

# SUNBEAMS NURSERY

# ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege  
Values



Love

Loved, Inspired, Shining

## Newsletter

Term 1 Week 8 | 21.10.22

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Oct 2022

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

Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Jumper Day

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> – End of term 2

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

### KEY EVENTS

#### Worship in Church Term 2

Our focus for this term's worship is our school value of 'love'. We will also be reflecting on Advent and Christmas. Families are invited to join us for Monday worship at St. Alphege Church, 2.30pm:

- Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Nov, Year 1 & Year 2
- Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Nov, Year R
- Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Nov Year 1
- Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Nov Year 2
- Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Dec whole school

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Dec whole School

#### 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.

### [A travel update from Miss Hughes!](#)

As you know, this year, one of our teachers Miss Hughes has taken a year's sabbatical to travel the world and we wanted to update you on her adventures so far! Here is a little message and few pictures from Miss Hughes herself:

Hello St Alphege. I hope you are all well. I am thinking of you all often. I am having such a wonderful time exploring lots of places around the world that I have never visited before. So far I have been to southern Thailand, visited Sydney in Australia and then went to Bali. In Thailand I went to an elephant sanctuary, hiked to the Phi Phi Island viewpoint, visited monkey beach and was blessed by a monk at Wat Arun Temple. When I got to Sydney, I hiked the canyons of the Blue Mountains, saw the famous Sydney opera house and Harbour bridge and tried some surfing! In Bali I went to the Monkey Forest, Rice fields, snorkelled with turtles, climbed Mount Batur at sunrise and visited the lucky holy snake! I have just landed in Vietnam for the next stage of my adventures and will send another update for you next term!



### [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.

# Community Events

## Animate Arts Workshops

## Community Clothing Bank - Autumn dates



**Christmas Craft Workshops**  
ASHFORD - CANTERBURY - TAVERSHAM

Be prepared for Christmas early with some lovely craft activities from Animate Arts that will help you to decorate your home and make up some Christmas spirit through craft!

**HANDPRINTED CHRISTMAS WRAPPING PAPER WORKSHOP**  
Make your own Christmas wrapping paper with handprints. You can use the paper to wrap your Christmas gifts. £30 per person (10 people)

**CHRISTMAS CRACKER WORKSHOP**  
Make your own Christmas crackers with handprints. You can use the crackers to crackle your Christmas dinner. £30 per person (10 people)

**CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING**  
Make your own Christmas wreath with handprints. You can use the wreath to decorate your front door. £30 per person (10 people)

Each workshop will be facilitated by a professional artist and your ticket includes all the tools and materials required.

animate arts company  
2020 BUCKINGHAM ROAD, WITNEY, OX29 4JG  
www.animateartscompany.com/events

COMMUNITY CLOTHES BANK

**POP UP PRELOVED CLOTHES SALE**  
MENS, KIDS & WOMENS CLOTHES AND SHOES

Are you struggling to afford the clothes and shoes that you need this winter? Come along to our pop up clothes sale, where most items will be £1 each - cash only!

10am - 1pm  
Saturday 29th October

Light refreshments will also be on sale from Lily's Social Kitchen CIC

At The Hub Cafe,  
St George's Place, Canterbury CT1 1UT  
(opposite Waitrose)

Contact us: [hello@communityclothesbank.org.uk](mailto:hello@communityclothesbank.org.uk) or on facebook and IG - Community Clothes Bank



## Maternity Clothes

Do you need some basic maternity wear to see you through your pregnancy? Or maybe you have a special occasion coming up and you need a suitable dress?

9AM-12PM SATURDAY 22ND OCTOBER 2022  
WHITSTABLE UMBRELLA COMMUNITY CENTRE

You are welcome to drop into the foyer to browse our rails to see what we have available during our pop up sale.

Items can either be for or on a small donation. Any money raised goes back into the Community Clothes Bank project.

Please do contact us if you have any questions via email: [communityclothesbank@nhs.uk](mailto:communityclothesbank@nhs.uk)

Please see the attached fliers:  
Christmas Show Information - Under the Frozen Moon  
Whitstable Junior Park Run

## 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 14.10.22  
Shells Class – 99%

## 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**

Hattie – Seagulls Class



**Risk Taking and Resilience**

Charlotte – Pearls Class




**Outstanding Curriculum**

Pippa – Oysters Class



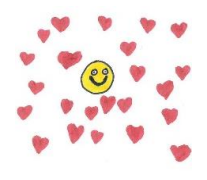
**Wonderful Writing**

Laurie – Shells Class



**Thriving Community**

Maxwell – Puffins Class



**Happiness, Wellbeing and Wonder**

Isaac S – Pebbles Class

## Weekly Year Group Recap

### Sunbeams

#### From Mrs Keeble & Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have continued to explore size. We watched some 'Miniscule' clips for inspiration, before making our own spiders and caterpillars out of playdough so we could practice our size vocabulary and compare them. On Tuesday we visited Stream Walk Gardens. We learned about the seasons and how some of our food is produced through farming. We were able to harvest some of the produce there and explore it using our senses: touch, taste, sight and smell. We have thoroughly enjoyed the weather this week too! We put on our puddle suits and welly boots before jumping in puddles and then we discovered that we could make little boats out of foil pie cases, which we could sail across the puddles by blowing through a straw at them. Mrs Humphreys and Mrs Keeble really enjoyed talking to so many of our families this week during the parent evenings. It is lovely sharing with you how amazing your little Sunbeams are. Don't forget, we are always available on the door for a chat if you need to share anything with us, or drop us an email and we will get back to you. Have a great half term break and we look forward to seeing you in a weeks' time.

### Year R

#### From Mrs Arnott & Mr Mead

Wow, we can't believe it's the end of term already! The first term done! We are so proud of all the children in Reception and how well they have all settled in to school life. Everyone has had a lovely last week. In English we have been working on making our hands really strong! We worked hard during dough disco and by the end of the week we were all able to write CVC words! In maths we have been practicing our counting skills. We had lots of fun playing counting objects we found outside in the nest. Everyone loved visiting the church on Monday and talking about Harvest. We are all very thankful for our food. On Friday, to celebrate the end of a brilliant term we had a whole year group treat afternoon! It was very fun. Enjoy your well earned half term break Reception, we can't wait to see what Term 2 has in store!

### Year 1

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

Wow, here we are at the end of Term 1, and what a great end of term we have had in Oysters and Pearls! Our week started with a brilliant visit to the RNLI in Whitstable Harbour, where we learned loads about the work of the RNLI (who are all volunteers) and the equipment they use. We had close-up views of the lifeboat, the powerful tractor that pulls it out of the mud if it gets stuck, and the safety gear worn by the crew when they are on a 'shout'. Special thanks to David and Sue of the RNLI for a brilliant morning, and extra-special thanks to crew member Ollie, who demonstrated how to put on the gear, including how to press the excess air out of his safety suit! We were thrilled to learn that Ollie is an ex-St. Alphege pupil and has gone on to be such a valued member of our town. Our morning ended with snacks and a play on the beach, and then we walked back to school through our gorgeous high street. We are so thankful to live in such a lovely place. Our morning was made extra-special by having some of our parents join us as volunteers. Thanks to you all so much. We had some great P.E lessons this week, practising our ball skills and working in teams to pass and receive. In Art, we completed our learning around the artist Hundertwasser, as we drew natural objects and used colour and tone to shade them. In the last week of Black History Month, we learned more about Martin Luther King Junior, and also Marcus Rashford, and the work that both did for their communities. We discussed what our own wishes would be for a fairer, kinder world, and the children expressed these in drawing, writing and talking. Next term we will have a history focus to our learning, exploring toys, games and schools within living memory. It would be great if grown ups and grandparents could find photos or toys from when they were young to bring in to share with the class. Wishing all of our families a happy, healthy and peaceful half-term, with our best wishes.

### Year 2

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

Year 2 have had a fantastic week to celebrate the end of Term 1! We enjoyed our trip to Duncan Downs with Mr Thomas-Friend, where we used autumn leaves to create beautiful compositions. In our art lessons, we combined all the drawing skills we have learnt this term and created stunning mixed media still life compositions of flowers using tissue paper, pens, pencils and oil pastels. We would like to thank Browns Flower shop for kindly donating the beautiful blooms that inspired our art this week. In English, we followed instructions to make delicious pizzas then wrote our own instructions including 'bossy' imperative verbs and time connective words. We are already very excited to begin our new learning next term! Our new learning question will be 'How can we help?' and we will be learning about climate change, pollution and thinking about how we can help our local area and the planet. We are incredibly proud of how well the children in Year 2 have settled into their new classes and of how much they have achieved this year already. We wish you all a happy half term! 😊