

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



Joy

Loved, Inspired, Shining

Newsletter

Term 1 Week 3 | 20.9.2019

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September

Tue 24th – Year R first class photo for KM newspaper
Thur 26th – RE Celebration Event at Joy Lane Primary
School 6.00pm 

October

Tue 8th – Year R Harvest service at St Alphege Church.
Parents are invited to attend with tea/coffee from
1.30pm and the service from 2.15pm
Thurs 10th – Wear yellow for World Mental Health Day 
Mon 14th – Year 2 all day trip to Canterbury Cathedral
Tue 15th – Whole School Parent Evening 3.30pm –
7.00pm
Wed 16th – Whole School Parent Evening 3.30pm –
5.30pm
Thur 17th – Year 1 & 2 Harvest service at St Alphege
church for children only 1.30pm. Joint service with The
Endowed.
Fri 18th – Whole School End of term 1
Mon 28th – Whole School Staff training day. School
closed to all children including Sunbeams.
Tue 29th – Whole School return for Term 2

November

Sat 9th – Open morning 10.00am – 12.00pm for children
starting school in Sept 2020.
Wed 13th – Year 2 afternoon workshops at WJS
Thur 14th – Whole school individual children's photos.
Fri 29th – Year 2 last swimming lessons

December

Thur 5th – Flu vaccinations for Year R, Year 1 & Year 2
children
Sat 7th – Christmas Fair. Time TBC
Mon 9th – Year R Nativity to parents 9.15am
Tue 10th – Year R Nativity to parents 9.15am
Wed 11th – Sunbeams Nativity to parents 9.30am
Wed 11th – Year 1 Concert to parents 2.00pm
Thur 12th – Year 1 Concert to parents 9.15am
Thur 12th – Year 2 Nativity to parents 2.00pm
Fri 13th – Year 2 Nativity to parents 9.15am
Mon 16th – Whole School Christmas Service at St
Alphege Church 1.45pm. All parents are invited.
Wed 18th – Whole School End of term 2

January 2020

Mon 6th – Whole School return for Term 3

Advance notice of events later in the year

Wed 29th January – Year 1 led worship at St Alphege
Church 2.00pm. Year 1 parents are invited to attend.
Wed 11th March – Year 2 led worship at St Alphege
Church 2.00pm. Year 2 parents are invited to attend.
Mon 18th May – Sports Day 1.30pm – 3.00pm for Year R,
Year 1, Year 2
Thur 16th July – Whole school end of term service
1.45pm. Parents of all children are invited to attend.

2nd Hand uniform sales will be on the Community Room
patio from 2.30pm – 3.15pm on the following dates
1st October, 5th November

KEY EVENTS

Year R Harvest service

Parents of reception children are invited to St Alphege church on Tuesday 8th October. The church will be open for refreshments until 1.50pm giving you the opportunity to meet your fellow reception parents. The children will arrive at the church for the service which will start at 2.15pm.



Whole School Parent Evening Appointment

All parents are invited to make an appointment with the class teacher to discuss how your child has settled into their class. Appointments can be booked via our online system, or through the office if you don't have online access. [Book online](#)



Whole School Wear Yellow for World Mental Health Day

We would like everyone to wear something **yellow** on Thursday 10th October to recognise world mental health day. The children will be exploring their own feelings and discussing ways to stay happy. We will collect any monetary donations you would like to give. More details can be found at www.youngminds.org.uk/helloyellow

Weekly Awards

King Alphege Attendance Lion

King Alphege is awarded to the class with the highest percentage attendance each week.



King Alphege Attendance Lion
Pebbles & Shells Classes
100%

Whole School Awards

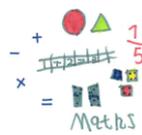
New award stickers have been created and will be awarded next week.



St Alphege Values
Murphy
Oysters Class



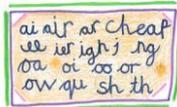
Terrific Writing
Elkie
Seagulls Class



Amazing Maths
Harry
Puffins Class



Remarkable Curriculum
Amelie
Pearls Class



Super Phonics
Ezra
Seagulls Class



Learning Dinosaurs
Frieda
Pearls Class

Community Events

SNAAP – Drop-in Support Sessions

Information, advice and support for parents and carers of children aged 0-25 with disabilities or additional needs. 9.30am – 11.30 at the Umbrella centre on the following Thursdays. 17th Oct, 14th Nov, 12th Dec.

www.snaap.org.uk

Half Term Pumpkin Hunt

Demelza are running a pumpkin hunt in Whitstable on Friday 25th October from 11.00am. Tickets cost £5.00 per child and must be pre-booked online at www.demelza.org.uk/pumpkin-hunt

Age UK Herne Bay & Whitstable – Volunteers required

Do you have some spare time on your hands now the children are back at school? There are many opportunities to support Age UK in our local area. Please contact Gill Ball on 07735556811 or agecorecruiter@btinternet.com

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

This week in Sunbeams we have been developing our listening skills by going on listening walks, listening to sounds and seeing if we can guess what they are, and matching instruments according to their sounds. We have enjoyed learning new dinosaur songs and have used dinosaurs to help us count, matching numerals to quantities and seeing how many dinosaurs we can find outside. During our music time with Mrs Memmott we have been singing songs about the gruffalo and his friends and moving in different ways in response to different music. The sand pit outside is a popular place during our learning through play time. We have also been building fire engines using the large wooden blocks to support our role play being fire fighters.

From Mrs Keeble & Mrs Humphreys

Year R

Reception has had a wonderful first full week at school. We have been very busy getting used to all our routines and learning where things are in the school. This week has been lots of fun thinking about ourselves and thinking about how special and unique we all are. The children had a great time painting self-portraits, sorting activities into their likes and dislikes and making gold medals for things they are good at. It has been lovely seeing new friendships blossom and all the children settling in well. We look forward to next week when we get stuck into our maths and phonics learning, lots more fun to come!

From Mrs Arnott & Miss Goodsell

Year 1

Year 1 have had a fabulous week! We have started the story 'Superworm' and focussed on adjectives. We started by creating our own Superworm using play dough, craft, paint or bead strings. We then described our worm using fabulous adjectives before writing all about it! We read parts of the story each day and re-wrote our own version of events ensuring we continued to use our amazing adjectives. In maths we have been learning to compare numbers using vocabulary including greater than, less than, equal to. We have been using the inequality symbols to compare the groups. We explored the sense 'touch' this week. We collected many objects from around the school and hid them in bags and our friends felt them and tried to guess what it was!

From Mrs Jones & Miss Johnson

Year 2

In year 2 this we have been securing our place value knowledge. We have made numbers with dienes and compared them using the greater and less than symbols. We have ordered numbers too and played a basketball game on the computers to help us match numbers to dienes. We have finished reading 'There's a lion in my cornflakes' and have written commands, exclamations and questions. We also wrote a story about what might happen if there was a crocodile in our home! We have been practising our hockey skills in PE, tasting exotic food from Africa in our RE and in Science we created a habitat for an animal using our knowledge of what animals need to survive. We are looking forward to our first swimming lesson, don't forget kits each week!

From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Keeffe