

# SUNBEAMS NURSERY

# ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege  
Values



Love

Loved, Inspired, Shining

## Newsletter

Term 4 Week 6 | 31.03.23

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### March 2023

Fri 31<sup>st</sup> - End of Term 4

#### April 2023

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> - Start of Term 5

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> - Year R Hearing Screening

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> - Whole School Worship 2.45pm

Weds 19<sup>th</sup> - Seagulls Trip to Duncan Downs

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> - Puffins Trip to Duncan Downs

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> - Year 1 swimming lessons start

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> - Morris Men 11.15am

#### May 2023

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> - Bank Holiday

Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> - Kic Theatre

Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> - Kic Theatre

Mon 8<sup>th</sup> - Bank Holiday - King Coronation

Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> - Class photos

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> - CACOT Fund Raising Day

Fri 26<sup>th</sup> - End of Term 5

### KEY EVENTS

We would like to invite our early years families to join us at one of the following sessions. Please do not feel you have to attend them all:

#### Stay and Play Sessions for Sunbeams Children

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 8:30am - 9:30am

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2:15pm - 3:15pm

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 8:30am - 9:30am

#### Reception Share the Learning Sessions for Parents

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 8:45am - 9:30am

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2:30pm - 3:15pm

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 8:45am - 9:30am

#### Bailey Yanik Cup

In honour of a previous pupil who sadly passed away, we award the Bailey Yanik Cup once each term. This cup is awarded to a little person who has the gift of finding joy in everything, and makes a big difference to everyone around them. **Term 4 is awarded to Bonnie Br in Year 2.**



#### Worship next term

We are delighted to welcome parents to school worship on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 2.45pm at St Alphege Church. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Year 2 Duncan Downs

Year 2 will be visiting Duncan Downs in the first week back after half Term.

Seagulls class will be going on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April and Puffins class will be going on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April.

Please send your children to school with suitable footwear and waterproof clothing in a named carrier bag if the weather forecast predicts rain.

## Breakfast Club

Our daily breakfast club is run by experienced members of school staff, who offer a quiet and safe start to the day with healthy breakfast options. We open at 8.00am and children can choose from a range of food options including toast, cereal, fruit and yoghurts. We can cater for any dietary requirements and our staff are qualified in food safety. Food is served until 8.25am.

The children are really well supported; they enjoy a range of fun activities in the hall and are taken to their classrooms at 8.35am, the beginning of the school day. We can also accept children who attend Whitstable Junior School and we will ensure they are taken to WJS in time for the start of their school day.

We offer a flexible approach to our sessions and invoice weekly in arrears, for the number of days your child attends. We charge a flat fee of £2.50 per session.

If you require regular Breakfast Club sessions, please book these using the attached booking form. We are still able to accommodate extra sessions on an ad-hoc basis if you find that you need last minute childcare. You can call the school office to book these as the need arises.

## After School Club

We are delighted to have an experienced St Alphege staff team in providing the very best care for your children, based upon our ethos, values and high expectations.

After School Club will be based in the Octopus Room, allowing plenty of space for the children to explore, play and relax.

What can you expect from After School Club?

- Wrap around care from 3:15pm – 6:00pm every day
- Flexible arrangements to suit your family.
- Exciting and engaging activities both inside and outside
- A happy, welcoming St Alphege team who know and love your children
- Opportunities to play, read, sing, construct, create, explore and discover!
- Healthy snacks available from 3:30pm
- Nutritious home cooked food served from 5:00pm. For example: curry, pasta, lasagne, fresh chicken burgers etc. Menus will be adapted alongside the children and will cater for all dietary requirements. Menus will be provided on a termly basis.

We will invoice in advance at the beginning of each term for all pre-booked sessions. If you require additional ad-hoc session throughout the term you can book these, subject to availability, and we will add the cost to your next invoice. Please complete the attached form if you would like to book any sessions for next term.

## 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.

## Year 1 Swimming Lessons

Year 1 swimming lessons will be starting after Easter on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April. Please can your child wear their swimming costume and bring a towel to school in a separate bag. The children will walk to and from the pool and be back at school before lunchtime.

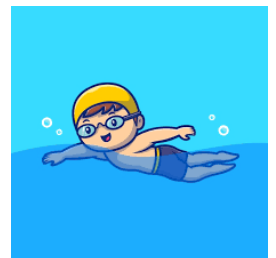
**The lessons will be subsidised by the school but we would welcome a contribution of £25.00 for all 8 lessons, payable in advance of the first lesson.**

Please pay by cash at the school office or by direct bank payment in to the school bank account. Instalments are available if you would like to spread the cost over the next 3 months. Please email the office to advise us that you have made a bank transfer so we can reconcile the payment on the bank statement.

The children will swim on Friday

**28<sup>th</sup> April and 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> May in term 5 and**

**9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> June in term 6.**



## Easter Eggs

A big thank you to our wonderful Friends Association for the yummy chocolate eggs!



## Community

### Stagecoach Easter Extravaganza

Are you looking for Holiday Workshops?

Join Stagecoach for an exciting, fun filled, 3 day Easter Holiday Workshop for children aged 4-18yrs

Singing, dancing, acting and lots of fun! Ending with a showcase for family and friends!

The workshops are creative and inspiring! No experience is necessary, just the enthusiasm to join in!  
book your place now!

<https://www.stagecoach.co.uk/whitstable>



### Inclusive Sport – Whitstable Junior School

Direct booking link is below and remember Inclusive Sport offer a free trial for any new sessions that your child attends.

<https://inclusive-sport.class4kids.co.uk/info/261>

You can also view all children's sessions available on the website where there is more information about the sessions and flyers, link below:

[Children - Inclusive Sport](#)



### Children's Holiday and Sports Camp

The holiday camps on the University of Kent's Canterbury campus provide the perfect way to keep your children active and entertained over the Easter and summer school holidays. The camps are open to children aged 5 to 12, and provide daily sports and activities, all under the supervision of experienced and DBS verified camp staff.

You can book via the link below:

[Children's Holiday Sports and Activity Camps - Kent Sport - University of Kent](#)



## Easter sports camps in Whitstable, Blean and Canterbury

You can book via the link below

<https://www.teamthemekent.co.uk/book-a-camp>



## 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 24.3.23  
Shells Class – 97%

## 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

Rayan – Pearls Class



Risk Taking and Resilience

Lottie – Puffins Class



Outstanding Curriculum

Fred – Seagulls Class



Wonderful Writing

Luca – Oysters Class



Thriving Community

Rudi – Pebbles Class



Happiness, Wellbeing and  
Wonder

Lola – Shells Class

## Weekly Year Group Recap

### Sunbeams

#### From Mrs Keeble & Mrs Humphreys

We started our week in Sunbeams with a trip to the Whitstable Fire Station. The children were very sensible and listened carefully to the grownups who helped them to get to the fire station safely. We travelled on the bus there and back and while there we were able to explore their vehicles, the fire engine and the rescue boat. We tried on some of the protective clothing and equipment they wear and the children each took a turn squirting the hose. Our visit gave us another opportunity to explore how the emergency services support our community. On Tuesday Mrs Memmott explored tempo with us and the children played their instruments quickly or slowly as instructed by Mrs Memmott. We ended the week with an Easter egg hunt which gave us an opportunity to use our 10 frames and subitising skills. Mrs Humphreys and Mrs Keeble have thoroughly enjoyed sharing with you all how fabulous your children are during this weeks parent meetings and having some of you join us for the stay and play sessions. We will be holding more stay and play sessions after Easter and look forward to having some of you join us then. We wish you all a very Happy Easter!

### Year R

#### From Mrs Arnott & Mr Mead

Reception have had a lovely last week of term. We have been having lots of Easter fun – we learnt about the Easter story in RE, made lots of lovely Easter themed crafts, made Easter nest cakes and even had a phonics Easter egg hunt! Our maths this week has also been Easter themed – we made our own 2d shape Easter eggs, thinking carefully about what shapes we decorated our eggs with and their properties. On Thursday we took our first look at 3d shapes – we spoke about their properties -faces, edges, vertices and their names. We look particularly at cubes, cuboids, cylinders, cones, spheres and pyramids. The children we challenged to create their own 3d shape using sticks and playdough, they did a great job! We have loved seeing lots of our children's adults visit us this week and finally be able to share all the hard work they have been doing and show off their classrooms. Well done for a brilliant term, hope you all have a wonderful Easter holiday and we can't wait to see you back for more fun in Term 5!

### Year 1

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

How quickly the term has gone by – we have come to the last week of Spring term and what a lovely week we have had in Year 1. Pearls and Oysters loved sharing our Easter worship with our friends at the Endowed School, and explored the Easter story further in our RE lessons in class, discussing that this is both a sad and happy time. In our English writing, we created posters advertising Whitstable, using captions, labels and persuasive writing. The children included lots of tempting ideas for possible visitors, such as ice cream parlours, our pretty beach, the castle and much more! In Maths, we enjoyed learning about capacity and volume in practical ways. We were surprised to find out that the tallest container doesn't always hold the biggest amount of liquid. In computing, we explored and compared programmes in the 2Simple collection and talked to a friend about which programme we preferred. We tried the 2Simple City (a geography-based programme) and 2Paint, using different tools within each painting programme. The children have become very skilled at using the mouse mat, cursor and left-click button to navigate software. In Music this term, we have been learning an original song about Whitstable, written for us by Mrs Memmott, singing sea shanties, and recreating a movement with percussion to Benjamin Britten's 'Sea Interlude No 1'. The children did an amazing job recreating and representing seagulls, fish and waves. Wishing you a peaceful and joyful Easter.

### Year 2

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

Year 2 have had an incredible term of learning about the continents and oceans within our 'Where on Earth are we?' focus. Each week we have 'visited' a new continent to learn about its culture, climate, wildlife, human and physical features and lots more interesting facts. The children have created their own passports along the way and will be bringing them home to share with you!

Next term, we are looking forward to learning about diversity, activists and influential figures in our new focus 'Who has helped the world?' In history, we will be learning about Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King before writing our own influential speeches and creating films to highlight the importance of celebrating diversity. Our English learning will continue to explore the same themes through creative writing, persuasive posters and rules to celebrate equality.

We are very excited to learn about seeds, bulbs and growing plants for science in the warmer weather too! In Art we will be learning about Faith Ringgold to inspire creative works in textiles, before making our own puppets and tie die t-shirts. So much exciting new learning to look forward to!

We would like to wish all our children and families a lovely Easter break full of happiness and sunshine and we look forward to welcoming you all back in Term 5!