

Belvedere Junior and Infant Schools

The Erith National School was founded in 1850 on a site near the gas works in West Street, Erith.

A rival Catholic School, St Fidelis was opened next door. The Anglican Church could not support the National School adequately and in 1876 it was transferred to the newly established Erith School Board. In 1901 the old school was demolished and a new Central School was built opposite St John's Church with staff taken from Brook Street, Crescent Road and Northend Schools. Two years later Erith School Board was abolished and its duties were transferred to Erith Urban District Council, which was became Erith Borough Council in 1938.

The school was divided into three departments for Boys, Girls and Infants, each with its own Head Teacher. In 1944 Erith ceased to be an Education Authority and the School now known as West Street County Primary School came under the jurisdiction of Kent County Council. In 1959 the boys and girls departments were merged to form a single Junior School. In 1973 the Infant School moved to a new site on Crabtree Manor Way, Belvedere and was renamed Belvedere Infant School. In 1987 the Junior School moved to a new site next to Belvedere Infant School and changed its name to Belvedere Junior School.

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