



**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 the final term of this school year at St Ethelbert's, we thank you for all that we have learnt and achieved. Bless our pupils, staff, and families with perseverance, kindness, and joy in the weeks ahead. Help us to work hard, support one another, and use our gifts to serve you. May St Ethelbert inspire us to live with faith, courage, and compassion each day.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Dear St Ethelbert's Community,

## Welcome Back to Term 6

Welcome back to Term 6! We hope that everyone had a restful half-term break and is ready for the final term of the academic year. This is always a busy and exciting seven-week term, packed with special events, celebrations and important milestones for our children.

Please keep this newsletter close at hand, as there are many important dates to remember over the coming weeks, including Sports Days, transition days, Year 6 leavers' events, end-of-year reports, school trips and other key activities. We will continue to send reminders, but having the newsletter readily available will help ensure that no important dates are missed.

### Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Next week, our Year 1 children will take the national Phonics Screening Check. During the check, children are asked to read 40 words, made up of both real words and nonsense (alien) words. The pass mark has typically been 32 correct answers, although this is confirmed nationally each year.





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The children have worked incredibly hard throughout the year and have been practising regularly in school. We wish them every success as they complete the check on a one-to-one basis with Mrs Webb. To help your child do their very best, please ensure they get a good night's sleep, arrive at school on time and attend every day next week. The children will complete the check at some point during the morning sessions across the week.

#### Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

Our Year 4 pupils will also continue completing the national Multiplication Tables Check next week. During the assessment, children answer 25 random times tables questions on a computer and have six seconds to answer each question.

The children will complete the check individually with Miss Todd. Some pupils have already completed their assessment this week, while others will continue next week. Thank you for supporting your child with regular times tables practice at home. Please continue to encourage them and ensure they arrive at school on time each day.

Parents will receive the results of both the Phonics Screening Check and the Multiplication Tables Check in their child's end-of-year report, which will be sent home in July.

God Bless

Mr Marshall

Headteacher

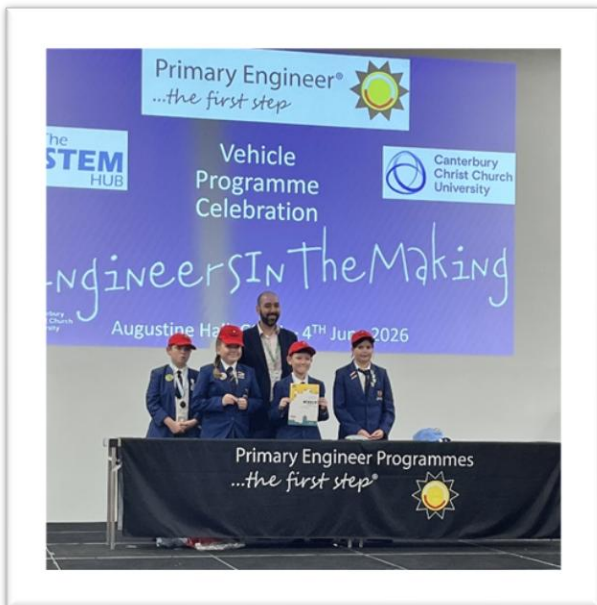
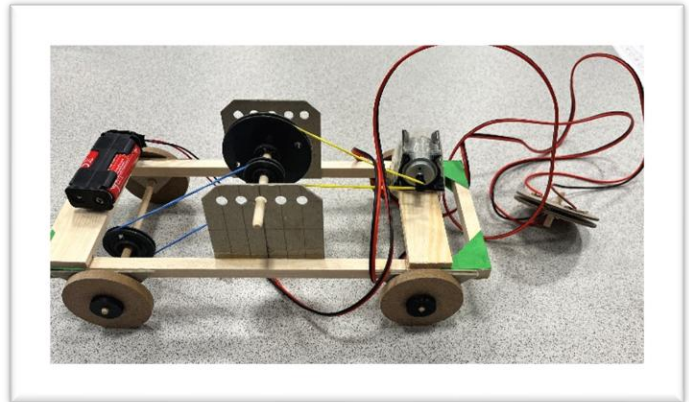




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**St Ethelbert's Engineers!**

A team of Year 5 pupils travelled to Canterbury Christ Church University to take part in the celebration event linked to the Primary Engineer Vehicle Programme which they took part in last term along with 12 other schools from around Kent. The children really enjoyed putting the vehicle, which they named Bertha, through its paces, completing a number of tasks including a straight line test and an incline test. Making some last-minute design adjustments the children persevered and adapted the design of Bertha improving the performance each time. They worked as a team to make the improvements and took it in turns to try out the adjustments. The children were congratulated on their resilience and determination by the judges. Mrs Lawrence said "I am extremely proud of all the children; their hard work, determination and teamwork. They are truly showing the values of our school: Thoughtfulness, Knowledge and Inclusion. Their behaviour and attitude were exemplary. They were a credit to the school and their hard work paid off as they finished up placing 1st overall! We are very proud of them all. Well done! 🏆🏆🏆🏆"





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**Uniform Reminder – School Ties**

A gentle reminder that ties are part of our school uniform policy. Recently, several pupils have been coming to school without them. We kindly ask for your help in checking that your child is wearing their tie each day. We do have a limited stock of second hand ties and if you require one, please check availability with the school office. Thank you for your cooperation.

**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.

**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)





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### Special Visit: Kent Fire and Rescue Service

On **Wednesday, 10th June**, we will welcome the Kent Fire and Rescue Service to our school for a special educational visit.

They will deliver interactive, age-appropriate fire safety workshops to our children. These essential sessions are designed to teach life-saving skills in a fun and engaging environment.

#### **What the Children Will Learn:**

- Our Community Heroes: Understanding the role of firefighters and what the service does daily.
- Emergency Action: How and when to correctly dial 999 for help.
- Home Escape Plans: Creating and practicing safe exit routes with their families.
- Fire Survival: Practical steps on staying safe if a fire ever breaks out.
- Electrical Hazard Awareness: Spotting common dangers like overloaded sockets and faulty chargers

**Kent Fire & Rescue Service Primary Programme**

Thank you for booking a fire safety session with us

In your session you will receive talks targeted to specific year groups discussing important age appropriate topics. We kindly ask you refrain from mixing year groups unless agreed with by the Education officer who organised your session.

- Year R**  
**What is an emergency?**  
An introduction to the Fire Service, what an emergency is and how to call 999.
- Year 1 & 2**  
**What to do in an emergency**  
An interactive session about recognising fire hazards and what to do in an emergency
- Year 3 & 4**  
**Be SAFE**  
An interactive session to equip young people with the knowledge of how to recognise fire hazards and prevent them; also how to follow an escape plan in the event of a fire
- Year 5 & 6**  
**Be a SMART Charger**  
An informative and engaging session that highlights the importance of electrical safety (specifically safe charging) and how this relates to fire risk.

### 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.





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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.

### Sports Day

In three weeks' time we have sports day for each year group. Please can children wear their PE kits for their sports days as well as their PE day (if different days). Sports day may not be the same day as their normal PE day. Please all come through the Dane Park Road entrance. If the weather is bad or even too hot, then we will try to rearrange the day. Normal PE days will resume week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> June.

Nursery	22nd June 2.15pm
Reception and Year 1	23rd June at 1.15pm
Year 2 and Year 3	24th June at 1.15pm
Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6	25th June at 1.15pm

### 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.





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### Tesco Free Fruit and Vegetables for Schools

We are thrilled to share that Tesco is kindly supporting healthy eating in our school by providing free fresh fruit and vegetables for our children!

Since Early Years and KS1 already receive daily snacks, we are offering this wonderful donation to our **KS2 pupils** to enjoy during morning break times. The fruit and vegetables will be available on:

- **Tuesdays:** Years 3 and 4
- **Thursdays:** Years 5 and 6

**Thank you Tesco!**



### Job Opportunity

Join Our Team! 🏡

We are seeking an enthusiastic and dedicated individual to join our school community. We have an exciting opportunity available for a Teaching Assistant.

For full details and application forms please follow the link: [Kent Teach](#)

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL MEETING (2027 cohort) ON MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE HAS BEEN POSTPONED a new date will be set**

### Thanet Family Hubs

Below are details of some upcoming courses taking place at Thanet Family Hubs

#### Autism Awareness - 3-week course

*Explore, recognise and celebrate the unique strengths and abilities of autistic individuals in this empowering course.*

- **Newington Family Hub**, Thursdays 11<sup>th</sup> June - 2<sup>nd</sup> July: 10am - 12pm
- **Northdown Road Family Hub**, Fridays 3<sup>rd</sup> July - 17<sup>th</sup> July: 10am-12pm

### First Aid for Babies





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Join in our practical and supportive workshop to learn vital first aid techniques to confidently care for your baby in an emergency.

- **Cliftonville Family Hub** - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June: 9.30am-11.30am
- **Priory Family Hub** - Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July: 12.30pm - 2.30pm

Please note that these sessions are **delivered by Kent Adult Education (KAE)** and are **not run by the Family Hubs**, however they are being held within our premises. These courses provide valuable information and support for families and professionals, and we encourage you to share them with anyone who may benefit. Further details, including **dates, times, and booking information**, can be found in the **attached leaflets**.

**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	Lottie	Knowledge	Using her phonic knowledge to write a sentence
		Malachai	Thoughtfulness	Being very caring when one of his friends fell over, showing great kindness and empathy.
Reception	Poland Saint Jadwiga	Phoebe	Thoughtfulness	Always showing respect when sitting on the carpet. Well done, Phoebe!





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		Asmin	Thoughtfulness	Being a kind and caring friend when they hurt themselves
Year 1	Romania Saint Andrew	Ivy	Thoughtfulness	Showing how kind and considerate you are. A thoughtful friend who uses kind words and makes everyone feel valued. We are very proud of you!
		Poppy	Knowledge	Always listening carefully, following instructions and setting fantastic examples to others. You are kind, positive and have a fantastic attitude to learning
Year 2	Hungary Elizabeth of Hungary	Anora	Thoughtfulness	Always being willing to help others
		Kayden	Knowledge	His accuracy in labelling a blank map of Kenya
Year 3	Japan Paulo Miki	Akorede	Knowledge	Working so hard to improve his comprehension skills
		Ella	Thoughtfulness	Helping others during her journey to school with the walking bus
Year 4	Italy Catherine of Siena	Scarlett	Knowledge	Working consistently hard in all lessons to maximise her learning
		Riley	Thoughtfulness	Treating others with respect and using good manners.





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Year 5	India Saint Mother of Teresa	Bailey, Luiza	Knowledge	Showing off their engineering knowledge yesterday. An asset!
		Adriana, Joe		Showing off their engineering knowledge yesterday. An asset!
Year 6	France Saint Vincent de Paul & Saint Therese of Lisieux	Eve	Thoughtfulness	Supporting her friends to achieve their targets
		Phoebe	Knowledge	Continuing to produce outstanding written work



**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
11th June	Year 2
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>94.2%</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>95%</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>95%</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>95%</b>





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<b>Year 4</b>	<b>92.1%</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>92.8%</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>93.9%</b>
<b>Whole School this week</b>	<b>94%</b>
<b>Whole School academic year to date</b>	<b>95.2%</b>
<b>National Average academic year to date</b>	<b>94.9%</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**

**June 2026**

8th Year 6 Residential meeting (2027 cohort) - ***POSTPONED***

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

24th Feast of St John

25th New YN and YR play and stay 4-5pm

26th/29th/30th Bikeability

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2<sup>nd</sup> TRANSITION DAY

3rd SUMMER FAIR 3-5pm





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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**

***PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS  
OR WRAPAROUND CARE ON FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JULY***

