



Ethelbert Road Primary School

Together We Thrive

Newsletter (12) Term 6 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of another school year, we cannot believe how quickly the time has gone. This year has been full of wonderful memories for all our children and we hope that our year 6's will take some of their memories with them as they take the next step in their learning journey.

I would like to wish all of our families and friends a wonderful summer holiday and thank you all for your continued support over the past year.

Good luck year 6! Please come back and see us.

Michele Kirkbride



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Class transitions

We would like to thank everyone who attended our year R to 1 and year 2 to 3 class transition meetings this term, we hope parents found these useful and if you were unable to attend, please take a look on our website where all the information will be available for you to look at.



School Trips, events and visitors for the end of 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 1 Australia Day

What a fantastic Australia Fun Day Year 1 had!

The children tasted Vegemite, made delicious Lamington cake, discovered fascinating facts about kangaroos, explored the sounds of the didgeridoo, played quick cricket and danced to The Loco-Motion! A brilliant day full of fun, learning and smiles!



Year 2 assembly

Our amazing Year 2 Showcase was a wonderful celebration of the children's learning and growth this year. The children confidently shared stories about their friendships and devised their own drama scenes, acting out each of the topics they have explored throughout the year. They acted, sang and spoke with such confidence and clarity throughout the performance and there was barely a dry eye in the audience when they sang *When I Grow Up*. Well done Year 2.



Ethelbert's Got Talent

Today, we held our most fabulous talent show to date. We got to see unique and original acts never before seen in our annual showcase! This year, the council decided to do things a little differently. Instead of each class choosing one act, they put their favourite acts forward for a new semi-final round. The school council judged this round and selected seven acts to perform in the live final. They also kindly handed over the final decision of the winner to the whole school.

Congratulations to our runners up: Anton's mystifying magic tricks and Rowan on the steel drums. Huge congratulations go to our winner, Charis, for her hilarious stand-up comedy routine, that had the children chuckling and the teachers crying with laughter. Our very worthy winner was so funny that she even received a standing ovation from the audience! A sensational show, crazy conga line and whole school Mexican wave - what a day! Thank you so much to all of their brave and talented acts that competed, to the school councillors for all of their prep work and hosting duties and to the teaching staff for all their hard work, as always, to make this show a huge success! Thank you, also to @Rap Interiors, for supporting our school by providing prizes for our top 3 for the 5th year in a row.

Year 5 Port Lymgne

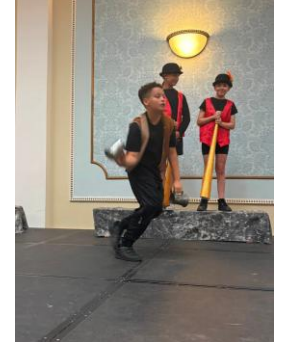


Year 5 had a fantastic time on their recent trip to Port Lymgne and school sleepover. The children enjoyed seeing a wide range of animals, going on the safari, and had a great time at the sleepover.

The children were beautifully behaved throughout the visit and made us all very proud. They were great company and even managed to get some sleep! They are definitely ready for Year 6 and their upcoming PGL adventure.

Year 6 Production

Congratulations to year 6 who put on an amazing performance of Shakespeare Rocks. Full of laughter, dancing, singing and fun, our year 6's shone brightly like the stars they are. A huge thank you to the school staff, Kathy West, Ian West and Helen who support our school and make sure the magic is kept alive.



Netball Year 6 v's teachers

Year 6 v's the teachers netball match today was fierce and fast paced. The teams were cheered on by the rest of the school with fabulous commentary from James and Quin. Teachers won 7-9, but the referee took away 2 points to make the match a draw. Well done everyone who took part. This has become one of my favourite memories



Year 6 leavers assembly and party



Mrs Willis Leaving assembly

We said goodbye and good luck to Mrs Willis who is retiring at the end of term. Mrs Willis has been part of our school for 15 years and a valued and popular member of staff. Mrs Willis enjoyed a children's assembly followed by a garden party with staff past and present



Sports leaders

The Sports leaders did an amazing job of organising and running a sports event for Year R. They all enjoyed taking part in the range of activities that had been planned for them.



Year R Pirate Day

The children enjoyed a range of pirate day activities including walking the plank, making treasure chests, making pirate flags and finding treasure.



Year buddy stay and play

The year 6 buddy stay and play session to celebrate the end of the year was a great success. The buddies exchanged cards and explored a range of activities, finishing with a special snack time



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



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.



Summer Reading Challenge at Faversham Library

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The Summer Reading Challenge, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a FREE, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long. This year's theme is Story Garden, where imagination blossoms and stories grow! Children will explore creativity, storytelling, and the magic of books through exciting activities and adventures.

Further details on how to join are attached to this email.



Visit your local library or go online at
summerreadingchallenge.org.uk
to get started from 5 July 2025.

Class Showcases

Thank you to all our parents who were able to attend their child's class showcases, I know the children enjoy showing you all the work they have done during the term of the showcase.



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

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



Chartwells lunches



The price of a school lunch is now **£3.18 per day**.

The cost for **term 1 will be £120.84**

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

Wrap around Care

At Ethelbert Road we offer Breakfast Club and/or After School Care to parents and will require parents to pre-book their child's place and pay before the first session starts. Places will be allocated on a weekly basis. Please book sessions, via the WAC email address, **no later than the Thursday before you require them unless you have booked sessions for the whole term.**

Children will not be able to attend any wraparound care unless it has been booked and paid for in advance due to booking staff. The details for making payments to the bank for after school care and breakfast club **only** is via bank transfer:

Please send all requests to wac@ethelbert-road.kent.sch.uk

Bookings need to be emailed no later than 3pm on Thursdays for the forthcoming week, this is to ensure we have the correct number of staff ratio.

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Please use your child's full name as a reference for us to allocate this to the correct child.

Prices

Breakfast club 7.55am – 8.45 am = £3

After School Care 3.15pm – 4.30pm = £5
 4.30pm – 5.30pm = £4
 3.15pm – 5.30pm = £9

When dropping off or collecting your child please could you ring the bell and a member of WAC staff will collect or drop off your child at the gate. If no one answers the bell please phone the WAC mobile (number is displayed in the window) and a member of WAC staff will bring your child to the gate.

If you need to contact the WAC staff after 4pm to let them know that another adult is collecting your child, then please call the after school mobile on **07716137238**.

PLEASE REMEMBER: If you are going to be late to collect your child for either collection time please call the WAC mobile number, this is to ensure staffing numbers are adhered to.



Dates for Academic Year 2026/2027

Please note: these dates could be subject to change

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