



**ST ETHELBERT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY**  
*HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR ALL, IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST*

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**Weekly Reflection**

**Heavenly Father,**

**As this Easter holiday begins, we thank you for the joy of the Resurrection and the hope it brings to our hearts. Bless this time of rest and renewal, that it may be filled with peace, laughter, and moments of quiet reflection. Watch over us in our days away from school, keep us safe in our travels and activities, and help us to grow in kindness, gratitude, and faith. May we return refreshed in body and spirit, ready to do your will with renewed energy and love.**

**We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**



Dear St Ethelbert's Community,

We celebrated a wonderful end of term Benediction today in the church to prepare us for a relaxing, healthy, and safe holiday. The singing, organisation and behaviour of the children were outstanding. A huge thank you to Father Jonathon for leading our school in the blessing for a Holy Easter break.

Thank you to all the children who made Easter Bonnets/Gardens. The junior hall has looked beautiful all this week; once again the creations have impressed us all. It amazes me that every year there are so many new designs and hours spent making them as a family. I would imagine you are still finding chick feathers around the house like we have been finding in the hall! The entries were incredible and pictures can be seen on our school Facebook page. We have finished the week off with our Achievement Assembly where I announced the winners of the Easter Bonnets/Gardens. Thank you to our PTFA for





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getting the prizes for us. Thank you to the Governors who had the unenviable task of choosing the winners!

We start Term 5 in just over two weeks. Term 5 summer term is the important term with Year 6 SATs taking place.

Year 5 parents - I normally send a letter out about the Kent Test in Term 5. Applications do not open yet and information becomes available in May so don't worry. I will send you all of the information nearer the time.

As we come to the end of this term, we would like to take a moment to wish you all a restful, safe, and joyful Easter.

On behalf of the staff and governors, the PTFA, and the Parish of St Ethelbert's, we extend our sincere thanks for your continued support, encouragement, and commitment to our school community. Your contribution plays a vital role in making our school such a caring and vibrant place for our children to learn and grow.

We are incredibly proud of the hard work, effort, and achievements of all our children this term, and we thank families for the important role you play in supporting them every day.

We hope that the Easter break brings you time to rest, reflect, and enjoy special moments with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the new term on Monday 20th April.

With our very best wishes for a happy and peaceful Easter,

God Bless  
Mr Marshall  
Headteacher





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### Year 3/4 Football

On Saturday, our Year 3/4 pupils represented the school at the Super Saturday tournament, demonstrating excellent sportsmanship and a positive attitude throughout the day. Despite facing strong opposition and experiencing some narrow losses, the children remained focused and not allowing the setbacks to affect their enthusiasm. All the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and played with a smile on their faces. Well done to everyone who took part!



### Easter Hats and Gardens

All the Easter hats and gardens have now been judged and the winners chosen – not an easy task as they were all so wonderful and creative. The hall looked amazing all week with them all on display. The winners were:

Nursery: June and Donny

Reception: Sahr and Thea

Year 1: Everleigh and Jacob

Year 2: Stanley and Scarlett

Year 3: Cillian and Briella

Year 4: Bailey and Leia

Year 5: Jevon and Adriana

Year 6: Frank and Eve





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**Well done!**

Pictures of the hats and gardens can be found on our website <https://www.stethelbertsschool.co.uk/whole-school/>

**World Book Day – Reading in an unusual place**

Thank you for all the entries to the World Book Day Reading in an Unusual Place competition. The winner has been chosen by a vote by the Governors and the winner is:

**Louis in Year 3**

Well done Louis! The winner received a £5 Amazon gift voucher.





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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 12<sup>th</sup> April.** Any problems please speak to Mrs Knol-Haines, Bursar.

### Year 4 Swimming

The Year 4 swimming will start on **Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> May, 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### SEND Parents Evening

Wednesday, 6th May, is our SEND parents' evening. Parents should receive a sign-up sheet via email. Please attend via Dane Park Road entrance.

### 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/stethelbertsforestschool?igsh=MWRRaXI2MjNlc25xNA==>

### 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 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.





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**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.

**[Holiday activities taking place at Ursuline College this April.](#)**

We have three distinct programmes designed to keep students active, engaged, and supported during the break.

**1. Easter HAF Programme (Multi-Activity)**

A diverse camp featuring climbing, trampolining, archery, dance, and arts & crafts.

- **Dates:** Monday 13th - Thursday 16th April
- **Time:** 10:00 AM - 14:00 PM
- **Ages:** 6-13 years
- **Cost:** **FREE** for FSM-eligible students (includes a nutritious daily meal).

**2. FOOTBALL IQ - SKILLZONE & Training Camps (Football & Performance)**

For students looking to sharpen their sports skills, we are running specialized sessions:

- **SKILLZONE:** Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th April (£20 per day)
- **Training Camp:** Thursday 9th April (£11 per day)
- **Time:** 09:00 AM - 15:00 PM
- **Ages:** U7 - U12

**Information for Parents**

- **Location:** Ursuline College, Canterbury Rd, Westgate, Kent CT8 8LX
- **Booking (HAF):** Via the **E-Voucher app** (select "Inclusive Sport Westgate Camp").
- **Booking (Sports Camps):** Via our website at [sportsiq.uk](https://sportsiq.uk).
- **Contact:** For any questions, please email [info@inclusivesport.net](mailto:info@inclusivesport.net).





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**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



08:45 – 3:30



Ages 5–12



Book here:

<https://booking.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk/event/4505>





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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.

**[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
23rd April	Year 2
30th April	Year 5
7th May	Crowning of Mary – whole school mass (Led by Y6)
14th May	Year 4
21st May	Year 3
	Half Term
4th June	Year 2
11th June	Year 6
18th June	Year 5
25th June	Year 4
2nd July	Year 3
9th July	Year 2
16th July	Year 6 Leavers Mass

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



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





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

Reception	92.8%
Year 1	97.9%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	93.3%
Year 4	94.8%
Year 5	94.9%
Year 6	94.1%
Whole School this week	94.7%
Whole School academic year to date	95.1%
National Average academic year to date	95.1%

**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**

**April 2026**

**2nd END OF TERM 4**

**20th TERM 5 STARTS**

**23<sup>rd</sup> St George's Day**





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25th Feast of St Mark

**May 2026**

1st Swimming Year 4 - 1.10-1.55pm (4 sessions)

**4th Bank Holiday**

**Year 2 Tests**

6<sup>th</sup> SEND Parents Evening

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**

