



Ethelbert Road Primary School

Together We Thrive

Newsletter (12) 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.

Michele Kirkbride
Headteacher



Goodbye and Good Luck

At the end of this term, we will be saying goodbye and good luck to Mrs Willis who is retiring after 15 years of working at Ethelbert Road. Mrs Willis has been an amazing Art and DT Leader, classroom assistant, past staff governor and PPA cover teacher. She has led Art and DT across the school and we promise to keep up her wonderful work. Mrs Willis has also run a gardening club and ensured our school garden looks beautiful.

We would also like to say goodbye and good luck to Miss Place who is off on a new adventure. Miss Place has worked as our school cleaner for 11 years, as well as our Midday Meals Supervisor.

I am sure you will want to join me in thanking them both for all their support over the years and wish them all the best.

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 this term on Wednesday 15th July.

Year R will meet the Year 1 teacher on Wednesday 15th July at 3:30pm – 4:15pm

Year 2 will meet the Year 3 teacher on Wednesday 15th July at 4:30pm – 5:15pm

School bags / rucksacks

As we have limited space in our cloakroom, which is also used as the whole school entrance, exit and emergency exit, we will need to ask parents/carers to provide their child with a rucksack/school bag no larger than 15 inches.

Please note that large bags/rucksacks are prohibited and if these are brought to school, we will be asking parents to provide a smaller bag. Our school risk assessment has identified that larger bags are a health and safety risk and therefore they are not allowed in school.

Thank you for supporting the school to keep the children safe and our entrance, exits clear.

School Uniform – Clarification on uniform will be following soon

School uniform plays a key role in promoting pride, self-confidence, and a feeling of belonging within the student body. These factors contribute to students' wellbeing, removing the additional pressures of deciding what to wear and added stress of meeting the expectations of their peers.

School Uniform reminders:

- **Skirts, dresses and shorts must sit just above the knee.** Your child will be undertaking activities throughout the day that make short skirts, dress and shorts inappropriate to wear.
- **All long hair** (to the shoulders) must be tied up
- No jewellery and **earrings must be small plain studs. Earrings MUST be removed for PE sessions** (please speak to the class team if your child has had their ears pierced during the summer)
- Children must only wear PE kit on PE days, or if told by the teacher.
- No PE kit to be worn on club days. Children can do clubs in their uniform or change into PE kit.
- Children must wear sensible black shoes. **No open toe sandals or crocs.** All shoes must have a back or ankle strap.

The school has a bank of school uniform if you would like some. Please come and ask the school office or your class teaching team if there is anything you need. We are always able to help.

If your child needs adjustment to the uniform due to religious, SEND, medical or other reasons please speak to Mrs Kirkbride or Mrs Vitello.

Pencil Cases

Children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3 – 6) will be invited to bring a pencil case to school in September. Please do not worry if you have not got all the equipment on the list as the school can provide any items that are needed. Equipment in Key Stage 1 will be provided by the school, so there is no need for key Stage 1 children to bring in a pencil case. The school will provide scissors and writing pens for all children.

An example of a KS2 Pencil case:

- Ruler (15cm)
- HB Pencil x 3
- B2 Sketching Pencil x 1
- Rubber (white only please as coloured rubbers tend to leave marks on the type of paper we use)
- Glue Stick (white only please as coloured Glue tends to show through the type of paper we use)
- A pack of colouring pencils
- pencil sharpener



Thank you to our Governors

A big Ethelbert Road thank you to our amazing governors, who work tirelessly behind the scenes to help make Ethelbert Road School the fantastic school it is today.

Our Governors ensure the strategic direction of the school, monitor how well we are doing and assure we are giving our children the very best education possible. We wish our Governors a very restful summer and look forward to working with you all again next year.



Thank you to our Reading Volunteers and all who volunteer in school.

A big thank you to all our Reading Volunteers who give up their time to come into school and listen to our children read. The children get so much from this opportunity and love sharing and talking about their books with them.

We would also like to say thank you to everyone else who volunteers to help in school, whether it be to walk to the children to an activity, tidy the garden or help in any other way.

We hope to see you all again next year.



Medical appointments

If your child has a medical appointment which means that they will miss registration, either morning or afternoon, **we will need confirmation of the appointment.**

This can be in the form of a copy of the appointment letter or a screen shot of the appointment.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this matter.



Parking

Please could we remind parents and careers that we need to park with consideration to our neighbours. Please don't park on their dropped curbs or blocking any drives.

Also please do not park on our school zig zag lines, any double yellow lines or drop off your child in the middle of the road as this could endanger a child.



Summer Reading Challenge at Faversham Library

The Summer Reading Challenge is back for 2026!

Children aged 4-11 are invited to join the Summer Reading Challenge in Kent Libraries this summer, which will start on Saturday 4 July and will run throughout the summer, finishing on Saturday 5 September.

The Summer Reading Challenge is aimed at keeping children reading throughout the summer while away from school, as well as providing a fun, free activity for families. We would love your help in encouraging as many children in Swale to take part as possible!

This year's theme is ***Read to The Beat***. This exciting new theme will inspire children explore the magical connection between reading, storytelling and music.

As in previous years, children can choose to join the Summer Reading Challenge by visiting their nearest library or they can take part by visiting the [Summer Reading Challenge website](#). Once completed, all children can visit the library for their medal and certificate. So please do encourage your pupils to join the Challenge and complete it by reading six books this summer.

Chartwells lunches – PRICE INCREASE IN SEPTEMBER

Please be advised that from September the price of a school lunch will increase to **£3.18 per day**.

The cost for term 1 will be **£117.66**

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

The current menu will still be in place in term 1 and can be found on our website.



PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL LUNCHES MUST BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE.

Staffing September 2026

Please take a look at our staffing for September.

Class	Teacher	TA	TA
Orange (R)	Mrs Rix	Mrs Da Costa	Miss Willis
Purple (1)	Miss Clark	Mrs Jago Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,	Mrs Da Costa Friday
Yellow (2)	Mrs Kelleher	Mrs Starkey	
Blue (3)	Mrs Constantine	Mrs Cassell	
Red (4)	Mr Jones	Miss Carey	
Green (5)	Mr Adkins - Maths Mrs Haylor - Reading Mrs Calzada - Writing	Mrs Fenech Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday	
Onyx (6)	Mr Adkins - Maths Mrs Haylor - Reading Mrs Calzada - Writing	Mrs Davies	

School Trips term

During term 6 so far 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 1 trip to Wingham Wildlife Park

Year 1 had a fabulous day at Wingham Wildlife Park. They explored lots of different animals the park and learnt a lot about mini beasts.



Year R Beach Trip

Year R enjoyed a morning at the beach. They loved exploring the beach and looking for pirate treasure



Year 5 Port Lymph Wildlife Park

Year 5 had a great day at Port Lymphne today. The children were beautifully behaved. They are now enjoying a film together during their sleepover.



Year 6 trip to Gravesend Gurdwara

Year 6 had a brilliant morning at Gravesend Gurdwara. The children were astounded by the Gurdwara as soon as they saw it (it is indeed a very impressive looking building). They got to see a copy of the Guru Granth Sahib (the Sikh holy book/ teacher) and learnt about Sikhism from a Sikh they tried lots of delicious food. The food was a definite highlight for many of the children with seconds being devoured by many!



Year 4 trip to Canterbury Cathedral

Year 4 took the train to Canterbury and visited Canterbury Cathedral. They learnt a lot about the Anglo-Saxons and King Ethelbert, the first Christian King. They had a great day dressing up as Anglo-Saxons!



Year 1 Music showcase

Year 1, had a fabulous time showcasing their violin skills to their special adults. It was amazing to see how much they had learnt this year.



Shakespeare Club

Well done to the Shakespeare Club, Mrs Jago and Mrs West for an amazing performance at the Marlowe Theatre. It was so good and all the children were amazing. A special thank you to one of the Year 5 Mums who stepped in last minute to support the event. We are truly grateful to you.



Amazing visitors and events in school

Year 3 Macknade

What a day! Y3 have had the best day making their pizzas. Before heading off for a fabulous trip to **Macknade** to learn all about the history of the farm shop and to discover and taste a variety of different fruits! Thank you to **Kent Crisps** as well for donating some boxes so that the children could take a little treat home too!



Year 5 Go-Kart

A huge well done to The Block Buddies, Mr Adkins, Mrs Davies, Mr West and Year 5 for an excellent race day. They won Grand champions 2026, Best workbook 2026 and Best-looking car 2026! A huge thank you to Mr Adkins and Mr West for giving up their Sunday to support this event. Watch out for our future engineers



Gardening club

This year Faversham Horticultural Society have very kindly supported our school gardening club by paying for the seeds, plants and compost.

The year 5 gardeners were delighted to show four of the FHS committee around our garden. The children talked enthusiastically and knowledgeably about the seeds they have sown, the plants they've grown and how they take care of the garden and the wildlife in it. They were keen to share what they love about gardening from weeding and watering to being outside and seeing things grow from week to week - well done, year 5 gardeners!



Huge congratulations to our Year 2 and Year 4 football teams. Year 2 gained second place and Year 4 third place. A huge thank you to our wonderful staff who gave up their time to take the children to this event and to the amazing staff who covered them back in school!

The Code Crew have held their final assembly talking to the children about AI, its dangers and how to use it safely. As part of this assembly, they reminded the children about some of the rules for staying safe online - SMART and TIBS.



Amazing visitors and events in school

Year 1 were super lucky to have two visitors from Australia join them today. They spoke all about Australian landmarks, Australian animals and life in Australia. They answered lots of questions and were a joy to have in class. John and Gloria will now spend 2 months on a cruise ship to head back to Australia. Thank you and Bon Voyage.



Goodbye to Rev Dan

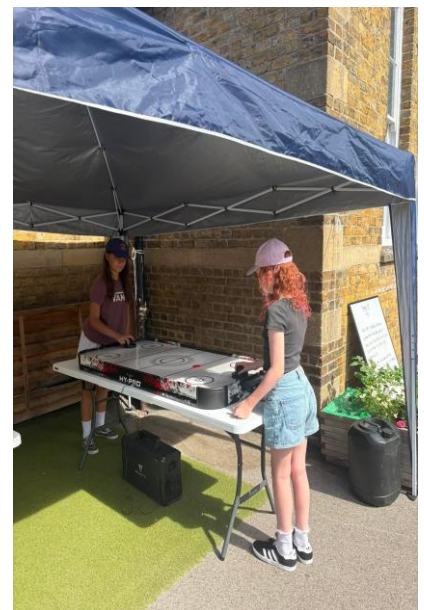
We would like to thank Rev Dan for all of his support over the years he has worked alongside us in supporting the school and local community.

Good luck in your new adventure, we will miss you.



GEMS trailer visiting year 6

What a busy week for Ethelbert Road! A huge thank you to Rev Dan for being the GEM van to school for our Year 6 children to enjoy as an end of year treat. They had so much fun



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 – last session 14th July

Picnic in the park every Wednesday – last picnic 15th July

Monday 13th July - Leavers Production of Shakespeare Rocks at the Assembly rooms, 2.00pm and 4.15pm, tickets are £4 each and available from the office.

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Fundraising – Term 6

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 extra-curricular 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.easypundraising.org.uk/causes/ethelbertroadprimary/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=cpl or download the app



Frozen Friday

Our frozen Fridays will be held in the playground every week between 3pm to 3.30pm in the school playground so please remember your change when collecting your child at the end of the school day.

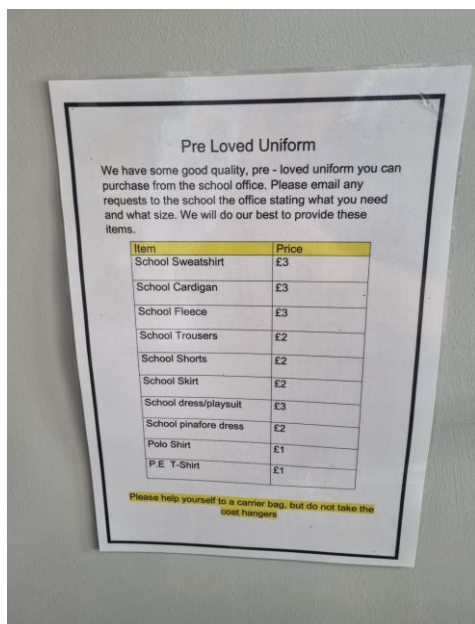
PLEASE NOTE WHEN PURCHASING ICE LOLLIES, SNACKS OR DRINKS, WE CANNOT GUARANTEE THE INGREDIENTS THAT ARE IN THESE PRODUCTS.



School pre loved uniform

Thank you to everyone who has brought some of our pre loved uniform.

We have raised £28 this term so far.



If you have any good quality, washed uniform that you would like to donate to the school, please bring this into the school office.

Bonus day

A big thank you to everyone who participated in our school bonus day.

We raised an amazing £212.56



Money Jars

Well done to everyone who participated in our money jars fundraiser. Here is what each class raised.

Reception =	£37.52
Year 1 =	£25.67
Year 2 =	£24.49
Year 3 =	£22.76
Year 4 =	£37.21
Year 5 =	£54.56
Year 6 =	£4.28



Summer Fair

A huge thank you to everyone who sent in gifts, help to run a stall, brought a raffle ticket or just turned up at the fair.

We raised a fantastic amount

£1355.32



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 - 15th July 2026 - 9am.

Term 6 – Year 6 leavers production 13th July 2pm and 4.15pm.



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

Please note: these dates could be subject to change

Academic Year 2025/2026

Term 6	
Friday 10 th July	Year 1 Australia fun day
Monday 13 th July	Year 6 Production at The Assembly Rooms
Tuesday 15 th July	Year 2 showcase 9am
Wednesday 15 th July	YR & Year 2 meet the teacher
Monday 20 th July	Year 6 leavers assembly and party
Tuesday 21 st July	End of school Year 2025/2026 School closes at 1:30pm and no wrap around care on this day

Happy Summer Holidays Everyone!

Academic Year 2026/2027

Term 1	
Tuesday 1 st September	Inset Day - school closed for children
Wednesday 2 nd September	Children return to school
Thursday 22 nd October	End of term 1
Friday 23 rd October	Inset Day – school closed for children
Term 2	
Monday 2 nd November	Children return to school
Thursday 17 th December	End of term 2 – there will be no WAC on this day
Friday 18 th December	Inset Day – school closed for children
Term 3	
Monday 4 th January	Children return to school
Friday 12 th February	End of term 3
Term 4	
Monday 22 nd February	Children return to school
Thursday 25 th March	End of term 4 – there will be no WAC on this day
Term 5	
Monday 12 th April	Children return to school
Monday 3 rd May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Thursday 27 th May	End of term 5
Friday 28 th May	Inset Day – school closed for children
Term 6	
Monday 7 th June	Inset Day – school closed for children
Tuesday 8 th June	Children return to school
Wednesday 21 st July	End of school Year 2026/2027 School closes at 1:30pm and no wrap around care on this day