



Ethelbert Road Primary School

Together We Thrive

Newsletter (8) Term 3 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a busy term so far at Ethelbert Road, with lots of enrichment opportunities and learning fun. The children are enjoying their learning and I have had the pleasure of seeing some excellent work.

Please take the time to read this newsletter, as it contains important information.

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

Michele Kirkbride
Headteacher



Year 5 Showcase

Thank you to our Year 5 families for coming to our Year 5 Showcase. The children enjoyed sharing their Term 1 and 2 learning. Well done Year 5!



Well done to our amazing writers!

Congratulations to our writing competition winners. We had 52 amazing entries and our Writing Ambassadors had a tough time selecting the silver and gold winners. Keep writing!!!



Fun February Disco

We will be holding our Fun February Disco on Friday 13th February.

The timings will be:

Years R, 1 & 2 - 3.15pm – 4pm

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 - 4.15pm – 5.15pm

Tickets are £4 each and include a drink and snack.

If your child would like to attend, please send £4 into the office in an envelope clearly stating name and class. Payment can also be made into our bank account but please clearly reference with name and disco.



Shakespeare club enjoy a workshop

Shakespeare Club enjoyed a fabulous voice work shop on Tuesday morning based on King Lear. Thank you to Kate from the Marlowe Theatre / RSC, the children had a great time and have learnt, so much.



Clubs

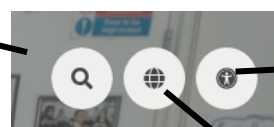
Please see the attached clubs letter for our term 3 and 4 clubs. If your child wishes to attend any clubs please complete and return the form to the school office as soon as possible.

Payment for clubs must be made in advance.



New School Website

We are looking forward to sharing with you our new school website which will be launched shortly. The website is easy to use and will give parents/carers the information they need. There are special features on the website including an accessibility option, where you can change the font size and background colour, as well as a function tool to change the website language.



Accessibility

Languages

E – Waste Warriors Project

Year 6 had a great time undertaking the E-Waste Warriors retro games console repair session.

Please don't forget to bring your electricals to school to be recycled.

No vapes or batteries please

The bins will be open for use from **19th January to Friday 13th February 2026**, before and after school, or drop your electricals off to the main office.



The E-waste warriors visit Faversham

The E - waste warriors will be visiting the Faversham Repair Café on 21st February (please see attached poster for location).

If you have any broken small electrical items, you can take these along to be repaired.

They may also have a few Team Repair kits for you to have a go at (for those that didn't get a chance in school).



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/>



Jigsaw, Cars, Small World (such as dinosaurs, people) Appeal!

Do you have any good quality, complete jigsaw puzzles, cars, or small world toys at home that your children no longer use?

If so, we would love to have them in school as our stock has run very low.

Any jigsaw donations, **up to 200 pieces**, cars and small world toys will be gratefully received in the office and we are sure our children will have great fun playing with them.



Children's Mental Health Week.

[Children's Mental Health Week 2026](#) runs from 9-15 February, aiming to empower young people and highlight the importance of emotional wellbeing.

Organised by [Place2Be](#), the 2026 theme is "[This is My Place](#)," focusing on fostering a sense of belonging.

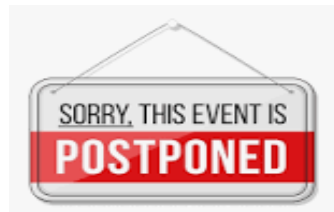
Ethelbert Road will continue to promote Mental Health and Wellbeing, with a focus on sense of belonging for this week.



Year 2 Showcase

Unfortunately, the Year 2 showcase has had to be postponed.

We will let all year 2 parents know once a new date has been arranged.



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 4 – Year 3

Term 5 – Year 1

Term 6 – Year 6 end of year show

Reception – **date to follow**

Year 2 - **date to follow**



STEM Week (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths)

The 2nd – 6th February is our schools annual STEM Week. This year the theme is **CURIOSITY**, which is one of our values.

We will start the week with an assembly, followed by class activities which include Year 5 building a go kart. A big thank you to Mrs Nock who has returned to Ethelbert Road to support the go kart project.

We will end the week with a sharing everything we have learnt and created in Celebration Assembly.



The Young Artists' Summer Show

Now in its eighth year, the Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for students aged 4–18 studying in the UK. Artworks are judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals, with selected artworks displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts.

Registration and submission are open until 5pm on 4 March 2026, [find out more and get involved](#).

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 **£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



Dates for the academic year 2025-2026

Please note: these dates could be subject to change

Academic Year 2025/2026	
Term 3	
Friday 13 th February	Last day of term
Friday 13 th February	Fun February Disco
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 15 th May	Whole school film night
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