

**Ethelred Nursery School & Children's Centre**  
**Information for parents and carers**  
**December 2025**



## Dates for your diary

Below are listed some key dates coming up:

### Autumn Term 2 2025

Fri 19th Dec

Last day for all no afternoon Session. Full time children Leave at 12.30pm

### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Monday 22nd Dec-Fri 2nd Jan 2026

### Spring Term 3 2026

Mon 5th Jan 2026

Home visits to new families- closed to children  
 Inset day - closed to children  
 Children return to school  
 Last day for all children

### HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 16th Feb-Friday 20th Feb

### Spring Term 4 2026

Mon 23rd Feb

Thurs 26th March

Fri 27th March

Children return to school  
 Last day for children  
 Parent Conferencing - closed to children

### EASTER HOLIDAY

Monday 30th March-Fri 10th April

### Summer Term 5 2026

Mon 13th April

Mon 4th May

Fri 22nd May

First day for all  
 Bank holiday  
 Last day for all

### HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 25th-Friday 29th May

### Summer Term 6 2026

Mon 1st June

Tues 2nd June

Thurs 16th July

Fri 17th July

Mon 20th July

Inset day  
 Children start  
 Last day for all children  
 Parent conferencing  
 Inset day

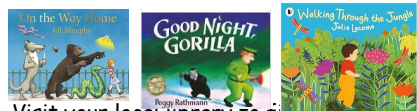
## Thank you!

As the year is coming to a close, the staff and pupils would like to say a big thank you to all the parents and carers for your ongoing support at Ethelred Nursery School and Children's Centre.

During this term we have visited the Unicorn Theatre to see the production How does Santa go down the chimney? Thank you to the parents who assisted us on this lovely trip.

We all took part with the Ethelred Christmas Story Trail which included a visit from Manor Farm. The children were given the opportunity to touch and feed the animals. Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended this special event.

These are Some of the core books that we shared with the children this term:



Visit your local library to find and share the books with your children.

## Reminders

If anyone else is collecting your child on your behalf, could you please call the school first and give the name of the person collecting and share the password with them. This will ensure a smooth pickup and children's safety.

If you need to collect your child early, we ask that you arrive at **11.20am** or **2.55pm** for children in Green Room and the Nurture Provision and **11.40am** or **3.10pm** for children in Orange Room, This is so the children's group time is protected as a targeted learning time. If you arrive after these times you will need to wait until the usual collection time.

In addition, if you are going to be late, please give us a call so we can reassure your child. It is very important that you arrive on time to drop off your child and again at collection time. We would also appreciate that you inform us early and keep us updated if your child is going to be absent.

## School Fund

We appreciate all donations we receive towards the school fund. The **weekly** donation for part-time children is £1 and £2 for full-time children. If you prefer to pay by card, we ask that you pay for the half, or full term.

## Update

As part of improving works across the school. We have been fixing the lift and updating our CCTV.



Our Website - [www.ethelrednursery.org.uk](http://www.ethelrednursery.org.uk)

# Ethelred Nursery

We have been learning at school to

## Nurture Room

- Join in with repeated phrases from familiar stories
- Look at books independently and with others.
- Explore the different sounds that instruments can make

## Green Room

- Use our gross motor skills to confidently use climbing equipment safely.
- Use writing resources to give meanings to the marks we make.
- In play use small world resources to create stories and represent experiences.

## Orange Room

- Build relationships with peers, by playing alongside children.
- Share and offer resources to our peers during play

## In all rooms

- Improve our confidence by performing our christmas songs in front of our parents and carers.
- Identify different farm animals with a visit from Manor Farm.
- Understand festivals and celebrations by reading our core book Jesus' Christmas Party and joining in the the Ethelred Christmas Story Trail.

Enjoy the holidays with your friends  
and family.  
Have a happy new year!



## Parent corner



Thank you to the parents who attend our coffee morning. Our next coffee morning is **Thursday 22nd January 2026 at 9:15am**. We will have an Oral Health Educator from King's College Hospital to facilitate the workshop to support parents and carers.

## Learning at home

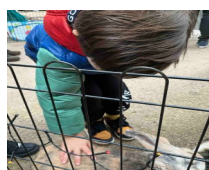
Support your children to follow instructions by [Baking biscuits](#) follow this simple recipe.

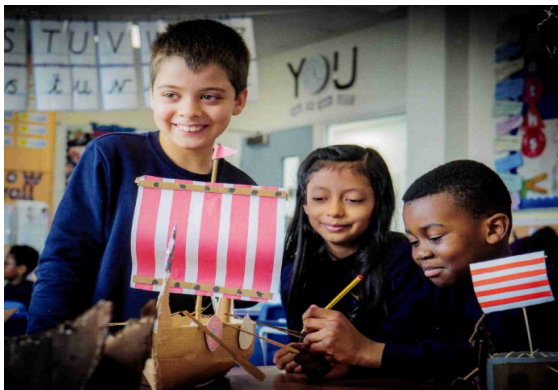
## Volunteering

If you are interested in volunteering at our school or elsewhere in the Federation please contact Monika [office@maytree-school.org.uk](mailto:office@maytree-school.org.uk)

## Look out for

Our gardening club starting in the spring term. We welcome support from parents and carers.





## Apply online and apply on time

Was your child born between 01/09/21 and 31/08/22?

If yes, your child should be starting primary school in September 2026. If you are a Lambeth resident, you should apply for a school place using the safe, free and easy to use portal via our website, [lambeth.gov.uk/admissions](https://lambeth.gov.uk/admissions)

It's available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, up until the admissions closing date, which is midnight 15 January 2026. If you apply after this date the likelihood of gaining a place at your preferred school may be significantly reduced.

For more information see the Lambeth starting primary school 2026/27 webpage via [lambeth.gov.uk/admissions](https://lambeth.gov.uk/admissions)

Admissions



Applying for Reception school place  
2026-2027

If you are applying for a Reception place for September 2026, you will need to complete an online. [www.lambeth.gov.uk/admissions](https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/admissions)

Reception application form deadline January  
15th 2026

**NHS**  
King's College Hospital  
NHS Foundation Trust



looking after little teeth



The Oral Health Educator will be visiting us at  
Ethelred Nursery

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026 Coffee Morning  
9:15am

Come along and get free friendly advice and  
information on how best to look after little teeth!



Ethelred Nursery Coffee Morning

Refreshments will be provided

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026

**Transition workshop**

**Successful School Transitions**

**When:** Monday 12th January during Toddler Explorers  
**Where:** Henry Fawcett Children's Centre, Clayton Street, SE11 5BZ, Call 02070911282 to book  
**Time:** 2:30pm—4:00pm

Please come along for our transition workshop to help prepare your child for starting School or Nursery. We will be helping with last minute applications! We will have representatives for:

- Toilet training
- Sleep advice
- Nutrition
- Routines
- Lambeth Family Information Service (Funding Information)
- Ethelred Nursery School / St Stephen's Primary School / Henry Fawcett Primary School
- Lambeth Parenting Service
- Lambeth Parent Champions

**Starting School**

**Lambeth**

Transition Workshop

Advice for parents and carers

Monday 12th January 2026