

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



Love

Loved, Inspired, Shining

Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Nov 2022

Tues 29th – Year 1 Trip to Whitstable Museum

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

Thurs 8th – 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.

Arts Champion's

Our long-standing arts partners, Animate Arts Company, are celebrating their 20th anniversary this year. We are proud of the creative partnership we have built with them and the exciting creative adventures that we have been on together. We are delighted that Animate have once again awarded us as one of their champion schools in recognition of our passion for creativity and the work we have undertaken together. We are proud of the projects and inspirational experiences we have had together in the past and are very much looking forward to more creative adventures together in the future!

[Year 1 Trip to Whitstable Museum](#)

We are happy to tell you that, as part of our history topic 'What was it like when you were young?' we have organised a trip to the Whitstable Museum. The children will have an opportunity to look at some old toys, discuss a timeline and take part in an observation game, to develop their skills of historical enquiry.

The visit takes place on the morning of Tuesday 29th November in the morning. One class will visit at 9.15 and the other at 10.30. Weather permitting, we will combine our visit with a short walk along the high street to look at the Christmas displays and will return to school in plenty of time for lunch.

If you would like to join us, we would be delighted to have you. Each class can take 5 volunteers. Please let us know if you would like to come along.

[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.



[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.



[The Bean Machine](#)

The Bean Machine will visit the school again on Thursday 8th 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](#)

The Friends of St Alphege are delighted to announce that they are currently planning a school Christmas Fair this year. Bring your family along for an afternoon of Christmas shopping and winter treats! If you would like to help with organising this event, run a stall or are a business that could donate a prize for the raffle please contact Pamela at friends@st-alphege.kent.sch.uk. We are also holding a Christmas raffle. Christmas raffle tickets have been sent home with your children. If you require any more tickets, these are available at the school office. Tickets are priced at 50p a ticket, £2.50 a book. Please see the attached prizes list for further information. This list is not exhaustive.

[Worship in Church Term 2](#)

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

During worship, if younger brothers and sisters would like to come to the front of Church, they are very welcome to sit with their siblings wherever possible.

- Mon 28th Nov Year 2
- Mon 5th Dec whole school
- Mon 12th Dec whole School

Community Events



[Online Allergy Awareness and Auto-injector pens course](#)

Christmas is coming. Excited as some may feel, there is also a huge amount of anxiety. All those Christmas gatherings, with food that your child is allergic to! Join Natalie and I on the 25th November for her parents and carers allergy awareness course. <https://bit.ly/Allergyawareness>

[Allergy Awareness](#)

Being a parent of a child with a severe allergy can be quite daunting. Please see the attached poster inviting you to join an online course on 25th November 2022 at 7.00pm You'll learn how to recognise symptoms of allergic reactions, types of reactions, how to administer an auto-injector, tips for daily life and watch-outs for childcare settings, plus caring for your child's mental health and wellbeing too.



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 18.11.22
Puffins Class – 98.6 %

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

Louis – Pebbles Class



Risk Taking and Resilience

Josh -Seagulls Class



Outstanding Curriculum

Emily – Oysters Class



Wonderful Writing

Karl – Pearls Class
Jax - Puffins Class



Thriving Community

– Class



Happiness, Wellbeing and Wonder

Alessia – Shells Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

From Mrs Keeble & Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have been working on developing our scissor skills. We have been looking through catalogues of children's toys and cutting out some of the things we would like for Christmas and sticking them to our letter to Father Christmas. We will start posting our letters next week, so please let us know if Father Christmas replies! We have also used our scissor skills to start making some Christmas themed craft to decorate the nursery. We have role played the Christmas Story together this week and are becoming really familiar with it. We will be retelling the story in our own words over the next couple of weeks. Our retelling of the Nativity will be shared with you all when you come to watch our Christmas performance at the end of term. We have begun practising the songs we will be singing and look forward to digging out all the costumes we might need and role playing in them.

Year R

From Mrs Arnott & Mr Mead

This week Reception have had lots of fun exploring the nursery rhyme – If you're happy and you know it. We started the week by discussing feelings and emotions such as happiness, sadness, worry, fear, shock, calmness and so on. Our learning was supported by the wonderful story of The Colour Monster. The children thought about what actions they would do to show they are happy – we looked at different action words and different parts of the body and practiced the very tricky word 'your'. This meant that the children were then able to complete their own ending to the lyrics during their writing session. Everyone did amazing showing off their phonics skills. In maths the children have been exploring the numbers 4 and 5. The children enjoyed going on number hunts around the school and looking at different ways of arranging objects to show 4 and 5. Reception have continued to practice their nativity songs and we can't wait for you to hear them soon! In phonics we have been learning some very tricky digraphs – sh, th, ng and nk. We are very proud of how hard the children are working with their phonics and reading. This week we have also been exploring the celebration of Thanksgiving – we all thought about things we are thankful for and even got to taste some pumpkin pie! Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Year 1

From Mrs Jones & Mrs O'Malley

We have had such a lovely week in Pearl Class and Oyster Class!
This week, we have begun to learn more about the story of the Nativity, and our week's learning started with a drama session in the hall. The children used beautiful images to 'walk' the Nativity story, starting with the Angel's visit to Mary, the journey into Bethlehem, and the birth of the baby Jesus. We recorded some of this learning in our English writing this week, sequencing the images and using nouns to identify aspects of the story.
In Maths, we are continuing our learning about how to use number lines, this time counting back to subtract. The children have been working hard to record on ten frames, part/whole models, and then writing out their number sentences.
In D&T (design and technology) we looked at the parts of a kite and then made our own prototype mini kites, in preparation for group kite-making next week! Will our kites fly, or will we have to go back to the drawing board...?
We had a wonderful music session with Mrs Memmott and Mrs Jones, singing our parts for the Christmas concert and adding musical accompaniment. It is a magical time of year!
A reminder that on Tuesday 28th November we will visit Whitstable Museum in the morning. Thank you to all the parents who have kindly volunteered to join us, please check our Y1 noticeboard for final details.

Year 2

From Mrs Swindells & Mrs O'Keeffe

We have had another brilliant week in Year 2 learning about land pollution, balanced diets and writing our own version of Greta and the Giants including ourselves as environmental activists! Next week we will be learning about deforestation and the impact it has on animals and their natural habitats. We will be learning about how landscapes change in our own soil erosion experiment. In Maths, we are continuing to learn about subtraction and how to solve 2 digit subtractions. In English we will begin to explore our final book of the term 'The Blue Giant' which will also be inspiring our painting in Art. For Science next week, we will be learning about the importance of exercise to contribute to a healthy balanced life style. All of this fabulous learning whilst practising for our Nativity performance too! We wish all our families a lovely weekend and hope the winter sun shines brightly for us all. 😊