

The Endowed



News and Information

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WELCOME BACK



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I would like to say a big welcome back to our children and families; those who are new and those who are returning. We hope you all had a fabulous holiday and have lots of energy and enthusiasm for the coming school year. This week has been a special 'IGNITE YOUR LIGHT WEEK' and a getting to know each other week to help everyone settle in.

This newsletter is a special bumper 'back to school' edition full of hopefully, useful information; dates and links, but please also see the website and our [Parent Handbook 2025-2026](#) for lots of information.

We hope all the children enjoyed their first week back at school. We have certainly loved having them all here! St Alphege Church are holding a special 'Blessing of the School Bags' on Sunday 7 September at 9.30am, for anyone who would like to go along.

Good luck to our Year 6 children who are going to sit the Kent Test next week. Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Ellen Taylor
Headteacher

Headteacher@whitstable-endowed.kent.sch.uk

NEW YEAR 6 VISION AMBASSADORS

Congratulations to our fantastic new Y6 'Vision Ambassadors' whose role it is to help communicate and action our school Vision and Values.

WILFRED, SCARLET, JAMES,
JESSICA, HENRY and HONEY



We are sure they are going to do a fantastic job and will be very helpful in all the jobs Miss Taylor has planned for them.

We will let you know who the Year 6 Spiritual Leaders are soon and voting for Agents of Change class representatives will take place shortly.

If you are running late or going to be absent due to illness or appointments, please contact the school office and leave a message. Please look at the attendance page on the website.

www.whitstable-endowed.kent.sch.uk/attendance/

If you need to contact the school or class teacher please email:

homecontact@whitstable-endowed.kent.sch.uk and the message will be forwarded to the relevant member of staff.

NEW STAFF

We are sure you will join us in giving a warm welcome to the new staff members who have joined us this term.



Miss Catton
Cassiopeia
Class teacher



Mr Whittle,
Andromeda
Class teacher



Mrs Usher
H.T.L.A



Miss
McAuliffe
H.T.L.A

If you walk to school with your dog, please wait in the playground in the designated DOGGY DEN area. Please use the back gate or carry your dog across the playground.



PLEASE DO NOT WALK YOUR DOG ACROSS THE PLAYGROUND



CARS & PARKING



An important reminder to parents and carers to please park considerably and safely when dropping off and collecting from school; especially in the surrounding residential roads.

For health and safety reasons please **do not** drive down the driveway to the school. Please also note that the church car park and the land behind the shops is not available for school or parental use. This also applies to parents/carers dropping off and collecting from Lighthouse Keeper's Club.

Please ensure you use the pathway around the staff car park and **DO NOT** walk through the car park as it is unsafe. Please ensure scooters and bikes are not ridden anywhere on school property and you get off and push them when on the school grounds. This is for health and safety reasons. Thank you .



Or join our closed Facebook Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/601448203578266/>

Staff this year

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Miss E Taylor	Headteacher, Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs J Hewitt	SENCO/Assistant Headteacher, Class Teacher Y3 (Friday)/Deputy DSL
Mr M Bowles	Assistant Headteacher/ class teacher Y6 (Thursday), Y3 (Friday)
Mrs D Bushell	School Business Leader

CLASS TEACHERS

Mrs G Blinston Jones	Cygnus Class, Year 3, Classroom 8
Mr Bowles	on a Friday
Miss A Chapman	Draco Class, Year 3, Classroom 7
Mrs Hewitt	on a Friday
Miss C Franklin	Orion Class, Year 4, Classroom 6
Miss C Cox	Pegasus class Year 4, Classroom 5
Mr D Whittle	Andromeda Class, Year 5, Classroom 4
Miss A Catton	Cassiopeia class, Year 5, Classroom 3
Mr Baker	Aquila class, Year 6, Classroom 2
Mrs Stanley	Phoenix class, Year 6 Classroom 1
Mr Bowles	on a Thursday

TEACHING ASSISTANTS

HTLA's	Miss McAuliffe and Mrs Usher
Class TA's	Mr Bellingham, Mrs Clements, Mrs Dodds, Mrs Eweje, Mrs Fall, Mrs Ford, Mrs Moody, Mrs Perry, Miss Power, Miss Pervin, Miss Walker

OTHER STAFF

Miss R Parker	FLO (Family Liaison Officer), Deputy DSL
Mrs S Williams	School Administrator
Mrs H King	Office Assistant
Mrs C Fall	Office Assistant & Lunchtime Supervisor
Mrs L Hill	Housekeeper, Lunchtime Supervisor & Lighthouse Keeper's Club afterschool Assistant
Mrs S Bridger	Cleaner
Mrs K Haines	Lighthouse Keeper's Club Manager
Mrs T Mitchell	Lighthouse Keeper's Club Deputy & Lunchtime Supervisor
Miss Sullivan	Lunchtime Supervisor & Lighthouse Keeper's Club afterschool Assistant
Ms L Flahaut	School Cook
Mrs A Scales	School Cook (joining mid September)
Mr S Histed	Site & Facilities Officer

Please see the **'Who's Who'** page of the website for photos if you would like to put a face to a name.

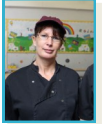
CLASS DROP IN



Parents and Carers are welcome to drop in between 3.20-3.50pm on Monday 8 September to meet with your child's teacher for an informal chat and look around your child's class. Please don't worry if you are unable to make it, any timetables or information given will be available on the website later next week.

SCHOOL MEAL INFORMATION

We are very lucky to have delicious school meals cooked in our fabulous kitchen and served in the Garden Room by our wonderful cooks Miss Flahaut and Mrs Scales using lots of locally sourced fresh ingredients.



Please visit <http://www.whitstable-endowed.kent.sch.uk/lunch-menu-prices/> for up-to-date information on our menu and prices. School meals are priced at £2.90 per day or £14.50 per week and meals must be booked and paid for in advance via the MCAS app. Alternatively you may wish to supply a healthy packed lunch for your child. As we are part of Plastic Free School we do ask that you try not to use single use plastic such as cling film, plastic bags, single use bottles/cartons in your child's packed lunch where possible and do not include chocolate, sweets or fizzy drinks. **We are also a nut and passionfruit free school due to severe allergies - please note you can now bring in products containing blueberries, kiwi, pineapple and hibiscus.**

Free School Meals Eligibility

If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals please follow the link below and complete the online form.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals>

OUR SAFEGUARDING TEAM



Miss Taylor
Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Hewitt
Deputy DSL



Miss Parker
Deputy DSL

dsl@whitstable-endowed.kent.sch.uk



SCHOOL FLO

Miss Rachael Parker is our school FLO. She offers pastoral support to parents and carers with regards to supporting their children.

She is here for non-judgemental support and as a friendly sounding board offering help with any difficulties children and families may be experiencing at home and at school. She is also first port of call for any medical issues and advice and is able to offer referrals to our school nurse and other outside agencies.

If you would like a confidential chat please email flo@whitstable-endowed.kent.sch.uk or call the school office on 01227 273630 to make an appointment. Please see our School FLO page on the website or FLO for more information.

www.whitstable-endowed.kent.sch.uk/school-flo/

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Matthew 5:14-16

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ONLINE PAYMENTS

For your convenience you can book and pay for school dinners and Lighthouse Keeper's Club, uniform and any trips or visits that involve payments through BromCom and the My Child at School (MCAS) app. Dinners MUST be booked and paid for at least 24 hours in advance via MCAS. You will be contacted by the school to provide a packed lunch if not done in advance. You will need to set up an account with *My Child at School* and you will find the link on the homepage of the school website. If you have any issues with setting up an account, do please contact the school office and we can try and assist you.

If you are able to, we welcome all families to make a voluntary donation of £20 towards the School Fund. We understand how difficult times are for everyone at the moment so we do appreciate your support. If you wanted to donate, payments can be made via the My Child at School app.

On our website you may notice this CEOP button.



This is an advice, help and report centre which helps keep children safe online. Please see the website for more information.
www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/



Lighthouse Keeper's Club

Lighthouse Keeper's Club is our breakfast and after school club. It is open from 7.30-8.45am at a cost of £5.00 per session and after school from 3.20-6.00pm for a cost of £9.00 per session.

Payment and bookings must be made 24 hours in advance by MCAS app. You must complete, sign and return the [Terms & Condition](#) form first as you will not be able to book your child in on the MCAS app until this is returned to us.

The email address for any Lighthouse Keeper's Club enquiries is: lhkc@whitstable-endowed.kent.sch.uk The LHKC direct number (only during club hours) e.g. if you are running late is **07938 712650**

PE DAYS

Please send children into school in their PE kits on the days that their class has PE, which are as follows:

MONDAY - YEAR 4

TUESDAY - YEAR 3 & 5

WEDNESDAY - YEAR 3 & 4

THURSDAY - YEAR 5

FRIDAY - YEAR 6



PLEASE DO NOT LET CHILDREN OR SIBLINGS PLAY ON THE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL FOR HEALTH & SAFETY REASONS.

COMMUNICATION

If your child is off sick, please telephone 01227 273630 to report your child's absence and the reason why by leaving a message. For any enquiries or medical appointments please let us know in advance by emailing homecontact@whitstable-endowed.kent.sch.uk Please also use this email to contact teachers, and we will forward onto them.

Please note if your child has a sickness or diarrhoea bug we follow a 48 hour rule to prevent bugs spreading.

For any communications regarding changes to your child's normal home time arrangements eg change of pick up please write in the Home Contact Book. For time off during term time, please email headteacher@whitstable-endowed.kent.sch.uk to seek permission. It may or may not be authorised.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

School uniform is available to buy online direct from our suppliers Price & Buckland. For details of how to order please see the [school uniform](#) page on the website. We have a small amount of uniform in the office for size guides and we also have pre-loved uniform available from the school office and at regular sales organised by our Fundraising Team. You can also contact [The Whitstable Community Wardrobe](#) for uniform as well.



FUNDRAISING TEAM

We also welcome any good condition pre-loved uniform donations, which we sell at very affordable prices at regular uniform sales held each term after school. This is organised by our Fundraising Team - who are always on the look out for parent helpers! Please contact flor@whitstable-endowed.kent.sch.uk or cfall@whitstable-endowed.kent.sch.uk if you would like more information about joining.

Please keep an eye on the MCAS app and the website in the coming weeks for details of after school clubs - as this is where we will send details re booking them once we they have all been finalised.



Just to remind you there is a **Fruit Tuck Shop** which runs everyday at morning break, to help combat those mid-morning munchies with a nice healthy snack. It is manned by Year 6 and all fruit is 30p and seasonal.



Happy birthday to the following children who are celebrating their birthday's this week!

PRESTON in Orion Class

ALANA in Cassiopeia

AUSTIN in Aquila



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Matthew 5:14-16

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2025-2026 Term dates for your diaries

Please note all of these dates are subject to guidelines at the time of events allowing them to take place.

HELPFUL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

School starts at 8.50am. The bell will be rung which is the signal for children to walk into class. We respectfully ask parents to leave on the bell as it makes it easier for us to then see the children safely into school. Please note the school gates open from 8.35am each morning. Staff, however will not be held responsible for any child in the playground before 8.45am.

Gates are locked just before 9.00am.

TERM 1	
Monday 1 September	Staff Development Day - no children
Tuesday 2 September	Term 1 commences, children in school
Monday 8 September	Meet the Teacher 3.20-3.50pm (drop in session)
Thursday 11 September	Kent Test - Year 6
Tuesday 16 September	Year 4 Trip to Monkton Nature Reserve
Friday 17 October	End of Term 1

TERM 2	
Monday 27 October	Staff Development Day - no children
Tuesday 28 October	Term 2 commences, children in school
Saturday 1 November	Endowed Open Morning 9am -11.30am
Monday 24 November	Staff Development Day - no children
Monday 15 December	Panto - Granville Theatre, Ramsgate
Tuesday 16 December	Carol Service St Alphege Church, 4.15 - 6pm
Friday 19 December	End of Term 2 (no LHKC after school club)

All are welcome to Collective Worship on a Wednesday morning in St Alphege Church. Term 1 Theme is 'New Beginnings'.

TERM 3	Monday 5 January 2026 - Friday 13 February 2026
TERM 4	Monday 23 February 2026 - Thursday 2 April 2026
TERM 5	Monday 20 April 2026 - Friday 22 May 2026
TERM 6	Monday 1 June 2026 - Friday 17 July 2026
INSET DAYS	Monday 1 September 2025 Monday 27 October 2025 Monday 24 November 2025 Monday 20 and Tuesday 21 July 2026 (NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL)

SCHOOL VISION & VALUES

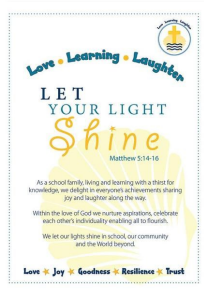
We are very proud of our school Vision and Values and the children we love sharing how they have 'Let their Lights Shine' in and out of school, so do let us know.



Our school website is regularly updated with news, dates, photos, stories, letters and information so it is well worth bookmarking.

www.whitstable-endowed.kent.sch.uk

All of us in school try and live by our school values; LOVE, JOY, GOODNESS, RESILIENCE and TRUST and show this in everything we do.



SCHOOL PRAYER

O Lord, this is our school
 Let peace dwell here
 Let the rooms be full of contentment
 Let love abide here
 Love of God, love of one another
 And love of life itself
 And let us remember
 As many hands build a house
 So many hearts make a school
 Amen

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