

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



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Newsletter

Term 5 Week 1 | 21.04.23

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April 2023

Fri 28th – Year 1 swimming lessons start

Fri 28th – Morris Men 11.15am

May 2023

Mon 1st – Bank Holiday

Weds 3rd – Kic Theatre

Thurs 4th – Kic Theatre

Fri 5th – Coronation Lunch

Mon 8th – Bank Holiday – King Coronation

Thurs 11th – Class photos

Fri 19th – CACOT Fund Raising Day

Fri 26th – End of Term 5

June 2023

Mon 5th June – Staff Development Day

Tues 6th June – Start of Term 6

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

KEY EVENTS

National Strike Action - 27th April and 2nd May 2023

Thank you to all of the parents who have expressed their messages of support. As a reminder the school will be closed on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May 2023.

Happy News!!!

Some staff have been very productive this year!

We are delighted to announce that we will be welcoming 3 new additions to our St Alphege family in the Autumn.

Mr Mead, Mrs Arnott and Miss Standen are all expecting babies in term 1!!

We look forward to all the joy and excitement that this brings and wish all 3 families every happiness!

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

Monday 24th April 2:15pm - 3:15pm

Friday 9th June 8:30am - 9:30am

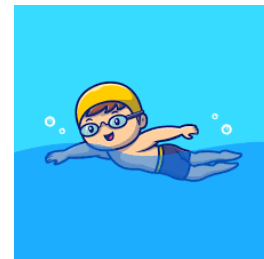
Reception Share the Learning Sessions for Parents

Monday 24th April 2:30pm - 3:15pm

Friday 9th June 8:45am - 9:30am

Year 1 Swimming Lessons

Year 1 swimming lessons will be starting on **Friday 28th 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

**28th April and 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th May in term 5 and
9th, 16th, 23rd June in term 6**

Coronation Celebrations

We are planning to celebrate this historic occasion in our nation's history. We will be learning all about what a coronation is, listening to music and creating art work around this theme. We shall also be working with our friends at Kik Theatre to re-enact this special event. On Friday 5th May we will have a Coronation lunch all together followed by a party on the playground. On that day, we invite your children to wear Red, White and Blue to celebrate this national event. We will be sending out more information nearer the time but this is a date for your diary.

Menu for the Coronation

SANDWICHES

Tuna

Ham

Cucumber and Cream Cheese

SIDES

Mini Sausage Rolls, Potato Wedges

Carrot and Cucumber Batons

DESSERTS

Victoria Sponge Cake

Vanilla Ice Cream

Community

NHS Blood & Transplant

NHS Blood & Transplant are holding a blood donation session we Whitstable on Bank Holiday Monday 1st May 2023. Please see the attached flyer for further information.



Food Friends

Food Friends is an innovative meal sharing initiative, which connects volunteers – who are willing to deliver an extra portion of their home cooked food – with a neighbour, who would benefit from a nutritious meal and doorstep chat. Since Food Friends began, their volunteer network has delivered more than 4000 portions of home-cooked meals to neighbours in need. The volunteering opportunity is simple, uniquely rewarding, built on people's love of food and its ability to connect those in a community who would otherwise never cross paths. Food Friends are seeking volunteers. Please see the attached flier and website for further information.



www.food-friends.co.uk

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 31.3.23
Oysters Class – 95.9%

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

Sixten – Puffins Class



Risk Taking and Resilience

Kelechi – Shells Class



Outstanding Curriculum

Theo – Pearls Class



Wonderful Writing

Leo – Seagulls Class



Thriving Community

Elsie – Oysters Class



Happiness, Wellbeing and Wonder

Prince – Pebbles Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

From Mrs Keeble & Mrs Humphreys

This week we have welcomed our Sunbeams back after their Easter break and have been welcoming some new little Sunbeams to our nursery! We have been developing our fine motor and mark making skills through a variety of mark making activities and have been delighted to note the progress in pen control many of our Sunbeams are displaying. We have recounted the activities we got up to over the holiday and have heard lots about the *eggciting* Easter activities you have all got up to, before drawing pictures to represent them. Mrs Memmott sang songs with us that had an Easter or Spring theme and we have continued this throughout the week. In our HeartSmart lesson we thought about the difference between truth and falsehoods and played a game (a little like Simon Says) so the children can demonstrate their understanding of the concepts. On Friday we welcomed some of our families into the session for a stay and play and enjoyed sharing with them the things we like doing while in Sunbeams. We will have another stay and play session for our families to join us on Monday 24th April between 2:15 and 3:15pm.

Year R

From Mrs Arnott & Mr Mead

Reception have had a great first week back at school! It was lovely to hear all about how many Easter eggs we had and everyone's holiday fun! We got straight back into the swing of things by exploring our new theme for this term – Minibeasts! In English we kickstarted the new theme by watching the film Bugs Life. We discussed which minibeasts we saw and then spoke about adjectives we could use to describe each character. The children wrote some lovely descriptive sentences. We have had fun making our own minibeasts out of playdough, natural objects from the Nest and hunting for bugs in our digging area. In maths this week we have been exploring our first teen numbers – 11-15. We did some very tricky thinking and activities to better understand place value and what each number means. Well done everyone for starting Term 5 so well, have a lovely weekend!

Year 1

From Mrs Jones & Mrs O'Malley

Welcome back to a new term! We hope that everyone had an enjoyable Easter break. The children have all returned in a very positive and happy mood – we have noticed that all of a sudden, they seem taller! We have started the week with a classic children's story, 'Dogger' by Shirley Hughes. It tells the story of a little boy called Dave, who has a favourite toy, that one day becomes lost – will Dave and Dogger be reunited? The children were absorbed by this book and were keen to talk and write about their own favourite toys, and make up stories about their toys being lost and then found again. The children have also begun to use exclamation marks in their writing to denote excitement. In Maths, we have been learning about recognising, making and adding equal groups. In Geography, we will be developing our mapping skills both within school and in our local area. In Art, we are learning about a new artist, Chila Burnam CBE, and will focus on collage and the skills needed to produce collage, including tearing, layering, twisting, taking rubbings and making a composition.

In Term 6 we will have the **phonics screening check**. To prepare for this each week we will be sending home a phonics sheet for you to practise the sounds we have been learning in school.

A reminder that Y1 start their swimming lessons on Friday 28th April. Please ensure your child comes to school with their swimming costume underneath their uniform, and brings a towel and a set of underwear to change back into.

Year 2

From Mrs Swindells & Mrs O'Keeffe

What a wonderful first week back it has been for Year 2! The teaching staff have loved seeing the children's bright smiles again and hearing of their half term adventures. Year 2 have loved creating their own sock puppet characters this week as we have introduced our new story 'Simon Sock.' Next week they will be writing a wanted poster to find a partner for Simon because he is an odd sock and needs a good friend. In maths this week, the children have been revisiting arithmetic strategies to solve additions and subtractions using inverse operations. Next week, they will be revisiting the relationships between multiplication and divisions before putting all their knowledge to the test in a special maths challenge! For our history focus this term, they will be beginning to think about social injustice and equal rights. Will it be fair for all the children with brown hair to get a sweet? Or how will they feel if their friends with blue eyes get to go play games in the Arts Hub? They will then learn about Rosa Parks and the influence of her actions.

As Puffins class missed their trip to Duncan Downs this week, their trip has been rescheduled for Wednesday. Please make sure Puffin's children have suitable footwear and a coat for this day. We look forward to another fantastic week of learning!