



Ethelbert Road Primary School

Together We Thrive

Newsletter (9) Term 4 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

This year is whizzing by and everyone has been busy organising exciting learning, events and trips. The children are working hard and we are excited to share their progress with you at the Parent/Carer and Teacher Consultations. We aim to speak to 100% of our families and therefore it is important that you arrange a time for either a phone call or face to face meeting with your child's teacher.

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

Kind regards,

Michele Kirkbride

Headteacher



Easter Assembly

Easter Assembly 2nd April 2026 at 2pm

We have arranged for our Easter Assembly to be held at St Mary's of Charity Church this year. The service will start at 2pm and **collection from the church will be at 3pm.**

The children will walk to the church after lunch, leaving school approximately at 1:30pm. If you would be able to walk with a class, please contact the office to let them know by 20th March in order to allow us time to allocate the correct number of parent helper reserved seats in the church.

As this is an afternoon assembly the children will be picked up from the church at approximately 3pm, when the service ends. The school plans to dismiss Year R, 1 and 2 first, so to ensure the smooth and safe handover of children, please could we ask parents of Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 parents to leave the church and wait outside. Once the Infant children have been released, then we will invite the Junior parents back into the church to collect their child. Please bare with us while we hand over the children to you, we will be following our safeguarding procedures for dismissal and we understand this could take some time.

If your child has permission to walk home from school and you would like them to walk home from the church, please email the office and the year group email to give specific permission to do so. We will not be able to release them without specific permission.

As this is the last day of term there will be no after school club on this day, so please make arrangements to collect your child/children from St Mary's Church. If you will have difficulty collecting from St Mary's Church, please let the school office know.

There will be no Gym for Year 4 on this day, so all children must come to school in their school uniform.

We look forward to celebrating Easter and the end of term with as many of you as can make it to our assembly.



Faversham Literacy Festival

Congratulations to Lyra in Year 5 who has been selected to receive the second prize for her entry 'The Man in the Black Hat'. Well done to all the children who entered this year.



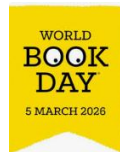
World Book Day 5th March 2026

Pyjama & Bedtime Stories Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on 5th March. This year we are celebrating **cosy reading vibes**.

Children can come to school in their pyjamas/cosy clothes or dressed up as their favourite book character. The children's bedtime stories / favourite books and small teddies are welcome.

If your child prefers to listen to audio books, please let us know which is their favourite story and we can set it up on one of our devices.



Hathats Foundation Grounds for Growth Project.

A huge thank you to Dan, from Uganda, who gave a very thought-provoking assembly about his life growing up and going to school in Uganda.

Dan is visiting the UK as he works in collaboration with the charity "Hathats Foundation Grounds for Growth Project." The foundation has a long-term project in Uganda building coffee shops and training baristas, which provide jobs for young people from the poorest communities.

They are currently building a barista academy in Uganda and Ethelbert Road is planning some exciting activities to support their charity.

You can support this project through visiting their coffee shop situated in the Faversham recreation ground.



Fun February Disco

A huge thank you to The School Council, supported by Mrs Constantine and Mrs Jago for organising a fantastic disco.

The disco raised an amazing **£456** towards our minibus costs.

Thank you to everyone who supported us at this event. The children had a fantastic time dancing to their favourite songs.



Faversham Gym

The **year 4** children have already started their gym lessons at Faversham Gym. They walk to the gym and return before the end of the school day. They will be having a total of five sessions. If you haven't already paid your voluntary contribution of **£5** to go towards the cost, could we please ask that you do so as soon as possible.



Parent and Teacher Consultations

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

At ERPS 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.

Monday 23rd March - Year 1 and year 2 – 12:30pm – 5:30pm

Tuesday 24th March - Year 3 and year 4 - 12:30pm – 5:30pm

Wednesday 25th March – YR – 8am – 12.30pm

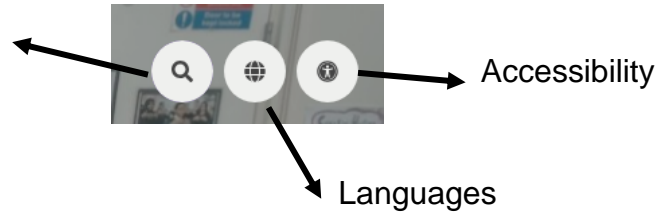
Wednesday 25th March – Year 5 and year 6 – 12:30pm – 5:30pm

Thursday 26th March – all year groups 3:30pm – 7pm



New School Website

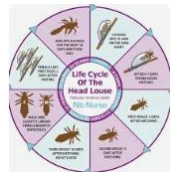
The new school website has launched. The website is easy to use and will give parents/carers the information they need. There are special features on the website including an accessibility option, where you can change the font size and background colour, as well as a function tool to change the website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



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/>



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**



Fundraising – Term 4

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 extracurricular 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.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ethelbertroadprimary/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=cpl or download the app



Film Night - Thursday 19th March: Film Night, the film **HOP** will be shown in the hall as a whole school event and your child will need to be collected at 4.40pm, the cost will be £4.00. If you're child attends out of hours' provision (after school care) until 5.30pm they will be included, unless you state otherwise.



Non- uniform Day - Monday 23rd March: Whole school non-uniform day-children can wear their own clothes in exchange for an Easter raffle prize. We will be making Easter Hampers for our raffle so anything Easter inspired would be fantastic!

Week beginning 30th March: Easter egg hunt - during this week the children will be having their class easter egg hunt. Let's hope the Easter Bunny makes an appearance!

Easter Raffle - Tuesday 31st March: Easter Raffle will be drawn, please make sure you buy your tickets before this date.



Safer Internet Day

A huge thank you to

We celebrate Internet Safety Day with the focus this year is "Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI". This annual global event aims to create a safer, better internet for children and young people.

Our digital leaders delivered a whole school assembly followed by workshops for each class in order for the children to be informed on how to be safe on line, especially with AI.

A poster for parents regarding the safe use of AI can be found on our Facebook page, or for more information please take a look at these sites:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/about-us/news-opinion/2025/artificial-intelligence-safety-tips-for-parents/>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/parent-guide-to-artificial-intelligence-ai-tools/>

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

Do you have any good quality, 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 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.



STEM Week (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths)

We had great fun during our STEM Week. This year the theme was **CURIOSITY**, which is one of our values.

Year 5 built and designed a go kart, which will be raced later in the year, Year 1 enjoyed Astronaut in Training Day and the rest of the school enjoyed many STEM activities.



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 4 will be £86.13

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 4	
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Thursday 19 th March	Whole school Film Night
Monday 23 rd March	Whole school non-uniform day
Monday 23 rd March	Y1 and Y2 Parent Teacher Consultation – 12.30pm – 5.30pm
Tuesday 24 th March	Y3 and Y4 Parent Teacher Consultation – 12.30pm – 5.30pm
Wednesday 25 th March	YR Parent Teacher Consultation – 8am – 12.30pm
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Thursday 26 th March	All year groups Parent Teacher Consultation – 3.30pm – 7pm
Monday 30 th March	This week children will be having their Easter Egg hunt
Tuesday 31 st March	Easter Raffle will be drawn.
Thursday 2 nd April	Easter Assembly at St Mary's Church.
Thursday 2 nd April	Last day of term
Term 5	
Monday 20 th April	Children return to school
Thursday 23 rd April – Tuesday 28 th April	Book Fair in 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