

# SUNBEAMS NURSERY

# ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege  
Values



Love

Loved, Inspired, Shining

## Newsletter

Term 2 Week 2 | 11.11.22

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Nov 2022

Sat 12<sup>th</sup> – Open Day for 2023 Reception  
Fri 18<sup>th</sup> – Children in Need – Non-Uniform Day –  
Monetary donations will be given to Herne Bay High  
School Dance Dash dancers

#### Dec 2022

Weds 7<sup>th</sup> – Year R Christmas Craft Event  
Weds 7<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Lunch  
Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Jumper Day  
Fri 9<sup>th</sup> – Friends Christmas Fair  
Mon 12<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 Nativity 9.30am  
Tues 13<sup>th</sup> – Year R Nativity 9.30am  
Weds 14<sup>th</sup> – Sunbeams Nativity 9.30am  
Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 Christmas Concert 9.30am  
Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 Nativity 2.15pm  
Fri 16<sup>th</sup> – End of Term

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

### KEY EVENTS

#### Communication

We welcome communication from parents and are always seeking ways to ensure we communicate well with our school community. Please can we remind you that Mrs Cullen's role in school has changed and she is now only working part time at St Alphege. If you need to contact the school office at any time, please email the main office on: [office@st-alphege.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-alphege.kent.sch.uk) where Mrs Smith, our new Office Manager or Mrs Wratten will be happy to help. Mrs Cullen remains in charge of the school finances, so any invoicing or financial queries relating to the Nursery or our wrap around care can continue to be sent to her directly. Please note that the headteacher email address ([headteacher@st-alphege.kent.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@st-alphege.kent.sch.uk)) is currently filtered by the school office and will not be monitored over the weekends, so any emails of an urgent or confidential nature should be sent directly to our Head of School on: [jacqui.spinks@st-alphege.kent.sch.uk](mailto:jacqui.spinks@st-alphege.kent.sch.uk) You can also contact us via direct message on the School Facebook page. This is a private message and not visible on the page and your response will always come directly from Mrs Spinks. Many thanks.

#### 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!

### Friends Christmas Fair: 3.15pm -5pm Friday 9th December

The Friends of St Alphege are delighted to announce that they are currently planning a school Christmas Fair this year. Bring your family along for an afternoon of Christmas shopping and winter treats! If you would like to help with organising this event, run a stall or are a business that could donate a prize for the raffle please contact Pamela at [friends@st-alphege.kent.sch.uk](mailto:friends@st-alphege.kent.sch.uk)

### Worship in Church Term 2

All families are invited to join us for Monday worships at St. Alphege Church, 2.30pm

During worship, if younger brothers and sisters would like to come to the front of Church, they are very welcome to sit with their siblings wherever possible.

- Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Nov, Year R
- Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Nov Year 1 and Year 2
- Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Nov Year 2
- Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Dec whole school
- Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Dec whole School

### Children in Need – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November



This will be a non-uniform day for the children. We are delighted to be hosting the Herne Bay High School Dance Dash dancers. Any monetary donations will be given to Herne Bay High to add to their grand total which will be donated to Children in Need. Please send in the donations with your child at the start of the school day.

### 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!

Applications are made through Kent County Council at <https://kent.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/Synergy/Admissions.aspx>. You can submit your application between 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022 and 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023. More information can be found <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places>. If you have any questions or need support with the application process, please speak to the school office.

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

Parents of Year 2 children will need to apply for a Junior school place for your child for September 2023. Both WJS and The Endowed have parent tours for you to book onto. Please contact the junior schools directly to book. All of our children will visit both schools next term and take part in activities and see the schools. If you do want to take your child with you onto one of the tours, please advise our school office of the date so we are aware of your child's absence.

Applications are made through Kent County Council at <https://kent.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/Synergy/Admissions.aspx>. You can submit your application between 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022 and 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

### Year 2 - Collecting Single use carrier bags and bottle tops

Year 2 are collecting single use plastic carrier bags and bottle tops of any type for an environmental craft project at the beginning of Term 2. We would be grateful if you are able to collect these items for us over half term and bring them in to school when we return after half term. Thank you, Mrs O'Keeffe & Mrs Swindells.

## Community Events

### The Whitstable Umbrella Community Centre

The Whitstable Umbrella Community Centre have created a survey, with the purpose of establishing what holes in services exist and what are the areas our community need support with this Winter.

You can access the survey through the following link: [Survey](#)



**Online Allergy Awareness and Auto-Injector pens course**

Christmas is coming. Excited as some may feel, there is also a huge amount of anxiety. All those christmas gatherings, with food that your child is allergic to! Join Natalie and I on the 25th November for her parents and carers allergy awareness course. <https://bit.ly/Allergyawareness>

### Allergy Awareness

Being a parent of a child with a severe allergy can be quite daunting. Please see the attached poster inviting you to join an online course on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7.00pm You'll learn how to recognise symptoms of allergic reactions, types of reactions, how to administer an auto-injector, tips for daily life and watch-outs for childcare settings, plus caring for your child's mental health and wellbeing too.



**national sleep helpline**

**Does your child suffer with sleep issues?**

Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?  
Will your child not sleep in their own bed?

**WE CAN HELP**  
**03303 530 541**  
Monday - Thursday 9am - 9pm  
Friday 9am - 1pm

### National Sleep Helpline -New Opening Hours

## King Alphege Attendance Lion

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



King Alphege Attendance Lion  
W/E 4.11.22  
**Puffins Class – 95.1%**

## 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**

Beau B – Oysters Class



**Risk Taking and Resilience**

Harry – Shells Class



**Outstanding Curriculum**

Caleb - Pebbles Class



**Wonderful Writing**

Tilli – Puffins Class



**Thriving Community**

Ben – Pearls Class



**Happiness, Wellbeing and Wonder**

Bonnie Bo – Seagulls Class

## Weekly Year Group Recap

### Sunbeams

#### From Mrs Keeble & Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have continued to explore pattern. We have learned about repeating patterns and have begun to copy or complete them. Some of us have managed to create our own! Mrs Memmott showed us a firework display that was accompanied by classical music. We then moved to the music with scarves, not unlike our Squiggle While You Wiggle, except we moved in different ways in response to the music we are listening to. We have been thinking about Remembrance Day and how the poppies we see are a visual reminder of the very many people who served our country and helped us a very long time ago and since. We have remembered times in our own lives when people have helped us and it was lovely hearing the examples the children gave.

### Year R

#### From Mrs Arnott & Mr Mead

We have had a great wee. In English we have been exploring the nursery rhyme of Incy Wincy Spider. All the children made their very own spiders and then took them all on their own adventures. Everyone then made us very proud by writing their own sentences of where their spider climbed. In phonics we have been learning the sounds: v, w, x and y. We have also been working hard in learning some very tricky words including has, had, his and her. We have continued thinking about History this week and learning all about the meaning of Remembrance Day. We thought a lot about our own feelings and how others might be feeling on this day. The children created some lovely pieces of poppy themed artwork. All the children had a great time in PE this week where we have continued exploring different types of dance – this week was the turn of hip hop and breakdance! Well done Reception for another great week!

### Year 1

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

It has been a full and busy week in Pearl Class and Oyster Class. The children have continued their learning about Traditional Tales with an audio and musical version of 'Little Red Riding Hood', discussing how the story teller uses voice to represent different characters and moods in the story, and thinking about using statements to explain and describe. They have continued to develop their number and addition skills in Maths by starting to use number lines and how to use them to add two numbers together. In D&T (Design and Technology) we have introduced a new project, and over the next few weeks we will be planning and designing a kite! We began this week by looking at different ways to join and connect materials and equipment, and the children worked alone, in pairs and in small teams to practise creating hinges in construction kits, or using junk modelling materials to find more than one way to join at least two pieces. We will be going outside next week to attempt to fly a shop-bought kite, which we will then disassemble back in school so that we can look at the different components before going on to draft a design and select materials for our own kites. Watch this space for some budding designers to emerge! Thank you to all of you who have shared old toys and photographs from your family collections as we continue our learning on timelines in History. So far, we have a front runner for oldest toy – a Grandpa's teddy which is 65+ years old! This teddy (known as 'Ted') took pride of place when we had our class discussion, being placed as 'oldest' on our timeline! Sending everyone our best wishes for a happy and safe weekend.

### Year 2

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

It has been another wonderful week in Year 2! We loved learning about different life cycles in science and using drama to act them out! We thought about air pollution and have set up an experiment to test the cleanliness of the air in different areas of our school. This involved a plate, masking tape and some Vaseline. We can't wait to reveal the results next week! In maths next week we will be learning to add money and values up to £2. We will also be finding different combinations of totals. In English we will continue to read 'Greta and the Giants' and will be re-writing the story using ourselves as the main character. We will be using adjectives to describe, using verbs and adverbs to explain how a forest is being chopped down. In geography we will be learning all about water pollution and how it affects our world. We will also be learning what animals and humans need to survive and creating a habitat suitable for them to live in.