

The Endowed

Newsletter

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WELCOME BACK



Dear Families and Friends of The Endowed,

Welcome back. I hope you had a wonderful Christmas holiday and got to spend precious time with your loved ones. It seems a bit of a distant memory as we have battled through ice and stormy weather this week.

I hope the children all enjoyed our special Cosy Day Friday. It certainly seemed to spread some joy on a cold, wet day. Keep a look out for what we will do for our next Fun Friday.

Have a lovely weekend.

Ellen Taylor

Headteacher

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FUN FRIDAYS—COSY DAY



Miss Taylor has introduced a new FUN FRIDAYS for this term (and maybe longer if it is a success). This will be a special time each Friday designed to add a little extra joy to the school week. With the awful weather today, we couldn't have chosen a better day for COSY DAY. We hope everyone enjoyed getting super cosy and comfortable in their comfy clothes today.

Our Year 3 children have an amazing opportunity to visit THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM on Tuesday 27 January. Please see [the letter](#) on the website for full details.



As it is such a quick turnaround for this trip, payment of £17 and consent via the My Child at School app needs to be made by THURSDAY 15TH JANUARY.

If we do not have enough voluntary contributions to cover the cost of the trip there is no alternative method to make up the short fall and the school reserves the right to cancel the trip and will therefore refund the voluntary contributions received.

GIRLS A TEAM FOOTBALL



The girls A Team got 2026 off to a pulsating start in a gripping match against Hampton. Although they were coming up against last season's winners, the girls were not intimidated and dominated much of the match. However, despite all of their positive play, they just couldn't break through a stubborn defence and in the last couple of minutes they suffered the heartbreak of conceding a late goal resulting in an agonising 1-0 defeat. I hope they are as proud of their efforts as myself and Miss Franklin were!

Mr Baker

LAURA & JIMMY - Pets as Therapy



We are pleased to be welcoming back Laura and Jimmy the dog from Pets as Therapy from next Monday. Children will spot them both around school as they come in for some of the children to spend time reading to Jimmy.

A gentle reminder that school meals need to be booked and paid for 24 hours in advance on the My Child at School app.

Reading at Home

We understand how busy family life can be, but reading with your child at home just a few times a week can have a big impact on their learning and confidence. Even short reading sessions help children develop key skills and a love of reading.

Please remember to record home reading in your child's reading record (children can do this themselves) and ensure it is brought into school every day.

Thank you for your continued support with this - it really does make a difference!

Mrs Blinston Jones, English Lead

HEADTEACHER CHALLENGE



Your Headteacher Challenge this week is to sign up for this years Big Garden Birdwatch from 23-25 January. Follow the link for all the details of what to do and how to sign up <https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch>

We will also be taking part in the Big Schools Birdwatch, so it will be interesting to compare the differences between home and school activity.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to the following children who have their birthday this week.

SEB & ROMY in Orion Class
BEN in Cassiopeia Class

We hope you all have a lovely day!

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace
Where there is hatred, let me sow love
Where there is injury, pardon
Where there is despair, hope
Where there is darkness, light
And where there is sadness, joy
Amen

Canterbury Family Hubs Timetable

12th January to 13th February 2026
Closed on Bank Holidays

Coastal Family Hubs:

- Herne Bay 02008 421889
- Whitstable 01622 421514
- Briary 01300 420877

Day	Whitstable	Herne Bay	Herne Bay	Herne Bay	Whitstable	Briary	Whitstable
Monday	Whitstable Family Support 10:00am - 11:30am	Herne Bay Baby Group 10:00am - 11:30am	Herne Bay Kent Adult Education Family Awareness 10:00am - 12:00pm	Herne Bay The Communication Tree 1:00pm - 2:00pm	Whitstable Ready for Baby 11:30am - 1:00pm	Briary Baby, Family and You 12:30pm - 2:00pm	Whitstable Childrens Clinic and Supporting 1:30pm - 3:00pm
Tuesday	Whitstable Family Support 9:30am - 11:00am	Herne Bay Talking Walk-in 9:30am - 11:30am	Herne Bay Stay and Play 10:00am - 11:30am	Herne Bay Ready for Baby 11:30am - 1:00pm	Whitstable Baby, Family and You 12:30pm - 2:00pm	Herne Bay Childrens Clinic and Supporting 1:30pm - 3:00pm	Whitstable Childrens Clinic and Supporting 1:30pm - 3:00pm
Wednesday	Herne Bay Family Support 9:30am - 11:30am	Herne Bay Talking Walk-in 9:30am - 11:30am	Herne Bay Support Session 10:30am - 11:30am	Herne Bay Let's Walk Meet at 10:00am at 10:30am - 11:30am	Briary Baby Group 1:00pm - 2:30pm	Whitstable Compass 6:00pm - 7:00pm	Whitstable Compass 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Thursday	Whitstable Stay and Play 10:00am - 11:30am	Herne Bay Baby Massage 10:00am - 11:00am	Herne Bay Young Parents Stay and Play 12:30pm - 2:00pm	Briary Supporting Family Members 12:30pm - 2:30pm	Herne Bay First Aid for Babies 1:00pm - 3:00pm	Whitstable Time To Shine Evening Sessions	Whitstable Time To Shine Evening Sessions
Friday	Whitstable Child Health Clinic and Breastfeeding Support Group 9:30am - 11:30am	Whitstable Food Bank Drop-In 10:00am - 11:00am	Herne Bay Baby Group 10:00am - 11:30am				

The January/February timetable of events taking place within the Canterbury Family hubs can be found on their website [here](http://www.kent.gov.uk/familyhub).

Time To Shine

A group for neurodivergent children in school years 3-6 to socialise and learn new skills in a safe, relaxed environment. This group is for children and young people who may find it difficult to access mainstream groups and would like some support to build their confidence.

DATE: Starts Thursday 15th January 2026 for 6 weeks
TIME: 4:00pm - 5:00pm
VENUE: Whitstable Family Hub, Tower Parade, Whitstable, CT5 2BJ

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Visit your local Family Hub today www.kent.gov.uk/familyhub

Kent Family Hub are holding 'Time to Shine' social groups for neurodivergent children to socialise and learn new skills in a safe, relaxed environment.

There is a group for Years 3-6 and also groups for older children. Booking necessary via the link above.

Time To Shine
A group for neurodivergent young people in school years 7-11 to socialise and learn new skills in a safe, relaxed environment. This group is for young people who may find it difficult to access mainstream groups and would like some support to build their confidence.

Time To Shine
A group for neurodivergent young people in school years 12-18 to socialise and learn new skills in a safe, relaxed environment. This group is for young people who may find it difficult to access mainstream groups and would like some support to build their confidence.

DATE: Starts Thursday 15th January 2026 for 6 weeks
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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

'One kind word can warm three winter months'
Japanese proverb

APPLICATION TO JUNIOR SCHOOL

A reminder for any parents with children in Year 2 that applications for September 2026 Year 3 places closes at midnight on: THURSDAY 15 JANUARY 2026.

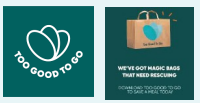
You need to apply online at kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions
Please email primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk if you have any queries.



SCHOOL FLO - Miss Parker

Too Good To Go is a social impact company on a mission to inspire and empower everyone to fight food waste together.

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- Try something new from local cafes, bakeries or restaurants.



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LINDLEY PLAYERS

The Magical Tale of Snow White

A Traditional Family Pastime by Brian Leff

Thursday 22nd January
Sunday 1st February 2026

Tickets are now available for the Lindley Players Panto at The Playhouse Theatre, Whitstable. Please follow [the link](#) to book tickets.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Don't forget all families are invited to come to St Alphege Church every Wednesday at 9.00am for our Collective Worship.

Friday 16 January	Fun Friday - to be announced
Tuesday 27 January	Y3 Trip to Natural History Museum
End of Term 3	Friday 13 February 2026