



ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

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**Artsmark
Platinum Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England

*We are delighted to inform
you that this term we were
awarded the prestigious
Artsmark Platinum status.*

Platinum Artsmark is the highest level awarded and we are so proud that **we are the first Infant School in the South East of England** to have successfully achieved this award! It really shows what a massive achievement this is for the whole school.

Being a Platinum Artsmark school demonstrates that we offer:

- a broad, balanced and creative curriculum,
- Our children have the opportunity to develop character, confidence and talent and increase their knowledge, curiosity and skills that will remain with them long into the future.
- We are proud to be developing innovative, articulate and successful young people.
- The arts are embedded in everything that we do at St Alphege and the creative way that we approach our teaching and learning.
- They are also embedded in our school vision and values as the use of the arts allows our school to shine like a beacon in our wonderful Whitstable community.

To achieve Artsmark, we had to undergo a rigorous application process where we were asked to demonstrate the work of the school and the impact this was having on our whole school community. To achieve Platinum, we also had to demonstrate how our children undertake leadership opportunities and how our school is helping to make a difference in the community by engaging with other schools. We were assessed on many areas of our provision including arts in the curriculum, extra-curricular arts activities, how we work with artists and arts organisations and how well how our arts provision impacts on staff development and the wider community.

Artsmark made the following comments about the Arts provision at our school:

St Alphege Church of England Infant School has a rigorous focus on the Arts. The Arts are embedded throughout the school and careful planning ensures a strong curriculum and clear progression targets. Staff at all levels are committed to the schools drive for outstanding provision ensuring that every young person has access to the highest quality cultural education. Your evaluation of impact is strong, as is your support of other settings and schools to improve their arts offer.



St Alphege Values



Koinonia



Forgiveness



Trust



Kindness



Love Joy

The role of the Arts Leaders ensures pupils can take ownership of their engagement and personal progression within the Arts and act as ambassadors for high-quality provision and learning out of their own setting. You have clearly demonstrated that senior leaders advocate for the impact of arts and culture through your support of 30 other schools, involvement in research and Local Authority training, and that key staff support, develop and lead training for others beyond the setting.

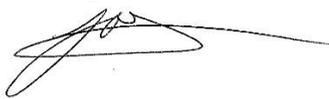
Congratulations on your Artsmark Platinum Award! You are a shining example of outstanding creative arts provision. You have developed a rich, inspiring, broad and balanced curriculum that offers your pupils the opportunity to explore and build a love of the arts that will remain with them throughout their adult life.

Let's Celebrate!

We are sure that you will agree with us that this is such an incredible achievement for the school. We will be engaging with the local media this term to ensure our successes are widely celebrated. We will be holding a celebration day for the children on **Thursday 3rd October**, where they will be taking part in a variety of fun arts activities including: drama, dance, music, art and sculpture. We will also be inviting representatives from local arts organisations who have worked alongside us to enrich the arts offer for our children.

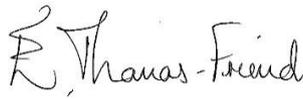
We hope that you are as proud of our Platinum award as we are and will join with us in celebrating this incredible achievement.

Kind regards,



Jacquie Spinks

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Liz Thomas-Friend