



Whitstable & Seasalter Endowed Church of England (Aided) Junior School

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The Endowed 180

Celebrating 180 years of The Whitstable Endowed School, 1845-2025

Dear friends and families,

We are excited and proud to share with you that our school is 180 years old this year (see our 180 logo below). We are marking this special occasion by planning several events and activities over the coming months, and we would love for you to be part of it. Your connection matters, whether you're a former pupil, staff member, supplier, or friend of the school – whatever your link, you have contributed to the life of the school and your connection is part of our rich history.

Historical context

Since 1845, our school has stood as a beacon of learning in Whitstable, witnessing extraordinary changes in education and society. From children first gaining the right to education in 1870, through the resilience shown during wartime evacuations in the 1940s, to the dawn of modern primary education with the revolutionary 1944 Education Act, our school has been a constant in our community's life.

In *Educating Whitstable*, a historical research document by Geoffrey Pike, Pike documents:

At the end of this term Miss Jarman noted that it had been "full of difficulties owing to war conditions but the children have worked exceptionally well."

Throughout these 180 years, our school has adapted and evolved while maintaining our core values and commitment to children. As we celebrate this significant milestone in 2025, we not only honour our rich heritage but also look forward to continuing our educational journey for generations to come.





Key anniversary events and activities

Thanksgiving service with The Rt Revd Rose Hudson-Wilkin, Bishop of Dover and Canterbury.

- Date: Thursday, 3rd April, 2025 at 11am
- Location: St Alphege Church
- All welcome to come along

Open morning

- Date: Saturday, 1st November, 2025
- Find out about the history of The Endowed
- Please join us

Sponsor a book - another way to celebrate.

We welcome you to purchase a book for our school from the attached list of 180 books available at <https://www.talesonmoonlane.co.uk/> or other bookshops. We are very lucky to have classroom book corners and a whole school library that would welcome some new books! Once you have bought a book you can fill in a message on a special book plate – we will give this to you when we receive your book so, please bring to the school office. We are really grateful for your kindness and generosity and can't wait to see our wonderful children enjoying the new books!

- Help us reach our target of 180 books
- Your name will feature on a commemorative bookplate
- Please see the book list attached and how you can do this

In addition, the children will be celebrating with a party, making commemorative items and they will each receive a special gift from the school governors.

More details will follow soon, but in the meantime please share your stories or offer your support by emailing us at: endowed180@whitstable-endowed.kent.sch.uk.





With warm regards,
Ellen Taylor

Headteacher

