



ST ELPHEGE'S INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOLS



5th March 2026

God is good all the time & all the time God is good

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET 96%

A child's attendance is calculated on whether they are present at morning and afternoon registration. If your child is late after the register has closed or is collected for an appointment before afternoon registration, this will count as a half-day absence. Routine medical and dental appointments should be scheduled for **outside the school day**.

Some key attendance examples:-

70% attendance = 1.5 school days absent per week

70% attendance over a year = 57 school days absent out of 190 per year

70% attendance up to the age of 18 = 4.2 years absent out of 14 years in education

WORKING TOGETHER TO IMPROVE AND MAINTAIN YOUR CHILD'S ATTENDANCE

ATTEND TODAY—ACHIEVE TOMORROW.

Parent Consultations - Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th March 2026

REMINDER

Please login to your parent portal and scroll down to Parent and Guardian Consultations.

Follow the on-screen instructions to book your time slot.

IMPORTANT DATES

FRIDAY 6th MARCH 2026	YEAR 6	WW2 EVENING 3:00 to 6:00 PM
FRIDAY 6th MARCH 2026	STRINGS GROUP	WILSON SCHOOL 3:35PM (COULSDON & PURLEY FESTIVAL)
MONDAY 16th MARCH 2026	ALL YEAR GROUPS	PAR DAY 1
TUESDAY 17th MARCH 2026	ALL YEAR GROUPS	PAR DAY 2
FRIDAY 20th MARCH 2026	ALL PARENTS & CARERS	COFFEE MORNING—LISTENING & ATTENTION STRATEGIES from 8:30AM
FRIDAY 20th MARCH 2026	YEAR 1—Year 6	SCIENCE FAIR from 2:00PM
Friday 6th MARCH 2026	YEARS 1 & 2	MASS 9:00am DON BOSCO HALL

Parent Governor Nominations—NOW OPEN

The deadline for nominations to be submitted is 10:00am Monday 10th March 2026.

Is there anything too hard for me? Says the Lord.

Jeremiah 32:27

THE WEDNESDAY WORD Sharing Sunday's Gospel

A gift to you and your family from your Catholic church at once.

READ & REFLECT

Jesus came to a town called Sychar and tired by the journey, sat down besides Jacobs's well. A Samaritan woman came to fill her jug with water from the well. Jesus asked her for a drink and said: "Whoever drinks the water from this well will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the living water that I shall give will never be thirsty again; the water that I shall give will be a spring of flowing water inside them that gives everlasting life." "Sir" said the woman, "Please give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty again."



We invite pupils to let their imaginations run wild and create an **A4 page of colourful, foodie-inspired landscapes**. Think **broccoli trees, baguette fences, or even carrot chimneys** – the more creative, the better!

What's in it for you?

- Winning artwork will feature in Caterlink's primary marketing.

The winning school will receive a **completed art wall**, or **£200 for the school**, and a **£20 book voucher for the pupil whose design wins**.

HOW TO ENTER : - Artwork can be posted to **Caterlink Competition, Hop House, Lower Green Road, Pembury, Kent, TN2 4HS** or scanned and emailed to info@caterlinkltd.co.uk. (please keep the original artwork as this may be needed if you are selected a winner)

- Ensure you include the **pupils name, age and school on the back of the artwork**, or as the title of the picture file. We will also require the full **school's name**, address, and contact so that we can contact winning entries.

Entries must be received by 5pm on **31st March 2026**. winners will be notified by May 2026.

PARKING REMINDER ALL PARENTS & CARERS

We are again appealing for parents & carers to park with consideration to our neighbours. We continue to receive complaints from residents in the surrounding residential areas about cars blocking spaces and noise levels at the beginning and end of the day. The Local Authority and Parking enforcement have been notified and vehicle details continue to be recorded.

MISSIO BOXES

Please return your Mission boxes via your child's class before the deadline of Monday 23rd March 2026.

THANK YOU



Parents and carers are reminded that all letters & correspondence sent home are available on the St Elphege's School website under the Parents & Carers section.

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Parent Feeding Group for Children with Autism

Feeding challenges are common for children with autism, especially between ages 4 and 8. These can include strong food preferences, sensitivity to certain textures, sticking to only a few familiar foods, or needing mealtimes to follow a very specific routine. These patterns can affect nutrition and make family life such as mealtimes, social activities, and daily routines more stressful.

Many children also experience eating-related anxiety, which can lead to worry before meals, refusal, or meltdowns, making picky eating even harder to manage.

Who is the programme for?

Parents of children with a formal diagnosis of Autism between the ages of 4 and 8 years old.

The programme is designed to support parents in understanding the links between anxiety and feeding challenges and to provide practical tools to reduce stress around mealtimes. The study will involve group sessions, questionnaires and a focus group that will be formed at the end of the intervention to gather feedback about the benefits of the intervention.

How will the group run?

The group will run **in person** with a total of 7 sessions over 6 weeks. You will be committing to the following:

- 5 weekly sessions of 90 minutes.
- 1 session with your child of up to 45 minutes in clinic.
- 1 in person / virtual feedback group session of 90 minutes



How to sign up

If you would like to take part in an **in person** parent feeding group that will run for **6 consecutive weeks** on Monday Mornings from 10 am to 11:30 am, please scan the QR code, or click on the link below to complete the referral form.

Following referral parents will be sent a food diary electronically to have a better understanding of your child's food repertoire. Parents will then be booked in for an initial assessment session to discuss current concerns.

**Where: DBT Clinic, Birches Close,
Mitcham, CR4 4LQ**
6 Mondays from 11/05/2026 10-11:30am
Free onsite parking available

<https://forms.office.com/e/31Xjeg5Jk9>





Discover Community Spaces at St Elphege's – Now Open for Lettings!



At St Elphege's, we're proud to be at the heart of our community — and now we're excited to offer our versatile facilities for evening and weekend lettings! Whether you're looking to host a class, run a group, or bring people together for a special event, our school provides the perfect setting.

Spacious Halls for Your Activities

We offer **two large, bright halls** ideal for a wide range of community activities. From **yoga classes** and **Slimming World meetings** to **faith gatherings**, workshops, and clubs, our halls provide the flexibility and comfort you need to create a welcoming atmosphere.

Ample On-Site Parking

Your participants can enjoy the convenience of **plenty of on-site parking**, making events easy to access and stress-free for families and community members.

All-Season Sports Field

St Elphege's also boasts a **large, well-maintained football field**, available **all year round**. It's the perfect space for **football training**, matches, sports camps, and outdoor community events.

Why Choose St Elphege's?

- Convenient location within the community
- Safe, secure and well-maintained grounds
- Flexible spaces suitable for small and large groups
 - Competitive lettings rates
 - Very large car park

If you're interested in booking one of our spaces or would like more information, we'd love to hear from you.

Get in touch with our school office to check availability and pricing.

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