marshall
Headteacher

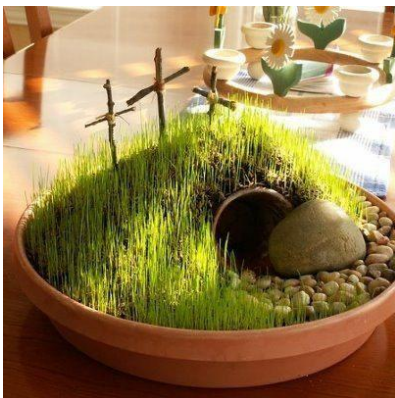




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Easter Bonnet/Easter Garden Competition

This year on Thursday 2nd April we will be having our annual Easter hat/Easter Garden competition for the children. We would be very grateful if you could support your child in designing and making an Easter bonnet, or an Easter Garden. Please don't feel pressured to spend any money though as we all know the current financial situation. A girl and a boy from each class will be chosen. All winners will receive an Easter prize!



It is always a lovely time of year when we put all designs in the hall for the week; it is a sea of colour. An Easter Garden is a great way for your child to learn about Jesus and how he died for us and rose into heaven. Your Easter Garden can be made from a shallow planting container, stones, soil and grass for example. We would love you to use your creativity to come up with your own design. Your bonnet could be made from card, paper, or use a hat you may already have as a base. Then allow your child to decide what they would like on their bonnet, it could be something related to the Easter Story, flowers, signs of new life such as Lambs, chicks and chocolate eggs. It can be anything linked to Easter.

Please send your Easter Garden or bonnet in with your child on Monday 30th March so they can be displayed in the hall for the week. We look forward to seeing all the wonderful Easter Gardens, hats and bonnets! Please ensure your child's name and year group is clearly marked on the bonnet/garden.

Year 4 Multiplication Table Check

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[Free School Meal Vouchers for FSM children](#)

Parents and carers of children eligible for a free school meal voucher will shortly receive your vouchers via email for the Easter holiday. **Please note that these vouchers must be redeemed by 12th April.** Any problems please speak to Mrs Knol-Haines, Bursar.

[Year 4 Swimming](#)

The Year 4 swimming will start on Friday, 24th April, 2026 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 22nd May, 2026. 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.

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[Instagram](#)

Don't forget we have our own school Forest School Instagram account where you can see photos of what they have been doing in our very own onsite Forest School!

<https://www.instagram.com/stethelbertsforestschoo?igsh=MWRRaXI2MjNlc25xNA==>

[Change of Menu](#)

Please note that the school lunch on Thursday, 2nd April will be changed to the Friday fish fingers and chips menu.

[Breakfast Club – IMPORTANT NOTICE](#)

Due to a significant increase in the number of children attending Breakfast Club and to ensure we maintain a safe environment for all pupils, please note the following:

- All sessions **must** now be booked in advance through School Money. Bookings can be made up until midnight the night before the required session.
- To ensure the safety of all children, attendance is now strictly capped at 30 pupils per session. Once this number is reached you will not be able to make a booking. All children must be booked in advance to





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attend. If a child has not been pre-booked, they will unfortunately not be able to join breakfast club that morning.

- A parent or carer must now check their child in with a member of staff at either 7:45 am or 8:00 am.

Exceptional Circumstances: We understand that emergencies happen. If you require a space due to exceptional circumstances and are unable to book online, please contact the School Office directly. Please note that admission in these cases is at the sole discretion of the Headteacher.

We appreciate your cooperation and support in helping us keep our breakfast Club safe and enjoyable for all children.

Football Fun Factory

We are excited to announce that our Easter Football Fun Camps are returning this April, and we would love to welcome your children for days filled with football, games, and fun.

We are also delighted to be an official HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) provider, offering funded spaces for eligible children.



Sandwich Leisure Centre



Tuesday 7th April to Friday 10th April



08:45 – 3:30



Ages 5–12



Book here:

<https://booking.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk/event/4504>



Goodwin Academy, Deal



Monday 13th to Thursday 16th April





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08:45 – 3:30



Ages 5–12



Book here:

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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.

Children showing our school values this week				
Year Group	Class Name/Saint Name	Child	Value	Reason for Value
Nursery	United Kingdom Saint George	Donny	Knowledge	Showing improvement during phonic and maths sessions, joining in with sounds, songs and numbers 1-5. Well done!
		Lottie	Thoughtfulness	Being a very kind friend and very helpful – without being asked! 😊
Reception	Poland Saint Jadwiga	Freddie	Knowledge	Trying really hard in his writing to write a sentence
		Harley	Knowledge	Retelling the events of the Easter Story





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Year 1	Romania Saint Andrew	Otis	Knowledge	Always being ready to share his ideas and thoughts about what we are learning
		Jacob	Knowledge	Demonstrating n improved effort with the amount and neatness of his writing in English
Year 2	Hungary Elizabeth of Hungary	Scarlett	Inclusion	Her wonderful teamwork when designing and constructing a model car
		Isabella	Inclusion	Her wonderful teamwork when designing and constructing a model car
Year 3	Japan Paulo Miki	Betty	Knowledge	Predicting the outcome of our 'Rainbow' science experiment
		Archie	Knowledge	Showing increased independence in D&T lessons
Year 4	Italy Catherine of Siena	Kirk	Knowledge	Developing his research skills in preparation for writing a biography
		Toby	Knowledge	Showing unwavering enthusiasm for TTRS! Keep practising 😊
Year 5	India	Daisy	Inclusion	Behaving in an extremely respectful way during Mass





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	Saint Mother of Teresa	Malcolm	Thoughtfulness	Helping out around the classroom with a smile
Year 6	France Saint Vincent de Paul & Saint Therese of Lisieux	Lily	Thoughtfulness	Consistently showing a positive attitude to school life
		Elenora	Knowledge	Producing fantastic descriptive writing with exceptional vocabulary



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



Attendance this academic year...

Class with No Lates: Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

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

Reception	95.8%
Year 1	94.3%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	93.2%
Year 4	94.4%
Year 5	99.2%
Year 6	95.3%
Whole School this week	95.3%
Whole School academic year to date	95.2%
National Average academic year to date	94.8%





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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

March 2026

30th Easter hats and bonnets due in
30th Sharing the learning - parents invited in from 2.30pm
30th Year 4 Multiplication Table Check parent's info meeting 3.20pm
31st Passion Service - 10am
31st Stay and Play session for children starting Nursery in Term 5 - 3.30pm-4.00pm

April 2026

2nd END OF TERM 4

20th TERM 5 STARTS

22nd SEND Parents Evening

23rd St George's Day

24th Swimming Year 4 - 1.10-1.55pm (5 sessions)

25th Feast of St Mark

May 2026

4th Bank Holiday

Year 2 Tests

7th Crowning of Mary - whole school Mass

11th - 14th Year 6 SATs

22nd Sharing the Learning - parents invited in from 2.30pm

21st Summer Census

22nd END OF TERM 5

