

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



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Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dec 2022

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

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

KEY EVENTS



Last Wednesday our Year 2 TED team and representatives visited Swalecliffe Primary school to take part in the Coastal Alliance Co-operative Trust Children's Forum. They met with other school council representatives from all the CACOT schools to discuss how our schools can help our local community. Whitstable Councillor, Chris Cornell along with Peter and Liam from Canterbury Food Bank, spoke to us about the fantastic work they do to help our community and why it is especially important at the moment with the cost of living crisis affecting so many. Our Year 2's were very inspired by our visit and it generated a lot of fantastic discussion. The CACOT Children's forum agreed to hold a charity event later in the year to support the great work Canterbury Food Bank do. In the meantime, our Year 2's would like to raise your awareness of the BankTheFood app which we were told about. You can download it onto your mobile phone and it can tell you what items our local food bank is currently in need of.

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.

Kitchen Assistant

There is a vacancy in the kitchen for an assistant. This vacancy is through Chartwells, our catering company. Please pop your head in the kitchen on passing if you are interested.

Our four-legged friends

We would like to remind you all that dogs are not allowed onto the school grounds, even when being carried. We are all avid dog lovers here and whilst we are delighted to meet the furry members of your family, we do not wish to put yourselves and your pets at any increased risk. Whilst we appreciate that the majority of your dogs are trained and well behaved, we cannot take responsibility or the increased risks that bringing a dog onto the site could pose. We thank you for your understanding and for working with us on this matter.

Change of Menu w/c 12th December

The menu for the following days is:

Wednesday 14th December – Beef Bolognese

Thursday 15th December – Roast Turkey

Christmas Nativities to Parents – Week commencing 12th December



All year groups will be performing for parents in the hall this year. If there are two performances, please attend **one**, whichever is most convenient for you, as space in the hall is limited. All family members welcome.

Monday 12th December at 9.30am

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Thursday 15th December at 9.30am

Thursday 15th December at 2.15pm

Year 2 Nativity – Born in a Barn

Year 1 Christmas Concert

Year R Nativity – It's a Baby

Sunbeams Nativity – (written themselves!)

Year 1 Christmas Concert

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Year 2 Nativity - Born in a Barn

Whole School Worship - Monday 12th December

All parents are warmly invited to attend our church service on **Monday 12th December at 2.30pm** at St Alphege Church. We will be thinking about preparing for Christmas. We will return to school afterwards so you can collect your child from school at 3.15pm as usual.



Christmas Year Group Parties

Each year group will have a Christmas party. Please bring party clothes to change into after lunch. Uniform should be worn to school in the morning. No food items are required.

Tuesday 13th December

Thursday 15th December

Friday 16th December

Year 1 Party

Year R Party

Year 2 Party



Christmas Party – Sunbeams

We would like to invite all of our Sunbeams into nursery on **Wednesday 14th December** for the morning session 8.30am – 11.30am even if this is not their usual session to come in. We will perform our nativity to parents and then have some Christmas party fun. If your child does not usually attend on Wednesday, please let Mrs Keeble or Mrs Humphreys know if your child will join us for this session.

Community Events

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.



[Kent Library Winter Reading Challenge](#)

Please see the attached Flyer for the link to the winter reading challenge

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 02.12.22
Shells 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

Dylan – Shells Class



Risk Taking and Resilience

Henry – Puffins Class



Outstanding Curriculum

Quinn – Pearls Class



Wonderful Writing

Indigo – Oysters Class



Thriving Community

Hattie – Seagulls Class



Happiness, Wellbeing and Wonder

Isaac S – Pebbles Class
Isaac G – Pebbles Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

From Mrs Keeble & Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have been practicing our singing for our Christmas Nativity. We have been retelling the nativity story and getting it ready to share with you. Mrs Memmott played some musical games with us on Tuesday. We had to use our counting as well as our listening skills to count the number of beats made before finding the hidden bells in the Jingle Bell game we played. Throughout the week we have been visiting the post box to post our letters to Father Christmas and on Thursday we actually met him! We joined in with him singing Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer and he answered some of our questions before giving us a special gift. On Wednesday we enjoyed our festive Christmas dinner together. We played Christmas music and wore the party crowns that we had made earlier.

Year R

From Mrs Arnott & Mr Mead

Christmas has arrived in Reception this week! We are all very excited! Pebbles and Shells have both had some very cheeky elves in their classrooms playing lots of tricks on everyone. In English we have been exploring the song of Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer and have had lots of fun creating Rudolph inspired activities. On Wednesday we had a fantastic day wearing our party hats for our delicious Christmas dinner. We also took part in a craft morning where we got to make lots of festive crafts with our adults from home, it was so much fun! In the afternoon we had a lovely time baking chocolate goodies thanks to Percy's mum in Shells class. On Thursday we all got to see each others amazing Christmas jumpers, we also had a very special visit from a big man in a red suit! Everyone was so excited to see Father Christmas, we even got presents! We ended the week performing our first dress rehearsal to nursery. We are so proud of how well everyone is doing! Have a lovely weekend, we can't wait for more festive fun next week!

Year 1

From Mrs Jones & Mrs O'Malley

What a busy and fun filled week we have had in Year 1! In Maths we have continued to practise addition, subtraction and working out the 8 facts in a number family. In phonics we are continuing to practise blending our phase 3 and phase 5 sounds – please continue to read the e-book at home as much as you can. In RE we learnt about what Christians are grateful for at Christmas and the children made huge paper chains, with thoughts, pictures or prayers to represent the things that they are grateful for. The children had a magical visit from Father Christmas and Elsie the Elf! They asked brilliant questions and were so grateful for the class present that they received. Christmas dinner, wearing our Christmas star hats, was delicious! Thank you to families who were able to join us for worship this week. Everyone is welcome to join us again on Monday 12th in Church at 2.30pm. We have all enjoyed practising for our Christmas concert and we are really looking forward to sharing our songs, music and stories with you on Tuesday morning and Wednesday afternoon.

Tues 13th December: come to school dressed in party, clothes, smart clothes or a Christmas jumper for our Christmas Concert and party. Please also bring school uniform in a named plastic bag. The party clothes will be kept in school to wear again on Wed 14th December at our second concert. Thank you.

Year 2

From Mrs Swindells & Mrs O'Keeffe

Year 2 have loved another festive week full of fun and fabulous learning. In English, we have written non-chronological reports, sharing all the interesting facts we have learnt this term about different types of pollution. We have learnt so much this term and have loved sharing facts about how to help our world! In maths we dazzled our teachers with our super subtraction skills and solved tricky challenges. We have also been getting ready for our nativity performances for next week and sang our hearts out to the rest of the school in our very first dress rehearsal. We can't wait to perform for you all next week! We are looking forward lots more classroom Christmas cheer next week. We will be combining all the artistic skills we have developed this term to create a snowy winter wonderland painting and creating more stunning Christmas themed crafts. We will be testing our mathematical knowledge with some seasonal themed reasoning challenges and writing a film review in response to a Christmas film. Look out for our smiley faces down the high street too as we will be searching for signs of the nativity story to celebrate the end of our learning in RE.