

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



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Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dec 2022

Sat 3rd – **Festive Fun day for 2023 Reception**
Tues 6th – **Non-Uniform Day**
Weds 7th – **Year R Christmas Craft Event**
Weds 7th – **Christmas Lunch**
Thurs 8th – **Christmas Jumper Day**
Fri 9th – **Bean Machine in the playground from 8.20am**
Fri 9th – **Friends Christmas Fair 3.15pm -5pm**
Mon 12th – **Year 2 Nativity 9.30am**
Tues 13th – **Year 1 Christmas Concert 9.30am**
Tues 13th – **Year R Nativity 2.15pm**
Weds 14th – **Sunbeams Nativity 9.30am**
Weds 14th – **Year 1 Christmas Concert 2.15pm**
Thurs 15th – **Year R Nativity 9.30am**
Thurs 15th – **Year 2 Nativity 2.15pm**
Fri 16th – **End of Term**

Jan 2022

Tues 3rd – **Start of Term**

KEY EVENTS

We are here to help

We are aware of the added challenges facing us all at the current time with the rising cost of living. We are always here to offer advice and support should you ever feel that you need it. There are many different ways that we can help with a variety of different concerns and no problem is too small or too big to manage. If we do not have the ability to support this ourselves, we are also able to signpost families to a range of services or charities that will be well equipped to help. Any information shared with us will be handled in confidence and of course with compassion, so please do not suffer in silence!

Bike Rack

The bike rack is open again. Bikes and scooters can now be stored in there and should not be left by the fence. Thank you.

Festive Fun Day

We would like to invite all children who are due to start school in Year R in September 2023 to a fun filled festive activity morning on Saturday 3rd December 2022 from 10.00am – 12.00pm. There is no need to book, just come along on the day. Please note that this is not for current St Alphege children. There will be plenty of other festive opportunities for them to enjoy in school.



Kitchen Assistant

There is a vacancy in the kitchen for an assistant. This vacancy is through Chartwells, our catering company. Please pop your head in the kitchen on passing if you are interested.

Non-Uniform Day – Tuesday 6th December



Tuesday 6th December is a non-uniform day and in return we would like to ask for donations of **chocolate** for the children's chocolate tombola at the Christmas Fair. This can range from a bar of chocolate to a box of chocolates. Any chocolate item will be appreciated.

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 7th December



We will have our Christmas dinner on Wednesday 7th December. Please see attached for the full menu. If your child would rather have a packed lunch from home, please include a little festive treat.



Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 8th December

This year we are again taking part in the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day. Children can wear a festive jumper instead of their school jumper (all other uniform items to be worn please.) Monetary donations will be collected for Save the Children charity.



The Bean Machine – Friday 9th December – Please note the date change

The Bean Machine will visit the school again on Friday 9th December. The Bean Machine will be on the playground at the start of the day from 8:20am, selling hot drinks and pastries. Please do stop by and pick up a drink and a snack and use the opportunity to chat to other parents for a while. The school playground will need to be cleared by 9:00am so that the Bean Machine can safely drive back through the Junior School grounds. This was such a lovely community event last term that we hope you will enjoy the opportunity to connect and meet other parents. Everything The Bean Machine uses is sustainable and they will be selling a variety of drinks and pastries. Prices are from £2.00 - £3.00 across their menu and they accept both cash and card payments.

Friends Christmas Fair: 3.15pm -5pm Friday 9th December

Huge thanks to The Friends who are again organising our Christmas Fair. This year promises to be as big as before, with lots of activities, stalls, face painting, mulled cider and much more...

Raffle tickets have been sent home with the children. All the money raised will contribute towards three playground 'beach huts' which will allow for further creative play and help spark creative minds. The design of the huts has been led by the children who have chosen to create a Construction Cabin, Imagination Station, Reading Stop and Doodle Den for creative writing and drawing. These areas will be open for play throughout the school day, to be used in different ways to encourage creative play and support children's wellbeing.

Worship in Church Term 2

All families are invited to join us for Monday worships at St. Alphege Church, 2.30pm

- Mon 5th Dec whole school
- Mon 12th Dec whole School

Community Events



Christmas Toy Appeal – Riverside Church

Riverside Church are appealing for toy donations for the Christmas Toy Appeal. These can be dropped off Monday to Friday at Riverside, or there are a number of other local collection points. Some Whitstable collection points are shown in the attached poster organised by Councillor Chris Cornell. In addition, Tesco Whitstable have a collection point that we are sharing donations with KCC Children's Social Services, and Morrisons in Herne Bay have a dedicated collection point. Asda in Canterbury are also about to open up their dedicated collection point as well. Whirligig Toys in Canterbury (<https://www.whirligigtoys.co.uk/canterbury-toy-shop/>) are offering a 10% discount on any toys purchased in store or online for All Wrapped Up. If you use the code Riverside you will get the 10% discount and the toys purchased will be delivered directly to us. Alternatively, if wish to hand donations into the school office they would be very happy to collect any donations from school.

King Alphege Attendance Lion

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



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W/E 25.11.22
Seagulls Class – 96.7 %

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

Isabelle – Oysters Class



Risk Taking and Resilience

A Wightwick - Seagulls Class



Outstanding Curriculum

Serenity – Pearls Class



Wonderful Writing

Alex – Shells Class



Thriving Community

Eden - Pebbles Class



Happiness, Wellbeing and Wonder

Mia – Puffins Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

From Mrs Keeble & Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have found lots of opportunities for mark making whilst making our Christmas cards. Lots of the children have made very good attempts at signing their names! We have been practising our nativity songs and would be very grateful if you could help the children practice them at home. We have been retelling the Nativity story and have had some amusing little additions and interpretations of it that we think you will enjoy when you come to our Christmas performance on the 14th December. We have been subitising small quantities and starting to think about how they might be represented in different ways. On Thursday we decorated the nursery Christmas tree and danced with an Elf in the main school hall, which was a lovely way to welcome the Christmas season in.

Year R

From Mrs Arnott & Mr Mead

What a busy week we have had in Reception! In English this week our nursery rhyme has been '12345 once I caught a fish alive'. We have been exploring rhyming words and looking at what makes a word rhyme. It was very tricky but all the children have worked really hard. They made their own Cat in the Hat hats and their own rhyming ladders. In maths we have been looking at the number 5 and even started working on our number bonds to 5. This week our celebration focus has been Hanukkah. We learnt all about how people celebrate and what the festival is all about. The children made their own menorah candles, dreidel paintings and stars of David. Everyone has been rehearsing their nativity songs, and we are so proud of how well they are all getting on. Thursday was a very exciting day as we got to decorate our classrooms ready for Christmas! We even got a very special visit from an Elf! We can't wait to start all our festive fun next week!

Year 1

From Mrs Jones & Mrs O'Malley

Well done Year 1 for taking part so well in our visit to Whitstable Museum, as part of our history learning 'What was it like when you were young?' The children loved playing with old toys and costumes, playing a fun observation game and learning about the Invicta engine. A huge thank you to Peter and team at the museum and our parent volunteers who accompanied us. In Maths we've continued to learn about subtraction, and have begun the difficult challenge of finding all 8 facts in a fact family (e.g. $4 + 3 = 7$, $3 + 4 = 7$, $7 - 4 = 3$, $7 - 3 = 4$...) As our hook lesson in English, the children enjoyed making and tasting mince pies and used different adjectives in their writing to describe the experience (crunchy, golden, sweet, delicious, and for a couple of children - disgusting!) Next week we will be learning to recognise and name 3D and 2D shapes and will be writing thank you letters to Whitstable Museum. We worked hard on making and testing kites in DT and can't wait to share our songs with you at our two Christmas concerts.

Tues 13th December: come to school dressed in party, clothes, smart clothes or a Christmas jumper for our Christmas Concert and party. Please also bring school uniform in a named plastic bag. The party clothes will be kept in school to wear again on Wed 14th December at our second concert. Thank you.

Year 2

From Mrs Swindells & Mrs O'Keeffe

Year 2 have had a fantastic week! We loved learning all about the artist Jackson Pollock and having a go at expressive art techniques. Next week we will be continuing to practise our nativity so we are ready to perform on the 12th and 15th. We are lucky to have been invited to The Endowed School to take part in Christmas themed activities. We will be visiting the beach on Monday to complete some art based on our text 'The Blue Giant'. In English we will be using this trip to write a recount and write in the past tense. In Maths we will be continuing our learning of subtracting 2-digit numbers from 2-digit numbers. Throughout the week there will be lots of Christmas craft happening in year 2! On Thursday 8th December we will be visiting Whitstable library as part of our reading for pleasure activities. On Friday 16th December we will be having our Christmas party in the afternoon. Please bring party clothes in a named bag, to change into after lunch. Uniform should be worn to school in the morning.