



# Ethelbert Road Primary School

*Together We Thrive*

## Newsletter (11) Term 6 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a busy start to Term 6 at Ethelbert Road. I cannot believe how quickly this year has gone! We are looking forward to giving our Year 6 children the send-off they deserve and welcoming our new Year R children, including existing families and new families. I am sure you will join the staff in making them feel welcome.

**I am looking forward to all the exciting things we have planned this term.**

Michele Kirkbride  
Headteacher



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### Class transitions

The staff have been reflecting on our transition process and we have added a new section to the class pages which identifies what your child will be learning in the next year group, as well as some recap quizzes which can be used in the summer holidays for the year your child has just left. **Please visit your child's class page for more information.**

### Transition for Year R and Year 2

We would also like to start transition from the Early years (Year R) into Key Stage 1 (Year 1) and from Key Stage 1 (Year 2) into Key Stage 2 (Year 3) earlier in order for parents to have a clearer picture of what is expected from the new Key Stage.

**Meet the teacher dates for Year R and Year 2 will take place in Term 6 on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July.**

**Year R will meet the Year 1 teacher on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 3:30pm – 4:15pm**

**Year 2 will meet the Year 3 teacher on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 4:30pm – 5:15pm**

## Year 5 Kent Test Meeting

Thank you to all of our Year 5 parents who attended the Kent Test meeting. More information about the Kent Test can be found on Year 5's class page.

Please note: Parents/carers are responsible for applying for their child to take the test.

### Key dates

#### Monday 1 June 2026

Registration opens at [kent.gov.uk/kenttest](http://kent.gov.uk/kenttest). You will receive a confirmation email when registration is complete.

#### Wednesday 1 July 2026

Registration closes at midnight. If your child attends a school outside Kent, you will receive an email by the end of August with your Allocated Test Centre.

#### Thursday 10 September 2026

Children who attend a Kent primary school sit the test in their school.



#### Saturday 12 September 2026 /

#### Sunday 13 September 2026

Children who attend primary schools outside Kent or are Educated at Home sit the test in a Test Centre.

#### Thursday 15 October 2026

Kent Test Decisions emails are sent after 4pm to the email address used to register the child.

## Sports day

What a fantastic Sports Day we had! A big thank you to everyone who attended and cheered on our amazing children. More photos to follow on our facebook page.



## School Trips term 5

During term 5 some of our children had the opportunity to take part in some amazing trips that really helped enrich their learning. Please have a look at our School Website and Facebook page where you will find lots more photos of all our trips and events.

### Year 5 - Mosque

Year 5 had a wonderful time at our trip to the Mosque. They learnt to write their names in Arabic, tried on hijabs and hats worn by Muslims, tasted some dates and learnt lots about the religion of Islam.



### Year 6 to Blean Woods

Year 6 enjoyed a day out at Blean Woods to celebrate the end of the SATs. They had an amazing time!



### Year 1 – Treasure Hunt



Year 1 had a fabulous treasure hunt around Faversham. They saw lots of human features and they found lots of clues that lead them to the treasure at the library.

### Year 4 - Synagogue

Year 4 found their trip to the synagogue incredibly interesting. They were able to explore the synagogue, spotting many Jewish symbols they recognised from their learning. They were also able to see a real Torah scroll, learn about it and listened to a Rabbi reading from the scroll.



## School Trips term 5

### Year 4 Art Trail



Year 4 enjoyed an Art trail around Faversham. They enjoyed looking at the art work in our locality and sketching what they saw.

### Choir Festival

Huge congratulations to Mrs Haylor and the Ethelbert Choir for an amazing performance at the Faversham Choir Festival last night and tonight. You all sang beautifully and gave the biggest smiles. Well done!



### Year 2 – Mrs Clinch’s farm

**Year 2 enjoyed a wonderful trip to Syndale Farm and here is some of their writing:**

Last Friday we went on an amazing school trip to Syndale Farm. First, we arrived at the farm and met Miss Clegg and Mrs Clinch. Then we set off on our adventure. We had a stroll happily through the hops and then we got to a telephone mast. **(Olivia)**

Suddenly I fell over but I was brave and I got up again. We kept walking and walking and we listened very, very carefully. Did you know that I was full of fascination? **(Henry)**

After, we walked to the long, rough log where we had a biscuit. Then we played freely and we blew the dandelion clocks. We played happily then we went into the calm woods and we picked some flowers. Then me, Edward, Teddy, Charis and Theo built a big strong, den. **(Oliver)**

We had so much fun going in and out of the wooden dens exploring happily. On the way back we saw some hop picker huts. We saw a picture of what they would have used when people contacted the farmer to go hop picking. **(Isabel)**

Soon we went back to have some lunch. After lunch, we rolled happily down a big hill filled with buttercups. Before we went back to school we got to feed Bambi and Nellie the horses. And that is the end of our adventure! Thank you Mrs Kelleher and Mrs Starkey for an amazing school trip. **(Alice)**



## Amazing visitors and events in school

### A visit from Kent Online Kent Online

This term, James from Kent Online came in to deliver a news writing workshop to Year 3. They completed lots of fun activities and asked lots of questions about his experiences as a journalist.



### Year 3 Showcase

Year 3's showcase was absolutely jammed packed with times tables, poetry, a YouTube vlog and exploding volcanoes. They enjoyed showing just how much learning they had managed to squeeze in to Term 4.



### Ethelbert Road has two special visitors!

Thank you to **Guide Dogs UK**, Barney and Winston and their owners Trina and Bob who came into school and delivered a special assembly requested by the children through our school council. Barney and Winston were a huge hit and all the children learnt so much.



### Year 1 Showcase



Year 1 used what they had found on their treasure hunt to help them find the duck's home during their showcase. Well done year!

### ECO Warriors AKA ECO Eagles

The ECO Warriors would like to invite families to place small cardboard items such as toilet rolls, small food boxes, egg boxes etc into the bin for us to use during art and DT sessions, STEM work and for creative junk modelling.



### Reception Showcase

Year R were amazing in their "Dear Zoo" showcase. It was lovely to see so many of our families there to support this wonderful event.



## Year 6 End of Year Celebrations

Here are some of the lovely events and activities we have planned with the children so far before they move on to their secondary schools:

Swimming every Tuesday afternoon

Picnic in the park every Wednesday starting 10<sup>th</sup> June

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June trip to Gravesend Gurdwara

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June, year 6 will be running their own stalls at our Summer Fair

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July GEMS trailer will be in our playground for all the year 6 children to enjoy

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July - Leavers Production of Shakespeare Rocks at the Assembly rooms (time TBC)

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July - Leavers Assembly (1.30pm) followed by leaver's party (3.30pm – 5pm)

Trips within the locality- dates to be confirmed

We have lots more we are planning which we will share with you shortly.



## Hathats Foundation for Growth Project.

Ethelbert Road Primary is very excited to share how we are further supporting our local link with the '**Hathats Foundation for Growth Project.**' Last term we welcomed Dan who was visiting from Uganda. He talked to the children about growing up in Uganda and what it is like to go to school there. Here are the two ways you can get involved as part of our school community to further support the project:

### 1: Suitcase Challenge:

After listening to Dan, the children of Ethelbert Road said they would love to send the children of a Ugandan school a suitcase of fun equipment to use at school playtimes. A team from Hathats are visiting Uganda in July and they have allocated Ethelbert Road our very own suitcase which we would love your help to fill with the following:

- your children's pre-loved football kits/ sports kits they no longer use
- **deflated** balls such as footballs
- pumps to inflate the balls
- small rubber bouncing balls
- any other pre loved/ new easily transported equipment such as skipping ropes

***Please bring all donations to school***

Further information on the Hathats project can be found by clicking on the links below:

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

<https://hathats.co.uk/blogs/news/the-grounds-for-growth-project-2026>

## Fundraising – Term 5

### My School Lottery

Congratulations to everyone who has won on the School Lottery and thank you to those of you who have donated your winnings back to the school.

Your School Lottery creates and runs lotteries for schools across the UK to raise money through local communities to improve educational facilities and the school environment for thousands of pupils. Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 per week with 40p going back to our school, 36p towards the prize fund and 24p in admin fees. There is a guaranteed cash winner for tickets sold through our school every week and the chance to win a £25,000 jackpot. The draw takes place every Saturday, and winners will be notified by email. Match all 6 numbers to win the JACKPOT! It's a fantastic way to bring Parents, Carers, Teachers and the wider community together, in partnership with our school, and at the same time give something back. We hope to raise funds that can support and enrich the education of our children - we aim to provide extra resources for the children, improve the school environment as well as run extracurricular activities such as music, art and sport. Your support is greatly appreciated. Good luck!

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/ethelbert-road-primary-school>



### Easy Fundraising

We would like to say a huge thank you to all those parents who are using the easy fundraising app to purchase their shopping, for every purchase you make through the easy fundraising address or app this is a donation for the school. You can find our easy fundraising page at

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ethelbertroadprimary/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_content=cpl](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ethelbertroadprimary/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=cpl) or download the app



### Non uniform day – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June

Thank you to everyone who brought a donation in today for our **whole school Non-uniform Day**, we have had lots of items brought in already, but please still send items in if you find something you wish to donate. We use your donations on lots of our stalls but especially our tombola, this is always hugely successful and we are hoping this year is the same, if you are able to send in a donation of wine, sweets, toiletries or any other item that we can use as a tombola prize your donations will really help us to maximise the money, we raise for our school funds. If you have any unopened children's games, new children's books or puzzles or any items suitable these will also be gratefully received.

### Summer Fair – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June

We will be sending out a letter with more information next week.

## Bonus day – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

On Bonus Day children can come to school and pay for their bonuses that they have decided to do. Each bonus costs 50p.

### Bonus Day activities include:

Crazy hair or hair down – 50p

Non-school uniform – 50p

Wear trainers instead of school shoes – 50p

Wear nail varnish – 50p

Chocolate at breaktime and/or squash (no fizzy) in your water bottle – 50p

Wear your hat or fancy headwear in class – 50p

**or £3.00 to join in all the above bonuses**

## Friday Tuck shop and Frozen Friday – starts 12<sup>th</sup> June

Our tuck shop will be on a Friday 3pm to 3.30pm in the school playground so please remember your change when collecting your child at the end of the school day.

**PLEASE NOTE WHEN PURCHASING ICE LOLLIES, SNACKS OR DRINKS, WE CANNOT GUARANTEE THE INGREDIENTS THAT ARE IN THESE PRODUCTS.**

### Money Jars

We have decided to extend the money jars donations and these will now be collected into the office on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June.



### Pop up Breakfast stall

Thank you to everyone who brought something from our pop-up breakfast stall we held before sports day, we made an amazing £87.00



## Faversham Gym

The **year 1** children have already started their gym lessons at Faversham Gym in term 6. They walk to the gym and return before the end of the school day. There will be a total of six sessions. We would be grateful if you could make a contribution of **£6** to go towards the cost, which can be paid into the office or into our bank account clearly stating what payment is for.

If we do not receive enough contributions then we may have to cancel the gym visits. If you are unable to make the contribution or need assistance with it, please email Mrs Kirkbride via the office.



## Class Showcases

Each class will be holding a showcase to share the things they have been learning. There will be one, year group showcase per term. We hope you will be able to come and share some of the amazing work we are doing, but please could we ask that we only have two adults per child due to our hall size.

Term 6 - Year 2 - 7<sup>th</sup> July 2026 - 2.30pm.

Term 6 – Year 6 leavers production 13<sup>th</sup> July



## Head Lice

Could we please request that you check your child's head regularly for head lice as we have had a parent report a case recently. Please see the link below for further information.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>



## Payments

A reminder of how to pay for the following:

Clubs/Trips/PGL/Swimming: Account name: **Ethelbert Road Primary School**

Bank name: **Natwest**

Account number: **81845782**

Sort code: **51-70-55**

Breakfast & after school club: Account name: **KCC Re Ethelbert Road Primary School**

Bank name: **Natwest**

Account number: **83294880**

Sort code: **60-60-08**

School lunches: **Cash or cheque made payable to Chartwells**

## Email

Please note that emails sent to the class inbox should only be used for curriculum related queries. **All attendance, medical and any other enquiries should go to the office:**

Office: [office@ethelbert-road.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@ethelbert-road.kent.sch.uk)

Reception (Orange): [yr@ethelbert-road.kent.sch.uk](mailto:yr@ethelbert-road.kent.sch.uk)

Year 1 (Purple): [y1@ethelbert-road.kent.sch.uk](mailto:y1@ethelbert-road.kent.sch.uk)

Year 2 (Yellow): [y2@ethelbert-road.kent.sch.uk](mailto:y2@ethelbert-road.kent.sch.uk)

Year 3 (Blue): [y3@ethelbert-road.kent.sch.uk](mailto:y3@ethelbert-road.kent.sch.uk)

Year 4 (Red): [y4@ethelbert-road.kent.sch.uk](mailto:y4@ethelbert-road.kent.sch.uk)

Year 5 (Green): [y5@ethelbert-road.kent.sch.uk](mailto:y5@ethelbert-road.kent.sch.uk)

Year 6 (Onyx): [y6@ethelbert-road.kent.sch.uk](mailto:y6@ethelbert-road.kent.sch.uk)

## Chartwells lunches

The price of a school lunch is now **£2.97 per day**.

The cost for **term 6 will be £109.89**

Please make payment to the office by cash or cheque made payable to Chartwells.

**Please note that all lunches must be paid for in advance**



**Please note:** these dates could be subject to change

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Monday 8th June	Y3 trip to Macknade
Tuesday 9th June	New parents evening 5pm
Friday 12th June	Year 6 trip to Gravesend Gurdwara
Tuesday 16th June	Year R Beach trip
Friday 19th June	Summer Fair
Tuesday 23rd June	Shakespeare club performance at The Marlowe (PM)
Tuesday 23rd June	Class photos
Wednesday 24th June	Year 4 trip to Canterbury Cathedral. (details to follow)
Monday 29th June	Year 1 trip to Wingham
Friday 3rd July	Year 5 Port Lympne trip and sleep over
Tuesday 7th July	Year 2 showcase 2.30pm
Friday 10th July	Year 1 Australia fun day
Monday 13th July	Year 6 Production at The Assembly Halls (details to follow)
Wednesday 15th July	YR & Year 2 meet the teacher
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