



Ethelbert Road Primary School

Together We Thrive

Newsletter (6) Term 2 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been the most fantastic Christmas at Ethelbert Road and we have enjoyed many events. Our children have been amazing as always and a credit to us all. I have received numerous emails from families and friends highlighting just how well behaved and engaged the children were at many of our special Christmas events.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the pupils, staff, governors, volunteers and parents of Ethelbert Road who have been extremely supportive.

I would like to wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas and I am looking forward to seeing what the New Year brings.

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



Michele Kirkbride
Headteacher

Christmas Fair

A huge thank you to all our families and friends who attended our Christmas Fair. Thank you to everyone who donated prizes, set up the stalls, ran the stall and joined us for an afternoon of Christmas fun!

We raised £1,231.04 towards running one of our minibuses





Christmas Activities



Christmas Tree Assembly



We would like to say a very big thank you to one of our parents who has donated the tree this year, but wishes to remain anonymous.

Christmas Dinner, Christmas Party and Jumper Day

Christmas dinner, Jumper Day and Party Day was a great success!

We would like to say a huge thank you to Chartwells who provided us with an amazing Christmas Lunch, which was enjoyed by all the children and staff.



The variety of Christmas Jumpers was amazing and the sound of excitement coming from the class parties echoed throughout the school.

Year R Nativity

Thank you to all our families and friends who came to watch the Year R Nativity. The children put on a wonderful show.



Year 1 & Year 2

Year 1 and 2 performed the Magical Nativity. They performed, sang and danced beautifully. A big thank you to all our families who joined us to watch this wonderful show.



Year 5 & 6 Carol Concert

A big thank you to St Catherine's Church for hosting our Year 5 and 6 Christmas Carol Concert. It was very magical. The singing and orchestra were amazing. What a wonderful concert full of joy and good will.



Snow White – Years 3 and 4

Congratulations to Years 3 & 4 on a magical performance of Snow White. The children's singing, dancing and jokes were spectacular and everyone was amazed by the quality of their acting. A big thank you to the Ethelbert team who worked hard to run this enrichment opportunity alongside the children's learning. Please see our Facebook for lots more pictures



Film Night

Our Christmas film night raised an **amazing £432** towards the cost of one of minibuses. The children had the best time watching a Christmas film with their friends.



Mr and Mrs Clause and the Elves

Mr and Mrs Clause and the Elves want to say a huge thank you to Ethelbert Road for inviting them to their Christmas fair. They said “all the children were so amazing and polite. It’s an absolute privilege to be part of Team Santa”



School Disco

The School Council disco raised **£704** towards the cost of one of minibuses. A huge thank you to the School Council for organising this event. A good time was had by all!



Shakespeare Club

Our Shakespeare Club had the wonderful time watching the Royal Shakespeare Company perform a child friendly version of King Lear. The children were complimented lots of times on their engagement, behaviour and their fantastic ideas on how to change our world for the better.



New School Website

We are looking forward to sharing with you our new school website which will now be launched in the new year. Due to migrations happening between the old website and new website there may be some information that can not be displayed until the new website has launched. All Christmas performance photographs and videos will be available on the new school website in the new year. However, I will be placing lots of photographs on Facebook.



Welcome back Miss Brown!

We welcomed back Miss Brown from the Deaflympics and the children were so excited to see her back in school. We are very proud of Miss Brown's achievements and were excited to see her bronze Olympic medal.



Voluntary contributions to school activities.

Many of the events that take place in school only happen with the voluntary contributions of parents and carers. These include use of the gym, swimming pool, enrichment trips and workshops. The school works hard to keep the costs to a minimum and no child is ever excluded from an event or trip. As school funds get tighter, and fundraising is now used for the up keep of one of the minibuses, it is more important more than ever to gain parent/carers voluntary support.

If you are able to contribute to the costs of activities, either the full amount, or part of the amount, we would be grateful. If we do not receive enough donations, unfortunately the trip or event will need to be cancelled.

If you need support with paying for a trip, event, or enrichment opportunity, or you are in receipt of pupil premium, please speak to Mrs Kirkbride who will be more than happy to support where she can.

Celebrating your child's birthday

At Ethelbert Road we understand that children's birthdays are special.



In order for us to ensure all children are included when parents/carers bring in treats please could we only ask for children to bring in small packets of sweets that are suitable for children with allergies, vegetarians and vegans. These sweets will not be given out in class, but your child is welcome to give them out on the playground at the end of the day. Parents can then ensure their children are supervised whilst eating them.

We are sorry but we cannot give out cake/s, so please could we ask that you do not bring cakes into school.

Faversham Gym

The **Year 3** children will be started their gym lessons at Faversham Gym in term 3. 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 3 – Year 5 on 8th January at 2.30pm

Term 3 – Year 2

Term 4 – Year 3

Term 5 – Year 1

Term 6 – Year 6 end of year show

Reception – **date to follow**



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

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

The cost for term 3 will be £89.10

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

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

Dates for the academic year 2025-2026

Please note: these dates could be subject to change

Academic Year 2025/2026	
Term 3	
Monday 5 th January	Children return to school
Thursday 8 th January	Year 5 Showcase 2.30pm
Monday 12 th January	Kent Health to visit Y6 for TLM delivery
Friday 13 th February	School Disco Last day of term
Term 4	
Monday 23 th February	Children return to school
Thursday 2 nd April	Last day of term
Term 5	
Monday 20 th April	Children return to school
Monday 11 th – Thursday 14 th May	Year 6 SATS
Friday 15 th May	Year 6 Trip
Friday 22 nd May	Last day of term
Term 6	
Monday 1 st June	INSET Day – school closed to children
Tuesday 2 nd June	Children return to school
Wednesday 3 rd June	Class Photos
Tuesday 21 st July	End of school Year 2025/2026 School closes at 1:30pm and not wrap around care on this day
Happy Summer Holidays Everyone!	Children return to school TBC

INSET DAYs 2025/2026

INSET DAY 5 – Monday 1st June 2026