



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,

Thank you for the gift of this weekend and for the chance to rest, recharge, and spend time with those we love. Help us to slow down, enjoy the simple blessings around us, and find peace in your presence.

May our homes be filled with kindness, laughter, and love. Guide us through the days ahead, renew our hearts, and help us return refreshed and ready for the week to come. Amen.

Dear St Ethelbert's Community,

A Huge Congratulations to Miss Hopgood on Achieving QTS!

On behalf of everyone at St Ethelbert's, I would like to extend a huge congratulations to Miss Hopgood, who has successfully completed her teacher training year at St Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School and Nursery. After countless hours of teaching, planning, coursework, presentations, and placements, we are delighted to announce that Miss Hopgood has passed with flying colours and achieved her Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) this week. We are incredibly proud of Miss Hopgood and all that she has achieved as she begins her teaching career. Her hard work, dedication, passion, nurture and commitment have been clear throughout the year, and she has been a valued member of our school community.

Miss Hopgood has secured a teaching position for September, and we wish her every success and happiness in this exciting next chapter of her career.

Congratulations, Miss Hopgood!

Year 6 leavers/transition

We would like to confirm that we are doing things slightly differently for our Year 6 leavers' celebrations this year so parents have less trips to school.





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The Year 6 Leavers' Mass will take place on the school field (weather permitting) and will be led by Father Jonathan at 1.15pm on Thursday. Parents and families of our Year 6 pupils are very welcome to join us for this special occasion. Please enter via the visitor entrance on Dane Park.

Following the Mass, we will continue with our Year 6 Graduation celebrations, including the presentation of leavers' hoodies and leavers' books. We will also enjoy a light buffet kindly provided by our wonderful PTFA.

We look forward to celebrating this important milestone with our Year 6 pupils and their families.

[Congratulations to Year 6 on a Wonderful Final Performance](#)

A huge congratulations to our Year 6 pupils on their fantastic production last night. They performed brilliantly for both staff and their families, showcasing their confidence, creativity, and the many talents they have developed during their time at primary school.

For many of them, this was their very last performance on the primary school stage, making it an especially memorable occasion. We are incredibly proud of the effort, enthusiasm, and teamwork they demonstrated.

Well done, Year 6 you gave us a performance to remember, and we hope you feel very proud of yourselves!

[End of year reports & Children's workbooks](#)

End of year reports will be going home on Wednesday

Children's workbooks will be going home on Thursday. Please can you bring in one carrier bag

[St Ethelbert's Art Gallery](#)

Parents are invited to an art gallery straight after school in the junior hall on Monday at 3.20pm. We will be showcasing some of their beautiful work. Please pop in to have a look.

God Bless

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Headteacher





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Water Safety during hot weather periods

During periods of hot weather, the risk of drowning can increase in children and young people. Even shallow water can be dangerous for eager young swimmers. Please always watch your children closely near paddlers, pools, and beaches.

Click on the links for water safety videos to watch together at home in relation to water safety and the [water safety code](#) to raise awareness and educate children in water safety and lifesaving skills.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0FdfTeJoF2w>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FoEZQxSvH9g>

PTFA Summer Fair

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who made our Summer Fair such a success!

We're incredibly grateful to all who volunteered their time, donated cakes, teddies, sweets, bottles and tombola items. And of course, to everyone who came along to join the fun.

We are thrilled to announce that we raised £963.37 - a fantastic total. All funds will go directly towards enhancing the school experience for our children.

If you have any feedback or suggestions, please email us at ptfa@stethelbertsschool.co.uk.

Thank you again for your continued support.

St. Ethelbert's PTFA





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[PTFA AGM Tuesday 14th July 3:30pm](#)

The PTFA plays a vital part in the school community, and all the parents and carers are warmly invited to attend the upcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM).

This is your chance to hear how the funds you have helped raise have been used for the benefit of the children at the school.

The AGM is also an opportunity for you to elect the PTFA Committee, to represent the association throughout the forthcoming academic year. Nominations should be sent in advance of the AGM for existing committee members willing to stand for re-election and for anyone wishing to stand as an Officer or Ordinary Committee Member for the first time.

Please complete the form if you wish to be nominated and return by 3 pm on Friday 10th July to the PTFA at ptfa@stethelbertsschool.co.uk.





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If anyone would like to discuss the roles in the PTFA or would consider volunteering with support initially, please feel free to email us.

PTFA Leavers Disco: Wednesday, 15th July 6-7.30pm

We are delighted to invite our Junior children to join us for a special Outdoor Leavers' Disco as we celebrate our Year 6 leavers.

The evening will feature music, games, and a variety of fun stalls, making it a wonderful opportunity for children to celebrate together.

Please book a space via 'School money', £2.50 entry. There will be Hot dogs, Doughnuts, Candy floss, Sweets, Drinks, Games, and Crafts, so please bring some change.



Year 3 Swimming – Term 6

The Year 3 swimming will start on **Friday, 5th 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 17th 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.

Nursery - Virtual Tour

Experience our nursery space first-hand with our immersive [virtual tour](#).

Summer Activities

Check out our [summer holiday activities](#) page for ideas and to see what's happening.

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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[Free Kellogg's breakfast in Morrisons Cafes](#)

Between 29th June and 6th September 2026, families can access free Kellogg's breakfasts in all Morrisons Cafes. This is available to **both children and adults**, who can choose from much-loved favourites Corn Flakes or Rice Krispies, topped with their choice of dairy or non-dairy milk and a free apple or banana.

In addition to the Kellogg's Breakfast offer, Morrisons 'Kids Eat Free' offer will continue to run in all its Cafés, allowing families to enjoy a free meal and drink for one child aged 16 or under when they purchase an adult main meal costing over £5 from The Breakfasts and The Classics menu. n

[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 11th June - 2nd July: 10am - 12pm
- **Northdown Road Family Hub**, Fridays 3rd July - 17th July: 10am-12pm

First Aid for Babies

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 8th June: 9.30am-11.30am
- **Priory Family Hub** - Tuesday 21st 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**.

[The Big Future – online survey for children](#)

The Children's Commissioner for England is carrying out a survey so you can have your say on what it's like to be a child or young person in England today. Your views will be taken to the Government, to help them make life better for children. As many children as possible need to complete the survey so please use the link below to take part. Thank you.





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<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

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.

Please click [here](#) for the SEND Newsletter Special Edition

Children showing our school values this week				
Year Group	Class Name/Saint Name	Child	Value	Reason for Value
Nursery	United Kingdom Saint George	Charis	Inclusion	Showing good listening and joining in during phonics and maths independently
		Joelle	Thoughtfulness	Being a kind and caring friend to her peers in Nursery
Reception	Poland Saint Jadwiga	Judith	Thoughtfulness	Looking after a friend who felt poorly by drawing pictures for them and reading them a story
		Lucia	Knowledge	Always setting a good example when saying our prayers every day 😊
Year 1	Romania	Violet	Knowledge	Using the cricket bat correctly in the PE lesson





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	Saint Andrew	Oscar	Knowledge	Choosing the correct behaviour strategies when dealing with disagreements
Year 2	Hungary Elizabeth of Hungary	Lacey-Mae	Thoughtfulness	Always being a good friend to others
		Maisha	Knowledge	Her wonderful understanding of time
Year 3	Japan Paulo Miki	Mia	Inclusion	Including others in her games on the playground
		Abby	Thoughtfulness	Helping others learn how to correctly cross stitch
Year 4	Italy Catherine of Siena	Fleur	Knowledge	Writing in role as the main character in our class story
		Zuzanna	Thoughtfulness	Showing kindness and consideration to others
Year 5	India Saint Mother of Teresa	Maisie	Knowledge	Producing a very informative piece of homework on Shabbat
		Malcolm	Inclusion	Volunteering to read the class book aloud
Year 6	France Saint Vincent de Paul & Saint Therese of Lisieux	All of Year 6	Thoughtfulness Knowledge and Inclusion	Proud is an understatement. Thank you all for giving everything in your performance!





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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
16th July	Year 6 Leavers Mass 1.15pm

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	87.6%
Year 1	97%
Year 2	97.3%
Year 3	93.3%
Year 4	94.6%
Year 5	95.3%
Year 6	96.7%
Whole School this week	94.6%
Whole School academic year to date	94.9%
National Average academic year to date	94.7%

**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

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15th End of Year Reports to parents
15th Year 6 Disco -6.00pm - 7.30pm
16th Year 6 Leavers Mass, Graduation and Afternoon Tea from 1.15pm
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 17TH JULY***

2026-27

September 2026

1st/2nd INSET DAYS (1&2 of 5)

3rd TERM 1 STARTS FOR CHILDREN

3rd/4th Reception in part time
4th Whole School Mass
7th Reception in full time
10th September Kent Test
14th September – Individual and Sibling photos
21st Feast of Saint Matthew
25th Non-uniform for CAFOD - cash donation
30th Book Fair arrives

October 2026

1st Autumn Census
5th World Teacher's Day
5th CAFOD Assembly
7th Book Fair collected
18th Feast of Saint Luke
19th Sharing the Learning - parents invited in from 2.30pm - thrive focus
19th Multiplication Table Check parent's info meeting 3.20pm
20th/21st Parents evening - 3:20 - 6:00pm





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22nd END OF TERM 1
23rd INSET DAY (3 of 5)

