



# Ethelbert Road Primary School

*Together We Thrive*

## Newsletter (4) Term 2 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to an exciting term 2 at Ethelbert Road Primary School. This is my favourite time of year and we have planned some exciting events for the children.

As always, if you have any worries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Michele Kirkbride  
Headteacher



### Parent/Carer Questionnaire Extended Cut-off Date

To help us make sure we're providing the best standard of education for your children, we would like to know how you feel about our school. We have sent an email with a link to our annual Parent/Carer questionnaire and would like as many families to complete this short survey as possible.

Your responses will help us to:

- Find out what we're doing well and where we could do better
- Make sure we're meeting your needs and the needs of your child(ren)
- Help us to make decisions about school improvement



**Please take the time to complete this survey to help us make Ethelbert Road Primary School the best it can be. It will only take a few minutes of your time, but will make a HUGE difference to our school!**

Your feedback is very important to us, so don't forget to explain any reasons for your answer so we can improve our practices. **The Parent/Carer questionnaire will now close on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025.**

### Reception Starters 2025:

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### Parental consultation survey Autumn 2025:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeWaFnzhESt-iHvJxv9BySqc12x2734OzK2ruPwowl075YInQ/viewform?usp=dialog>



## Christmas Activities



### Christmas Tree Assembly

We will be holding our Christmas Tree Assembly on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November.



Our children always enjoy making decorations to hang on the tree, while we sing festive songs.

### Christmas Dinner, Christmas Party and Jumper Day

Christmas dinner and jumper day will take place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December



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Children can wear non-school uniform on this day.

Here are the dates for the Christmas shows and Nativities. Please note: If any of our shows are cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, we will video the performances and share these with parents.

### Year R Nativity

The children will be performing their Nativity on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December in the school hall at 2.15pm

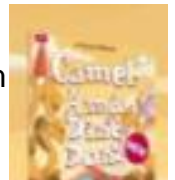
Due to the size of our hall, please could we ask that only 2 adults attend per child.



### Year 1 & Year 2

The Year 1 and 2 Nativity 'Camel-ama-Ding Dong' will be held in the school hall on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

**Year 2** parents to watch 9.30am  
**Year 1** parents to watch 2pm



Due to the size of our hall, please could we ask that only 2 adults attend per child.

### Year 5 & 6

Year 5 and 6's Carol Service will be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at St Catherine's Church.

The start time is 10.45am and we look forward to seeing you there.



### Year 3 and Year 4 show

Year 3 and 4 will be performing 'Snow White' at the Alexander Centre on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

#### The performance times are:

**1.30pm – 2.30pm and 3.30pm – 4.30pm**

*Please note: As the second performance takes place out of school hours, it is not compulsory for children to attend. However, we would very much appreciate advanced warning of this so that we can prepare and reallocate roles accordingly.*



### Friday 21<sup>nd</sup> November – Non – Uniform Day

We are inviting the children to come to school on Friday 21st November in exchange for a Christmas Fair prize.

Our tombola is always hugely popular and we are hoping to run a children's and adult's tombola this year. If you are able to send in a donation of wine, sweets, toiletries, new toys, or books we would be extremely grateful.



### Film Night Friday 21st November

Our popular film night will take place on Friday 21st November

Infants: 3.15pm -4.45pm and Juniors 3.15pm -5.00pm

The children will watch the film together in the main hall and collection will be from the main playground.

Money will need to be paid in advance by **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November**, to enable us to purchase enough refreshments. Money needs to be sent in a named envelope to the office or into our bank account clearly referenced. The cost is £4.00.

If your child attends out of hours' provision (after school care) until 5.30pm they will automatically be included, unless you state otherwise. **If your child has an allergy, please let the office know, so we can provide the correct snack and drink.**

We will notify you once we know which film is being shown.



## Christmas Dinner

Our school Christmas dinner this year will be on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

We will be sending an email and form to complete once we have received the menu from Chartwells



## Christmas Fair

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November - 2.30pm – 4.00pm**

Father Christmas will be visiting us at our Christmas Fair again this year and we will be creating a magical Santa's Grotto where the children will be able to visit Father Christmas and listen to his festive stories.

Please keep an eye on your emails as we will be emailing further information to you and a form for you to complete if you are able to offer your help at the fair.

**PLEASE NOTE WHEN PURCHASING CAKES, FOOD OR DRINKS WE CANNOT GUARANTEE THE INGREDIENTS THAT ARE IN THESE PRODUCTS.**



## Children in Need

Children in Need is on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November. The theme this year is to "Challenge yourself to 25"

This year we are inviting children to come to school wearing something with "a splash of colour"

This could be a headband, socks, tie, or a T-shirt with their school uniform.

If you want to donate to the Children in Need Charity there will be a bucket on the gate.



## Time to shine!

We will be launching a creative writing competition next week. All our children are invited to write either a story or a poem which will be judged by our Year 6 writing ambassadors. There will be a bronze, silver and gold award for each key stage. Entries can be handed in to class teachers who will then pass them on to the ambassadors. The closing date for all entries is **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December**. All writing will then be entered into the Faversham Literary Festival Creative Writing Competition.



## Year 6 Bulb Planting

We are delighted that Faversham Horticultural Society have chosen us as their partner school this year. The society aims, amongst other things, "to encourage the cultivation of flowers, fruit, and vegetables, and to inspire members through a variety of activities."

This year activities include the designing of a wildlife garden and the growing of vegetables for the society's Autumn show in September. We started with the children in year 6 planting a daffodil bulb each with the aim that these will be in flower ready for judging at the society's Spring show next March!

Many thanks to Mary Cole who came into school to help the children plant their bulbs and to the FHS for providing the daffodil bulbs and compost.



## Parent and Teacher Consultations

We look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming parent and teacher consultations.

At Ethelbert Road Primary School, we feel it is extremely important for staff and parents to work together in a respectful, courteous and supportive manner. We all have the same goal: for the children to be happy, confident and reach their true potential. **At your appointment you will be asked to complete the Home/School agreement for your child's current class.**

Monday 17th November - Year 1 and year 2 – 12:30pm – 5:30pm

Wednesday 19th November – Year R – 8am – 12.30pm

Year 5 and year 6 - 12:30pm – 5:30pm

Thursday 20th November – Year 3 and year 4 – 12:30pm – 5:30pm

Tuesday 18th November – all year groups 3:30pm – 7pm



## 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 2 – Year 4 Christmas Production

Term 2 – Year 5

Term 3 – Year 2

Term 4 – Year 3

Term 5 – Year 1

Term 6 – Year 6 end of year show

Reception – date to follow



## Wraparound care

Due to increase in numbers and limited spaces, we would like to remind all parents of the importance of booking your child in as soon as possible. If you receive an email to say that WAC is fully booked on the date you have requested, you are more than welcome to phone in the morning to see if we have had a cancellation.



## Attendance

A big thank you to all our families for ensuring your child attends regularly.

You may be aware from press coverage that fines for time out of school, especially holidays in term time have changed. All state funded schools must consider whether a penalty notice for absence is appropriate in each individual case where one of their pupils reaches the national threshold for considering a penalty notice.

Ethelbert Road would like to advise parents/carers that holidays in term time will not be authorised and the school may request that a penalty notice is issued. Penalty notices can be escalated and so parents can make informed decisions regarding term time leave of absences the details are below:

*Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each child and the amount will be £160 if paid within 28 days, reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.*

*If a second penalty notice is issued within a rolling 3-year period, then the charge will be a flat rate of £160 per parent per child if paid within 28 days.*

*In both instances failure to pay the penalty in full at the end of the 28 days period may result in prosecution by the Kent PRU and Attendance Service.*

*In the event of three or more periods of unauthorised absence within a 3 rolling year period, a penalty notice will not be issued. A referral will be made to Kent PRU and Attendance Service Courts Team who will consider the case for prosecution*



## 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)

## 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**

## Chartwells lunches

Please be advised that from September the price of a school lunch will increase to **£2.97 per day**.  
The cost for term 2 will be £115.83

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**

## Dates for the academic year 2025-2026

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

<b>Academic Year 2025/2026</b>	
<b>Term 2</b>	
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 1 and 2 Parent and Teacher Consultation
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Late Parent and Teacher Consultation
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Year R (am), Year 5 and Year 6 (pm) Parent and Teacher Consultation
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 and 4 Parent and Teacher Consultation
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Non Uniform – in return for a fair prize Film Night
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Tree Assembly
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Fair
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Y5 and Y6's Carol Service at St Catherine's church
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Year R Nativity
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 & Y2 Nativity show
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 and 4 Production Alexander Centre
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas dinner, Christmas jumper and party day
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	INSET Day – school closed to children
<b>Term 3</b>	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of term
<b>Term 4</b>	
Monday 23 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return to school
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Last day of term
<b>Term 5</b>	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 Trip
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Last day of term
<b>Term 6</b>	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	INSET Day – school closed to children
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Children return to school
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	End of school Year 2025/2026
Happy Summer Holidays Everyone!	

### INSET DAYs 2025/2026

INSET DAY 4 – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

INSET DAY 5 – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026