



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

Loving God,

As we begin Term 5 at St Ethelbert's, we thank you for bringing us back together as a school family. Bless our children as they learn and grow, our staff as they guide and support, our governors in their leadership, and our parish in its care for our community. Help us to work with kindness, patience, and courage in all that we do, especially during this busy term. May we support one another and do our very best each day.

Amen.

Dear St Ethelbert's Community,

Welcome back to Term 5! It has been wonderful to see all the children return to school so positively and settle back into school life so quickly. A particularly warm welcome goes to our new nursery families who have joined us this week. We are delighted to have you as part of our school community. The school newsletter goes out every Friday via email; our school website and Facebook page. Please follow and like us.

Although this is a shorter term, it is always a very busy one as we enter the exam period. Year 6 will be sitting their SATs in just two weeks' time, so please ensure children attend school every day from now on. They are working extremely hard, and with continued support, it will soon be over.





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I will be sending a letter to Year 5 parents later this term with full details about the Kent Test, including how and when to apply. Please be aware that the application process does not open until June, so there is still plenty of time for you to consider your options and make a decision that is right for your child.

School meal price increases

Due to rising costs KCC and Caterlink have made the difficult decision to increase the cost of school meals. Please note that from 1st September 2026 the price of a school meal will increase from £3.37 per meal to £3.48 per meal.

God Bless
Mr Marshall
Headteacher

Change of Menu

On Thursday, 21st May there will be an 'School Treat Day' menu for census day. If you would like your child to have a school meal on that day, please pay via School Money. Thank you. Please see attached flyer for details.



Year 4 Swimming

The Year 4 swimming will start on **Friday, 24th April** 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.





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The programme will take place every Friday up to and including the 22nd of 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.

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO SWIMMING ON FRIDAY 8TH MAY DUE TO KIDENZA CONCERT

[SEND Parents Evening – change of date](#)

Wednesday, **13th May**, is our SEND parents' evening. Parents should receive a sign-up sheet via email. Please attend via Dane Park Road entrance.

[Thanet Family Hubs](#)

Attached is an up-to-date timetable for Thanet Family Hubs, which outlines the sessions, activities, and services available across the hubs for the upcoming period. The new timetable will take effect until 29th May 2026

[Can you help?](#)

We have parents of 5 young children who live in Nethercourt. They are desperately looking for help with transport for 2 children to school in the mornings Monday to Wednesday and picking up 3 of them in the afternoon Mondays and Wednesdays.

Any help would be greatly appreciated. If you can help, then please contact the school office for more details. Thank you.

[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=MWRraXl2MjNlc25xNA==>

[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.





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Children showing our school values this week				
Year Group	Class Name/Saint Name	Child	Value	Reason for Value
Nursery	United Kingdom Saint George	Victor	Inclusion	Settling into Nursery very well for his first week at St Ethelbert's
		Charis	Inclusion	Settling into Nursery very well for her first week at St Ethelbert's
		Nellie	Inclusion	Settling into Nursery very well for her first week at St Ethelbert's
Reception	Poland Saint Jadwiga	Freddie	Knowledge	Massively improving his writing and always wanting to practise his sentences
		Adam	Inclusion	Supporting his friend at Breakfast Club on their first time going! 😊
Year 1	Romania Saint Andrew	Kasi	Knowledge	Her improved skills and concentration during PE
		Zach	Thoughtfulness	Making good choices at the appropriate times, especially with lining up.





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Year 2	Hungary Elizabeth of Hungary	Stanley	Knowledge	His mental calculations to solve a four-step maths problem involving mass
		Dominion	Knowledge	His excellent progress with his phonics work with Mrs Cayley
Year 3	Japan Paulo Miki	Akorede	Inclusion	Making sure that his peers had the chance to share their ideas
		Amelia	Knowledge	Sharing her description of a busy street in Pompeii
Year 4	Italy Catherine of Siena	Rose	Thoughtfulness	Treating her friends with kindness in class and at playtimes
		Kirk	Knowledge	Significantly improving his AR ZPD – keep up the good work!
Year 5	India Saint Mother of Teresa	Lucy	Thoughtfulness	Always jumping in to help. An all-round good egg!
		Daisy	Knowledge	Showing fantastic progression in PE. Is she the next Ladies Cricket captain?
Year 6	France Saint Vincent de Paul & Saint Therese of Lisieux	Lilly-Pearl	Knowledge	Increasing her SATs practise arithmetic score! 😊
		Nikolas	Knowledge	Scoring 40/40 on his practise arithmetic test! 😊





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Well done!

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
30th April	Year 5
7th May	Year 6
14th May	Whole School Mass led by Year 4
21st May	Year 3
	Half Term





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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...](#)

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

Reception	96.4%
Year 1	97.3%
Year 2	95.3%
Year 3	93.3%
Year 4	98.6%
Year 5	98.5%
Year 6	93.6%





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Whole School this week	96.2%
Whole School academic year to date	95.2%
National Average academic year to date	94.8%

It will be a non-uniform day on Monday for Nursery who achieved 100% attendance this week. Well done!

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

April 2026

25th Feast of St Mark

May 2026

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

4th Bank Holiday

Year 2 Tests

6th PTFA Disco and Spring Party

11th - 14th Year 6 SATs

13th SEND Parents Evening

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

21st Summer Census

22nd END OF TERM 5





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