



Ethelbert Road Primary School

Together We Thrive

Newsletter (10) Term 5 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after some amazing weather during the Easter holidays! The weather is always changeable, so don't forget to send your child into school with a rain coat and weather permitting a sun hat, sun cream applied and a water bottle.

Please take the time to read our Term 5 newsletter in order to see all the wonderful things we have been doing in term 4 and the things we have planned in term 5.



Class transitions

The staff have been reflecting on our transition process and we have added a new section to the class pages which identifies what your child will be learning in the next year group, as well as some recap quizzes which can be used in the summer holidays for the year your child has just left. **Please visit your child's class page for more information.**

Transition for Year R and Year 2

We would also like to start transition from the Early years (Year R) into Key Stage 1 (Year 1) and from Key Stage 1 (Year 2) into Key Stage 2 (Year 3) earlier in order for parents to have a clearer picture of what is expected from the new Key Stage.

Meet the teacher dates for Year R and Year 2 will take place in Term 6 on Wednesday 15th July.

Year R will meet the Year 1 teacher on Wednesday 15th July at 3:30pm – 4:15pm

Year 2 will meet the Year 3 teacher on Wednesday 15th July at 4:30pm – 5:15pm

Behaviour Policy

Our updated Behaviour Policy can now be found on our website.

Please email the office with any feedback on the updated policy, will be gratefully received.

Staff at Ethelbert Road

We said goodbye and good luck to Miss Clegg last week who has retired after 10 years of working at Ethelbert Road. Miss Clegg enjoyed a morning tea party followed by a special assembly where the children sang some of Miss Cleggs favourite songs and shared some of their memories.

We would like to welcome Miss Carey, who joined our Year 6 team last week as the teaching assistant. The children have made Miss Carey very welcome and we hope she enjoys many wonderful years at our school.



Year 5 Kent Test Meeting

We will be holding a Kent Test information meeting for Year 5 parents/carers on Tuesday 2nd June. This meeting will provide you with information about the Kent Test and you will have the opportunity to ask questions.

Please note children will not be able to attend the meeting as the information is for parents and carers only.

Sports day

Our Sports Day will be on Friday **22nd May 2026**. It will start at approximately **9.30am** at The Abbey School and the anticipated finish time is **11am - 11.30am**. Families can start to arrive from **9am**.

Please note the following:

- Families can attend but they must remain in a restricted viewing area - they cannot engage any other areas of the school, the area the children are in, or use the toilets.
- Families **MUST** sign in at the designated desk and wear a visitor badge whilst on site.
- Students must only use the toilet facilities allocated and must be accompanied by a member of staff.
- There are no toilet facilities for families. Families can use the toilets at Ethelbert Road School if needed.

Following our normal safeguarding procedure, parents will not be able to take photographs or videos on the day; however, a member of staff will take photographs which will be placed on the school website and Facebook.

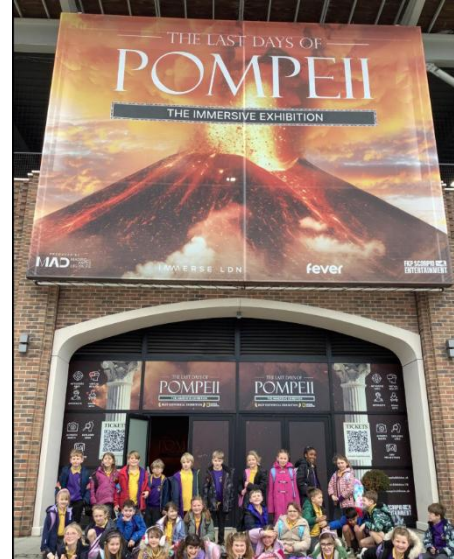
During term 4 some of our children had the opportunity to take part in some amazing trips that really helped enrich their learning. Please have a look at our School Website and Facebook page where you will find lots more photos of all our trips and events.

Year 6 - Royal Engineers Museum

Year 6 had a great time at The Royal Engineers Museum today. This hands-on experience brought to life the children's learning about World War II.



Year 3 - Pompeii Experience



Year 3 visited the Pompeii experience in London. They had an amazing day learning about volcanoes and seeing the exhibits.

Year 1 - Kent Life



Year 1 had an amazing time at Kent Life learning about Victorian times linked to their topic of Florence Nightingale.

Year 1 - Synagogue

Last term Year 1 had a brilliant trip to the Thanet and District Reform Synagogue. The children impressed the rabbi with the information they knew as well as their fantastic questions. The children were able to have a brilliant hands-on experience learning about Judaism and listened beautifully.



Amazing visitors and events in school

Visitor to Year 2



Lucie Vass, one of our parents at ERPS, kindly came in to teach Year 2 all about the MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship). The MAF delivers basic medical care, clean water, food and other aid to some inaccessible and remote places in the world via aeroplane. The children were so grateful to receive some goodies from Lucie and we would all like to thank her for making the session fun too!

Visitor to Year 2



Verity's Nan and Grandad came to teach Year 2 all about Amy Johnson's life. Verity's Grandad has dived off of the coast near Herne Bay to search for what might have been Amy's plane but the main wreckage has never been found. We loved seeing his underwater video of the seabed. We learnt so much from them both and we are so grateful to Sue and Chris for bringing our learning about Amy Johnson to life!

Faversham Horticultural Society Competition



Last October year 6 planted a daffodil bulb each provided by Faversham Horticultural Society. Originally, the plan was to enter the daffodils to the society's Spring Show this year but the closure of the Alexander Centre meant the show was unable to go ahead. Luckily, the society was able to send a judge to the school and she chose three winners from a very worthy selection of blooms - not an easy job!

The winners were;

1st place Hazal

2nd place Vinny

3rd place Raffin

Many thanks to Mary Cole and Faversham Horticultural Society for arranging the competition and providing the prizes.

Faversham GEM awards



Congratulations to the Ethelbert Shakespeare Ambassadors and our other wonderful children who received Faversham GEMs Awards last night.

You all really Go the Extra Mile and Sparkle!

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World Book Day



Shakespeare club

Shakespeare club were extremely lucky to have a member of The Marlowe Theatre team come into school to deliver an amazing workshop.

The children worked extremely hard, had great fun and learnt lots of new skills.

A big thank you to The Marlowe Theatre for their continued support.



Secret readers

A big thank you to the mystery readers who came into Year 1 this week to share a story with the class. The children enjoyed listening closely to each story and guessing who might come into their classroom next



Year 3 Easter experience

It was really lovely to end our week with a calm and thought-provoking trip to the church to learn all about Easter!



Easter Assembly

Thank you to our families and friends for coming to our Easter Assembly at St Mary's Church. The children certainly raised the roof with their singing and the orchestra played beautifully. A big thank you to Revd Dan for hosting our assembly and to all our helpers for helping us get safely to the church.



Miss Brown

Congratulations to Emma Brown and the England Deaf Women Futsal team who have just won the European Deaf Futsal Championships 2-0 against Poland. We are just so proud of everything Emma has overcome and achieved



Parent and Teacher Consultations

Thank you to everyone who attended our parent teacher consultations, it is wonderful to see so many parents attend these meetings. If you did not manage to attend, please contact the teacher who will then arrange a phone call with you to discuss your child.



ECO Warriors AKA ECO Eagles

The ECO Warriors would like to invite families to place small cardboard items such as toilet rolls, small food boxes, egg boxes etc into the bin for us to use during art and DT sessions, STEM work and for creative junk modelling.



Fundraising – Term 5

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



Money Jars - Each class will be given a jar to fill with coins, the aim is for the children to fill the jar with pennies/coins from home. The class with the most in their jar will win a prize for their class or can chose an activity for the whole group. The jars will be going into the classrooms on 5th May and we will be collecting them in for the count on Monday 18th May.



Film Night – HOP

All the children who attended film night had an amazing time and really enjoyed watching Hop. Thank you for all your support we raised a fantastic **£404.00**



Easter Raffle

Thank you to everyone who sent in donations for our easter raffle, we had some wonderful prizes, and was able to make lots of individual sets for you to win. **We raised an amazing £717.00**



Easter Egg Hunts

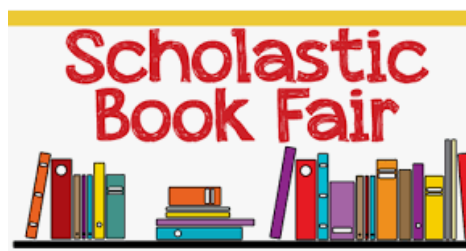
The children had a great time searching for the hidden mini-Easter Eggs, congratulations to the lucky children who found the golden tickets and collected their Easter Egg prize.



Scholastic travelling Book Fair

A big thank you to everyone who supported the school by buying books at our Scholastic Travelling Book Fair.

Every book that you purchased has helped towards free books for our school.



Hathats Foundation for Growth Project.

Ethelbert Road Primary is very excited to share how we are further supporting our local link with the '**Hathats Foundation for Growth Project.**' Last term we welcomed Dan who was visiting from Uganda. He talked to the children about growing up in Uganda and what it is like to go to school there.

Here are the two ways you can get involved as part of our school community to further support the project:

1: Suitcase Challenge:

After listening to Dan, the children of Ethelbert Road said they would love to send the children of a Ugandan school a suitcase of fun equipment to use at school playtimes. A team from Hathats are visiting Uganda in July and they have allocated Ethelbert Road our very own suitcase which we would love your help to fill with the following:

- your children's pre-loved football kits/ sports kits they no longer use
- **deflated** balls such as footballs
- pumps to inflate the balls
- small rubber bouncing balls
- any other pre loved/ new easily transported equipment such as skipping ropes

Please bring all donations to school between Monday 11th May – Friday 22nd May

2: Take away coffee:

On the morning of Friday 22nd May we have invited Hathats to sell take away coffees from the school gate. All proceeds will go directly to the project. **Coffee will be on sale on the main gate when you drop your child off at Ethelbert Road from about 8.20 am**, after which we look forward to welcoming you all to our annual **Sports Day** at the Abbey School.

Further information on the Hathats project can be found by clicking on the links below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qUdqqAshjVw>

<https://hathats.co.uk/blogs/news/the-grounds-for-growth-project-2026>

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Faversham Gym

The **year 2** children have already starting their gym lessons at Faversham Gym in term 5. They walk to the gym and return before the end of the school day. There will be a total of five sessions. We would be grateful if you could make a contribution of **£5** 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 5 – Reception - 19th May 2026 - 2.30pm

Term 5 – Year 1 - 21st May 2026 - 2.30pm

Term 6 - Year 2 - 7th July 2026 - 2.30pm.

Term 6 – Year 6 end of year show



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/>



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 5 will be £71.28

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 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
Tuesday 12 th May	Year Faversham Treasure Hunt trip
Friday 15 th May	Year 6 Trip
Friday 15 th May	Whole school film night
Tuesday 19 th May	Reception Showcase 2.30pm
Thursday 21 st May	Year 1 Showcase 2.30pm
Friday 22 nd May	Sports Day
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 2 nd June	Kent Test information meeting for Y5 parent/carers
Wednesday 3 rd June	Class Photos
Tuesday 7 th July	Year 2 showcase 2.30pm
Wednesday 15 th July	YR & Year 2 Meet the teacher
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