

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



Love

Loved, Inspired, Shining

Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Feb 2023

Fri 10th – End of Term 3

Mon 20th – Start of Term 4

March 2023

Thurs 2nd – World Book Day

Tues 28th – Sharing the Learning Opportunity 2.45pm

Weds 29th – Parents Evening

Thurs 30th – Parents Evening

Fri 31st – End of Term 4

[Click here for our School & Nursery Term Dates](#)

KEY EVENTS

A very big thank you!

On behalf of all the staff, we would like to say a very big thank you to you all for your support and kindness over the past two days. The school and our incredible staff team have shone during our inspection. Your children have been wonderful advocates for the school and have shared their excitement and love of learning with the inspector. Their behaviour has been amazing and they have shown how proud they are to be a part of the St Alphege family. At the time of writing this, we do not know the outcome of the inspection, but we will share this with you as soon as the report is published. Please be aware that this may take several weeks! This is an ungraded inspection, so it will not change our overall grading, however we are certain that we have shown the strengths and the brilliance of our fabulous school. We would like to thank you everyone who took the time to complete the overwhelmingly positive parent survey or share their thoughts and opinions with the inspector this morning. We have been humbled by your comments, well wishes, gifts and smiles of encouragement. We love our school and we are certain that the inspector will see this!

Parents Evenings

We will be holding our mid-year parent meetings at the end of next term. These will be between **3:30pm and 7:30pm on Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th March**. Further details of these will be sent out next term, including information about how to book your appointment slot. We have listened carefully to your feedback regarding parent's evenings and the vast majority have stated that a virtual meeting is their preferred method, as it enables appointments to be booked around other commitments. We appreciate that not everyone will love meeting online rather than face to face and are therefore also offering a sharing the learning opportunity where you will be invited into class to share your child's work with them and look through the wonderful learning that has taken place. This will be in the same week on **Tuesday 28th March at 2:45pm**. We hope that by offering both of these sessions, this will enable our parent community to feel fully informed and connected to the school. Please remember, that you do not need to wait until parent's evenings if you have something you wish to discuss with us. We are always here and happy to help at any time!

Maths Parent Workshops

We have created some online workshops to explain the way we teach Maths in school and ways that you can support your child's learning at home. We hope that you find the videos useful, but if you have any questions or want to find out any more about our Maths curriculum, please speak with our Maths Leader, Becky Strike who will be happy to help.

Each video is around 35 minutes long and can be watched at any time. You can access the videos via the links below:

Early Years (Reception): <https://youtu.be/QvroUVFS2QY>

Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2): <https://youtu.be/CLHHPZN1uKs>

Worship this term

We continue to work closely with Rev Rachel and the team at St. Alphege Church, to provide invitational, inclusive and engaging times for reflection and prayer. We have been reviewing our previous system for delivering worship to ensure it is as effective as it can be. In light of this, the pattern for our daily worship will change slightly this term. At the beginning and end of each term there will be whole school worship in Church, when families will be invited to join us. We hope that this will reduce the pressures on working parents with dates being given further in advance. The next date for our whole school church worship is **Monday 6th February 2.30pm** for all year groups. We want to maintain the children's regular contact with Reverend Rachel and her team, so every other Monday this term, the ministry team will be coming into school to lead worship with children and staff. This term we are reflecting on our school value of kindness and we will be hearing stories about Jesus that show Christians how to be kind.

Tax-free childcare

If you pay for nursery fees, after school club or breakfast club you could benefit from having a Tax-free childcare account. The government will top up your account with 20% of the amount you pay in. Visit <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare> to see how it works and if you are eligible.

Community



The Umbrella Centre

The Thrift Ball returns on Saturday 4 February at 7.30pm to 11pm at The Umbrella Centre on Whitstable High Street.

This fab fundraiser for St Alphege Church challenges you to dress up with charity shop frocks and suits! Dress as sparkly, wild and gorgeous as you can and celebrate supporting local charity shops AND your Church on the High Street.

[For Further Information](https://www.stalphege.co.uk)



St Andrews Church – Every Friday at 12:30pm there will be a well-being chat tea journal support group. This is in aid of mental health and well-being address social isolation and to link people together to support each other.



Team Theme Kent - Half Term Sports & Holiday Camps

Action-packed, high-energy, fun-fuelled multi sports camp for children aged 4-14 at the St Mary's school site. Boasting a wide range of expertly delivered physical activities, its aim is accessibility and inclusivity; allowing all children the opportunity for a happy, healthy holiday.

[book-a-camp](#)



Bird Wise are always looking for ways to engage the local coastal communities about the plight of our coast and its wildlife. They are currently accepting under 12's entrants for their FREE <https://eastkent.birdwise.org.uk/photography-competition/>



HatHats February Half Term - Please see the below link in regards to upcoming events <https://hathats.co.uk/collections/events>

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



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W/E 20.1.23
Pebbles Class – 97.6%

Weekly Awards

Whole School Awards

Our awards this year represent our School Development priorities: GROWTH. Each class will nominate a child to receive an award each week.



Great Reading

Bonnie Br – Seagulls Class



Risk Taking and Resilience

Otto – Pebbles Class



Outstanding Curriculum

Harpo – Oysters Class



Wonderful Writing

Harry – Shells Class



Thriving Community

Rowan – Puffins Class



Happiness, Wellbeing and Wonder

Daisy – Pearls Class