

# SUNBEAMS NURSERY

# ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege  
Values



Love

Loved, Inspired, Shining

## Newsletter

Term 3 Week 2 | 13.01.23

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Jan 2022

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> - Year R Health Screening

Weds 25<sup>th</sup> - KIC Theatre

Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> - KIC Theatre

#### Feb 2022

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> - End of Term 3

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> - Start of Term 4

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

### KEY EVENTS

#### Wellbeing Team

We are very aware that times are tough at the moment, with the costs of living rising and the challenges that we are all facing. We also know that life does not always run smoothly and that sometimes we encounter unexpected bumps along the way. Our wellbeing team remains here as a support for you all and is a wealth of knowledge and experience, whatever you may be facing and however big or small this may seem. This can be accessed in a variety of ways: calling the school office, email to [becky.strike@st-alphege.kent.sch.uk](mailto:becky.strike@st-alphege.kent.sch.uk) or just a conversation with Mrs Spinks or Ms Strike on the school gates. We are also expanding our Wellbeing Team, by including Mrs Mead into the network of support. She is already working alongside a few families and will be involved in reaching out to families in the future. Mrs Mead is an outstanding Teaching Assistant, with a wealth of experience in working with other agencies to access appropriate support and we have no doubt that she will be a great asset to the team. She will continue her current role, supporting children in school, alongside taking on additional support work with families where needed. We are confident that Mrs Mead's involvement will mean that we are able to maintain our excellent community feel and enable more families to benefit from this support.

#### 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Sunbeams Parents - Reception school places for September 2023

### Year 2 Parents - Junior school places for September 2023

Applications are made through Kent County Council at [www.kent.gov.uk/ola](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola) and must be submitted by **MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023**.

More information can be found at [www.kent.gov.uk](http://www.kent.gov.uk) If you have any questions or need support with the application process please speak to the school office.

### Reception Visit to the Harbour – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January

Next week Reception will be reading Mr Gumpy's Outing and exploring all things to do with water transport. As a hook we will be visiting the Harbour on Monday afternoon to see what types of boats we can see and take lots of photos!

### The All American – Census Day Menu – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January

We have a themed lunch menu for school census day on Thursday. Please see the attached menu for further information.

## King Alphege Attendance Lion

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



King Alphege Attendance Lion  
W/E 06.12.22  
Shells Class - 96.6%

## 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

Evie – Pearls Class



Risk Taking and Resilience

Lola – Shells Class



Outstanding Curriculum

Quinn – Puffins Class



Wonderful Writing

Zander – Pebbles Class



Thriving Community

Jakob – Seagulls Class



Happiness, Wellbeing and Wonder

Preston – Oysters Class

## Weekly Year Group Recap

### Sunbeams

#### From Mrs Keeble & Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we read *The Naughty Bus* to inspire our own small world play with the dinosaurs. Small world play helps to develop lots of skills, such as language, collaboration and imagination. We had some very cheeky dinosaurs and built some impressive small world environments using natural resources, building blocks and blankets. We even built a bridge to the water table so that our dinosaurs could take a dip! Mrs Memmott played a musical game which involved using our listening skills and pointing to the different parts of our body. We loved watching her play the guitar and chose songs to sing that she could play along to. We have been playing subitising games to quicken our recognition of small groups of objects. In HeartSmart we thought about the people we love and live in our homes. We then drew the members of our household to display in the nursery and to remind us we are loved too.

### Year R

#### From Mrs Arnott & Mr Mead

This week Reception have been exploring different types of land transport. We thought about how we get to school and looked at old and new transport. We saw lots of similarities and differences and spoke about what it might have been like to travel to school in the past. This week in English we read *Mrs Armitage on Wheels*. We loved the story and found it very funny as she kept adding different things to her bike. The children then thought about what they would like to add to their bike and invented their own creations. Everyone then tried really hard to write some lovely sentences explaining what they would add to their bike. In maths this week we have been delving into measuring. We used objects such as cubes, paperclips and dominoes to measure things around the classroom. We spoke about using the correct language such as longer, shorter, taller etc. The children loved going outside and drawing around each other and then using their hands to measure how long each other was when lying down. Everyone has amazed us in phonics this week, we have been learning the digraphs oo, oo, ar and oi.

### Year 1

#### From Mrs Jones & Mrs O'Malley

Well done to Year 1 for another fun packed week of learning! The children loved describing the hot and cold countries visited by the penguins in our fiction text 'Poles Apart'. They went on to compare the countries using the -er suffix (e.g. hotter, colder). In Maths we have been partitioning (splitting) teen numbers into tens and ones and saying for example 'My number is 14, I have one ten and four ones.' We really enjoyed singing, moving to Japanese drums and exploring the sounds of different drums in music. The children had to sing 'What do you wish for?' and there were some lovely choices! Our big question in RE is 'What is the Good News Jesus' bring?' and this week the children used drama to re-tell the story of Mathew the tax collector. Next week in Maths we will be learning more about number lines and using them to problem solve. We will be re-telling the story 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers, using the -ed suffix, e.g. asked, rowed. Don't forget: PE is now every Monday and Tuesday and new phonics reading books are online every Monday – please read every day to help your child build fluency (passwords are in the front of your child's reading record).

### Year 2

#### From Mrs Swindells & Mrs O'Keeffe

We have had a fantastic week in Year 2! Thank you so much to the king Grandparent who let us look at WW2 artefacts – the children loved seeing wreckage, gas masks, alarms and helmets from the war. This helped them to sort pictures into soldiers from the past and present and compare them with each other. The children have been writing diary entries this week and we are blown away by their fantastic use of imagination and vocabulary used! Next week we will continue to learn about WW2 and focus on how families protected themselves. In English we will continue to write in our diaries and learn to exciting vocabulary to describe events in the past. In Maths we will begin to divide by sharing in equal groups and begin to think about the relationship between multiplication and division. In art we will be focusing on mono printing and learning how to create our own WW2 inspired print. We will continue to build on our hockey skills and begin to shoot the ball at targets to increase our accuracy. We will also learn and explore different ways to travel in gymnastics.