

# SUNBEAMS NURSERY

# ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege  
Values



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## Newsletter

Term 1 Week 5 | 30.09.22

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Oct 2022

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> – Year 2 – Canterbury school trip  
Tues 4<sup>th</sup> – Year R - Shells visiting Stream Walk  
Weds 5<sup>th</sup> – Pearls trip to Duncan Downs  
Mon 10<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 and 2 Harvest Worship with families  
at St Alphege Church 2.30pm  
Tues 12<sup>th</sup> – Year R – Pebbles visiting Stream Walk  
Weds 12<sup>th</sup> - Bean Machine in the playground 8.20am  
Weds 12<sup>th</sup> – Oysters trip to Duncan Downs  
Mon 17<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 Harbour Visit  
Weds 19<sup>th</sup> - Flu vaccination (YR, 1 & 2)  
Weds 19<sup>th</sup> - Parents Evening video appointment  
3.30pm-7.30pm  
Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> - Parents Evening video appointment  
3.30pm-7.30pm  
Fri 21<sup>st</sup> – End of term one  
Mon 31<sup>st</sup> - Staff development day – School closed

#### Nov 2022

Tues 1<sup>st</sup> – Term 2 starts  
Mon 7<sup>th</sup> – Individual School Photos

#### Dec 2022

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> – End of term 2

### KEY EVENTS

#### Parent Consultations

On the 19th and 20th October, we will be holding our parent consultations to speak with your child's teacher to find out how well they have settled into their new class. We will offer these consultations virtually using our video appointment parent evening system and you will be able to book a 10 minute appointment slot. Full details explaining how to book your appointment can be found on the guide sheet sent by separate email. There will be further events throughout the year where you will have chance to come into the class to see your child's work and discuss their learning and progress. If you have any specific concerns that you wish to discuss in more depth, please speak to child's teacher to make a face to face appointment.

#### School admissions for September 2023

If you have a child who will be starting school in September 2023, or you know of families within the community who are looking for places for their child, please come along to our Open Day on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2022 between 10:00am and 12:00pm. There is no need to book in for the Saturday event. We are also offering school tours at set times during the day and these can be booked through the school office. Please see the attached flier for dates and further information. We are incredibly proud of our amazing school

and all that we have to offer and know how important it is for families to see this for themselves. Please spread the word if you know of anyone who may be interested and of course tell them how fabulous we are!

### Art Installations

As you all know, we celebrated Dot Day on the 15<sup>th</sup> September. We are also in the process of completing our new entrance themed art installation, alongside Jo an artist from Animate Arts. Jo will be working with the children over a few days to complete a new giant installation in the entrance hall. This will be themed around our new School Plan acronym, GROWTH and will feature art work from all year groups, including Nursery. Jo will deliver workshops in each class, setting creative challenges for the children which will then come together to form our new display. **We would like to invite you all in to view the Dot display in the hall and the completed entrance installation on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October from 2:30pm.** You are welcome to collect your child after you have viewed the art exhibit, but it will also be open after school at 3:15pm if you would like to view it together then. Photographs will also be posted on our Facebook page to allow working parents to see our latest creations if you are unable to come in person! Hall doors will be open from 2:30pm on this day, so that you can enter via the main gates as normal. We look forward to seeing you all then!

### Scooters and Bikes

Thank you for continuing to walk bikes and scooters through the school and for parking these up appropriately in the bike park behind the library or taking them home again. It is important for the safety of our community that these are not ridden on the school site.

### Harvest time charity collection

In worship this term, we have been reflecting on our school value 'Koinonia' (community). At this time of harvest, we will be supporting our local and global community through St. Alphege Church's collections for the Riverside Food Pantry and Red Cross Ukraine work. If you feel able to help, any food items or monetary donations can be given in to classrooms by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October.

### Stream Walk – Year R

We are delighted to inform you that Reception will be visiting Stream Walk this term. The children will get to see the process of how plants and vegetables are planted and where their food comes from. This will link into their learning about Harvest and knowing the hard work that goes into producing their food. The children will have the opportunity to take part in planting seeds and will walk around the garden to see a variety of vegetables that are already being grown. Children will not be required to bring anything extra on the day. However, if it is raining, please send your child in with their usual wet weather clothes.

**Shells** class will visit on the 4<sup>th</sup> October.

**Pebbles** class will visit on the 11<sup>th</sup> October.

### Year 1 - Upcoming local visits, linked to Geography, Science and History topics in terms 1 and 2.

#### Duncan Downs

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October:** As part of our topic 'Where do we live?' we will visit Duncan Downs in small groups, accompanied by our Forest School lead Mr Thomas-Friend, to observe the seasonal changes now that Autumn is here. **Pearl Class** will visit on 5<sup>th</sup> October and **Oyster Class** on 12<sup>th</sup> October. Please ensure your child is wearing wellington boots or sturdy shoes and a warm, waterproof coat. If the weather is chilly, please also provide a hat and gloves. One group will visit in the morning session and another group will visit in the afternoon.

#### Harbour Visit

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October:** we will continue learning more about our home town and it's coast by walking to the harbour and meeting David Hayward and team of the RNLI, who will talk to us about the fantastic service provided by our lifeboat teams. Weather permitting, we will briefly explore the harbour and walk back to school via Harbour Street and the High Street, taking note of the local shops along the way. If you are available and would like to join us, please let us know; we have space for three volunteers each (six in total) and would love you to join us! Please let Mrs Jones or Mrs O'Malley know and we will give you more details. We will be ready to depart from school at 9.15 and will return at approximately 11.45.

## Canterbury Roman Museum – Year 2

We are really looking forward to our trip to the Canterbury Roman Museum on Monday. Please make sure that your child is in on time as the buses will be leaving promptly at the scheduled timings:

Puffins class **9.04am**

Seagulls class **9.24am**

Your child will need to bring a bag with them to carry their home/school pack lunch and water bottle. Children do not need to bring their book bags in on this day.

On Monday morning, can children from **Puffins** class please be dropped to the school hall instead of the normal Year 2 entrance. **Seagulls** children can be dropped at the Year 2 door as usual.

## Community Events

Please see attached fliers with further information in regards to activities/ camps running over the half term break.

## 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 30.09.22  
**Oysters 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**

Maeve- Shells Class



**Risk Taking and Resilience**

Reuben – Pebbles Class



**Outstanding Curriculum**

Marcus – Oysters Class



**Wonderful Writing**

Ella – Pearls Class



**Thriving Community**

Lexi – Puffins Class



**Happiness, Wellbeing and Wonder**

Daisy-Mae – Seagulls Class

## Weekly Year Group Recap

### Sunbeams

#### From Mrs Keeble & Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have begun developing our subitising skills. Subitising is where we look for patterns of number around us and can see how many are in a small or regularly arranged amount without counting. We have been playing hide and seek games with up to 3 objects with Sunbeams shouting out 1, 2 or 3 when they see them. Mrs Memmott read us a story book about a farm and we had to think of songs that had various farm animals in. On Friday Jo from Animate Arts told us all about the new art installation for the school, that we will all be contributing to. We are going to be making lots of flowers out of paper! On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October, Sunbeams will be walking to Stream Walk Community Gardens to find out what changes are taking place in the gardens and to help our community to look after them. The trip will include the Sunbeams that are attending the morning session that day. Don't worry if you think you are missing out, we will visit again on other days over the year, and we have other trips planned throughout the year.

### Year R

#### From Mrs Arnott & Mr Mead

Reception have had a lovely week this week. In English we read a story call This is our House by Michael Rosen. We thought about the importance of sharing with our friends and playing nicely. We then thought more deeply about houses and what our own homes are like. The children used new vocabulary to describe their house and collaged their own houses to fill them up with lots of furniture. On Wednesday and Thursday the children thought carefully about their initial sounds to find different words and labelled their own house – we were so impressed! In maths we have continued to explore lots of matching and sorting activities, this week we sorted clothes, picnic food according to size, shapes and colours. In RE we have begun to think about why 'God' is so important to Christians. We explored the creation story and the creation of animals. On Friday we had a great time completing our Animate Art workshop, we cannot wait to see the end result and the creation of our GROWTH masterpiece! Well done Reception, we're looking forward to next week where we start all things to do with Autumn.

### Year 1

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

Thank you for another creative and fun week in Year 1. The children used some exciting adjectives for their descriptions of the characters in 'Room on a Broom' and in Maths they were using the symbols < > and = to compare numbers. As part of our Geography focus, 'Where do we live?', the children enjoyed learning about maps and this will continue next week as Pearls visit Duncan Downs and as we all learn about the different countries of the UK. Our text for this week is a beautiful book linked to our science learning: 'Autumn is here.' If you are outside this weekend and spot any conkers or autumn leaves do bring them in to class for our learning. In computing the children will continue to practise using the mouse and keyboard and we will be learning about internet safety. We are really looking forward to completing our Animate Arts challenge this week. There is a separate e-mail about our visits to Duncan Downs: Pearls class Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October; Oysters class Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October.

### Year 2

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

Year 2 have had another fabulous week of learning! We have loved outdoor learning in the nest, where we learnt how to partition 2-digit numbers into different combinations of tens and ones using natural objects to represent different values. Next week we will begin to learn about addition and using different skills to add single and 2-digit numbers together. In our English lessons we have been inspired by the alternative tradition tale 'The Ghanaian Goldilocks' to plan our own Goldilocks story. We will be using our planning to write our own alternative tale next week. We cannot wait to share our stories with everyone! This week we also began to think about how life was different during the rein of the Romans. We researched Roman life in books, made shields and swords and dressed up as Roman too! We are all very excited for our trip to the Canterbury Roman Museum next week on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> of October. Please make sure you arrive on time this morning. Children need to bring their pack lunches, drinks bottle and a coat. They do not need to bring book bags in on this day. We wish you all a lovely weekend and are looking forward to all our new learning adventures next week!