



**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**

**Dear Lord, Thank you for helping the children through their Year 6 SATs exams.**

**Thank you for our teachers, families, and friends who supported them.**

**Help us to remember that doing our best is enough and that we are always loved by you. Bless us as we prepare for the future ahead. Fill us with peace, confidence, and joy. Amen.**

Dear St Ethelbert's Community,

We would like to congratulate all our Year 6 children for completing their SATs exams this week with such calmness, maturity, and determination. We are incredibly proud of the hard work and progress every child has made throughout the year. Whatever the results in July, please remember that a test score does not define who you are. Your kindness, resilience, creativity, faith, and personality are far more important than any grade. Well done, Year 6 — you should all be very proud of yourselves!

Next week, it will be the turn of our Year 2 children to complete their SATs assessments. Although these tests are no longer compulsory, we continue to use them as a valuable way of identifying each child's academic strengths and any gaps in learning that we can further support and develop. The assessments also help children become familiar with test situations in a calm and positive way, providing useful preparation for the future. We are very proud of the hard work Year 2 has shown and know they will do their very best. Please can you ensure the children are in school every day and on time with a good sleep beforehand.

God Bless

Mr Marshall

Headteacher





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**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.

**Change of Menu**

On Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> May there will be a '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.



**Sharing the Learning**

Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May will be 'Sharing the Learning'. All parents from Nursery to Year 6 will be invited into class to share the learning of this term from 2.30pm. Children will be dismissed at normal time. Parents can go between classes if they have more than one child. Please come to normal gates for entry. Gates will only be open for five minutes so please arrive on time. Thank you.

***Please note that due to swimming Year 4 will have their sharing the learning on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> May at 2.30pm.***





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### [PTFA Father's Day Gift Wrap](#)

There will be a Father's Day gift wrap event on Tuesday 16th June. The payment for each gift (£2.50) will be available through 'School Money' soon.

The children can choose a gift from our various stock of items, which will be wrapped and ready for someone special.

We are looking for additional volunteers to help the children choose and wrap gifts during the morning of the event. Any help would be very much appreciated.

If you are able to support, please contact:

[ptfa@stethelbertsschool.co.uk](mailto:ptfa@stethelbertsschool.co.uk)



### [Year 3 Swimming – Term 6](#)

The Year 3 swimming will start on **Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> June** 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 17<sup>th</sup> of July 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.

### [Water bottles and fresh fruit/veg snacks](#)

To help keep our children healthy and ready to learn, please ensure your child brings a filled water bottle to school each day which they can then refill throughout the day. The bottle should be filled with water only and **not** juice. We also ask that any healthy snacks sent in from home are cut into bite-size pieces to minimise choking hazards and support safe eating habits. Children will be encouraged to sit and eat before playing, helping them enjoy their snacks calmly and safely.

### [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





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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/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.

| Children showing our school values this week |                                |                                      |                |   |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|---|
| Year Group                                   | Class Name/Saint Name          | Child                                | Value          | Reason for Value  |
| Nursery                                      | United Kingdom<br>Saint George | Teddy                                | Knowledge      | Showing great improvement in maths with numbers 1-5!                            |
|  |                                | Isla                                 | Thoughtfulness | Being a superstar helper in the classroom!                                      |
| Reception                                    | Poland<br>Saint Jadwiga        | Phoebe                               | Knowledge      | Improving her blending and reading by remembering to include the final sound    |
|  |                                | Brandon<br>Edison, Adam<br>and Ethan | Inclusion      | Building a lemonade stand and inviting all children to come and order from them |
| Year 1                                       | Romania<br>Saint Andrew        | Everleigh                            | Knowledge      | Her verbal explanation of halves in a fraction maths lesson                     |
|  |                                | Melody                               | Thoughtfulness | Being polite and remembering to say please                                      |





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|        |   |               |                | and thank you in the dinner hall  |
| Year 2 | Hungary<br>Elizabeth of Hungary                               | Naeemah       | Knowledge      | Her creativity in her art lessons to make a clay house                                      |
|        |   | Jenaiah       | Knowledge      | Her improved understanding of her maths work  |
| Year 3 | Japan<br>Paulo Miki   | Abby          | Thoughtfulness | Helping others to review and check their work   |
|        |   | Jacob         | Knowledge      | His improved concentration and response to questions  |
| Year 4 | Italy<br>Catherine of Siena                                   | Fleur         | Knowledge      | Creating a scenic piece of art for the Thanet Young Artists Festival                        |
|        |   | Maymunah      | Knowledge      | Showing good understanding of tenths and hundredths in maths                                |
| Year 5 | India<br>Saint Mother of Teresa                               | Layla         | Inclusion      | Improving her attitude to learning and engagement!<br>Keep it up Layla!                     |
|        |   | Holden        | Knowledge      | Completing his decimal work independently, keep it up Holden!                               |
| Year 6 | France<br>Saint Vincent de Paul &<br>Saint Therese of Lisieux | All of Year 6 | Knowledge      | Working incredibly hard throughout an exhausting SATS week. We are very proud of all of you |
|        |   | Frank         | Inclusion      | Helping out in Reception throughout SATS week;  |





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|  |  |  |  | developing patience and maturity with the younger pupils. |
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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.





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| Date      | Year Group attending Mass |
|-----------|---------------------------|
| 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...](#)**



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

|                  |              |
|------------------|--------------|
| <b>Reception</b> | <b>97.5%</b> |
| <b>Year 1</b>    | <b>91%</b>   |
| <b>Year 2</b>    | <b>90%</b>   |
| <b>Year 3</b>    | <b>92%</b>   |
| <b>Year 4</b>    | <b>96.9%</b> |





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| <b>Year 5</b>                                 | <b>99.2%</b> |
| <b>Year 6</b>                                 | <b>98.2%</b> |
| <b>Whole School this week</b>                 | <b>94.8%</b> |
| <b>Whole School academic year to date</b>     | <b>95.2%</b> |
| <b>National Average academic year to date</b> | <b>94.8%</b> |

**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**

**May 2026**

21st Summer Census  
22nd Sharing the Learning - parents invited in from 2.30pm  
**22nd END OF TERM 5**

**June 2026**

**1st TERM 6 STARTS FOR CHILDREN**

1st YEAR 4 TIMES TABLES (2-week window)  
5th Swimming Year 3 - 1.10-1.55pm (7 sessions)  
8th Year 6 Residential meeting (2027 cohort)  
w/c 8<sup>th</sup> Yr1 and Yr2 PHONICS SCREENING  
16<sup>th</sup> PTFA Father's Day gift Wrap  
16th New YN and YR parent's information evening  
**w/c 22nd Sports Week**  
22nd - Nursery Sports Afternoon 2.15pm  
23rd - Reception and Year 1 Sports Afternoon - 1.15pm  
24th - Year 2 and Year 3 Sports Afternoon - 1.15pm  
25th - Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Sports Afternoon - 1.15pm





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24th Feast of St John  
25th New YN and YR play and stay 4-5pm  
26th/29th/30th Bikeability

**July 2026**

2<sup>nd</sup> TRANSITION DAY  
3rd SUMMER FAIR 3-5pm  
9th Year 6 dress rehearsal to school - 1:00pm  
9th Year 6 Production to parents - 7:00pm  
15th End of Year Reports to parents  
15th Year 6 Disco -6.00pm - 7.30pm  
16th Year 6 Leavers Mass, Graduation and Afternoon Tea - 1.00pm  
17th Benediction 1.15pm  
17th Nursery Graduation 2.30pm  
**17th End of Term 6 for children**  
20th INSET day (4 of 5)  
21st INSET day (5 of 5)

**21st END OF TERM 6**

