



Ethelbert Road Primary School

Together We Thrive

Newsletter (5) Term 2 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support in promoting excellent attendance. Your commitment helps ensure that every child has the best possible chance to learn, grow, and thrive. We are proud to share that our school's attendance remains exceptionally high, placing us among the top 20 schools nationally.

Michele Kirkbride
Headteacher



Last chance to have your say in our Parent/Carer Questionnaire 2025

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 28th November 2025.**

Reception Starters 2025:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdLpslVIZNYTmizusQWzT-oZ5DU-VXVqDJqm6Ue3Uqc-ml1Iq/viewform?usp=header>

Parental consultation survey Autumn 2025:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeWaFnzhESt-jHvJxv9BySqc12x2734OzK2ruPwowl075YlnQ/viewform?usp=dialog>





Christmas Activities



Christmas Tree Assembly

We will be holding our Christmas Tree Assembly on Thursday 27th November.

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



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 and jumper day will take place on Wednesday 17th 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 9th December in the school hall at 2.15pm

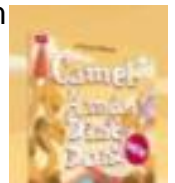
Due to the size of our hall, please could we ask that only 2 adults attend per child.



Year 1 & Year 2

The Year 1 and 2 Nativity 'Camel-ama-Ding Dong' will be held in the school hall on Thursday 11th 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 9th 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 16th 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.



Christmas Fair

Friday 28th 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.



We are still in need of volunteers to man some of our stalls, if you can help please ring the office.

Christmas Dinner

Our school Christmas dinner this year will be on Wednesday 17th December.

We have sent an email with the menu attached and the link for the google form for you to complete, I have also put the google form link below.

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Remembrance Assembly

Ethelbert Road held a Remembrance assembly to remember those who gave their lives for us in the war.



Anti-bullying week

Ethelbert Road kicked off anti-bullying week last Monday, by wearing odd socks and holding an assembly.



Well done Miss Brown!

Our Miss Brown and the women's GB team won their match against Australia today to gain a well deserved, Deaflympics bronze medal. A huge congratulations to Miss Brown and the team. We are very proud of you.

Thank you to everyone who helped fund raise to enable Miss Brown to attend this event.



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 5th December**. All writing will then be entered into the Faversham Literary Festival Creative Writing Competition.



Children in Need

Thank you for supporting our Children in Need Day.

With your help we raised an amazing:

£127.23



Shakespeare ambassadors

Ethelbert's Shakespeare ambassadors had a great day last Thursday with the Marlowe Theatre team, learning valuable leadership skills and gaining valuable creative ideas to bring back and share with the rest of our school. Thank you to the Towers School for hosting.



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 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



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

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

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

Academic Year 2025/2026	
Term 2	
Thursday 27 th November	Christmas Tree Assembly
Friday 28 th November	Christmas Fair
Tuesday 9 th December	Y5 and Y6's Carol Service at St Catherine's church
Tuesday 9 th December	Year R Nativity
Thursday 11 th December	Year 1 & Y2 Nativity show
Tuesday 16 th December	Year 3 and 4 Production Alexander Centre
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas dinner, Christmas jumper and party day
Thursday 18 th December	End of Term
Friday 19 th December	INSET Day – school closed to children
Term 3	
Monday 5 th January	Children return to school
Thursday 8 th January	Year 5 Showcase 2.30pm
Friday 13 th February	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
Tuesday 21 st July	End of school Year 2025/2026
Happy Summer Holidays Everyone!	

INSET DAYs 2025/2026

INSET DAY 4 – Friday 19th December 2025

INSET DAY 5 – Monday 1st June 2026