

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



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Loved, Inspired, Shining

Newsletter

Term 1 Week 5 | 06.10.2023

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If online payment details are required, please contact the school office.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Oct 2023

Mon 16th - Harvest Service in church
Weds 18th - Parents Evening video appointment
3.30pm-7.30pm
Thurs 19th - Parents Evening video appointment
3.30pm-7.00pm
Fri 20th - Non-Uniform Day
Fri 20th - End of term one
Mon 30th - Staff development day – School closed
Tues 31st - Term 2 starts

Nov 2023

Fri 3rd - Applications for Reception places open
Fri 3rd - Applications for Junior places open
Sat 4th - Open Day for 2024 Reception
Tues 21st - Individual School Photos

Dec 2023

Mon 11th - Flu vaccination (YR, 1 & 2)
Fri 15th - End of term 2

KEY EVENTS

School Tour Dates and Open Morning

Is your child due to start school in September 2024? We warmly invite you to come along to our Saturday Open Day on 4th November or book onto one of our school tours during the day to meet our incredible children and staff. We cannot wait to show you everything that our school has to offer. Please ring the school office on 01227 272977 to book on a tour.

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Tours with Mrs Spinks our Head of School and Mrs Thomas-Friend our Executive Headteacher

Day	Date	Time
Friday	29 th September 2023	9.30am
Monday	2 nd October 2023	9.30am
Wednesday	4 th October 2023	9.30am
Wednesday	11 th October 2023	1.30pm
Tuesday	17 th October 2023	9.30am
Tuesday	31 st October 2023	9.30am
Tuesday	31 st October 2023	1.30pm
Friday	3 rd November 2023	9.30am
Friday	3 rd November 2023	1.30pm
Tuesday	7 th November 2023	9.30am
Friday	10 th November 2023	9.30am
Tuesday	14 th November 2023	9.30am
Thursday	16 th November 2023	9.30am
Thursday	16 th November 2023	1.30pm
Monday	20 th November 2023	9.30am
Saturday	4 th November 2023	10.00am-12.00pm

Please call the office to book onto one of the tours listed. There are limited places on each tour.

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Uniform Reminders

Thank you for sending your child to school in the correct uniform each day. Uniform is an important part of being in school as it helps to give children a sense of belonging and community. Please make sure your child's uniform is named so that we can return any misplaced items to the correct owner! We fully appreciate the financial challenges that we are all facing at the moment with the rising cost of living and how providing uniform can be another expense for families. At the end of last academic year, if the children had outgrown their school shoes, we allowed them to come into school wearing their trainers to save parents added expense at the end of the summer term. Now that we are in a new school year, we would like to ask that children now have the correct school shoes and do not come to school wearing their trainers. Shoes should be all black and appropriate for the variety of activities that we do during the day. Uniform does not have to bear the school logo and can be picked up at supermarkets as long as the colours are correct. There are also many great initiatives, such as the Whitstable Community Wardrobe, where good quality uniform can be donated or collected free of charge. Recycling uniform once your child has grown out of it is also good for the planet, so we would encourage you all to take a look and donate anything you no longer need.

You can contact them on Facebook using the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/WhitstableWardrobe/>

or email the organiser Jane Myhill on: jane.myhill@btinternet.com



All Wrapped Up is a project of Riverside Church working with our local schools and partners to provide Christmas presents and food hampers to families in need.

In 2022 the parents and carers of over 320 referred children came to Riverside and chose presents at our free Winter Wonderland (scan the QR code to see how we did this). A huge team of volunteers also packed and distributed 280 hamper bags, each providing everything for a Christmas dinner for four.

How can you help All Wrapped Up 2023?

By donating a new gift: for someone aged between 0 to 17 years (up to £20). All donations can be dropped off at Riverside Monday to Friday between 9am & 4pm - see our address below.

By donating financially online:

At bit.ly/allwrappedupriverside through this QR code

We would be very grateful for any donation you feel able to make, but as an indication, each Christmas dinner hamper for a family of 4 costs in the region of £40 each. If you are a business and would like to discuss how you could support this project, please contact us. Thank you for helping us help families in need this Christmas.

Riverside Church, Thanet Way, Whitstable CT5 3JQ
www.riversideuk.org

RIVERSIDE CHURCH

Non-Uniform day Friday 20th October

We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 20th October with all donations going to the Riverside project. Any donations big or small are welcome.

School Gateway App

We use the School Gateway app to offer communication in one place for parents. You can send and receive messages (notifications) and using the Useful Links tab you can easily access the school website, newsletters, term dates, parents evening booking system and our Facebook page.

If you have a child at another school that also uses the app, you can have all of your school communications in one place.

The app messaging also saves the school money as we are charged for each text we send, but app messages are free. It is easy to register using the email address you have provided to the school.

For more details visit www.schoolgateway.co.uk Download the app from your app store.

Schoolgateway

Community

Food Bank

As the needs of the people within our community continue to grow, we are once again asking for your support this autumn with donations of non-perishable food items, toiletries, household cleaning supplies and sanitary items. Donations can be given to St Alphege church at any time, but we would like to request donations of the following for the harvest service on Monday 16th October. These can be brought to school anytime from 9th October onwards.



HARVEST

This Harvest we would appreciate:

- Baked beans
- Tinned pasta
- Tinned peas & carrots
- Shampoo
- Tinned tomatoes
- Showergel
- Tinned tuna
- Washing powder
- Tinned meatballs
- Cat / dog food
- Soup
- Washing up liquid
- Cleaning products
- Jam / peanut butter
- Pasta sauce
- Tinned rice pudding
- Long life milk
- Tinned fruit
- Long life fruit juice
- Dried pasta 500g

Donations can be left in our supermarket collections bins - see our website for a full list of locations.



Would a food parcel help you to make ends meet or relieve some of the financial pressure? Please don't leave it until your cupboard is bare before asking for help. Canterbury Food Bank can provide a food parcel that would last you (and your family) for at least three days and can cater for special dietary requirements.

<https://canterburyfoodbank.org/need-food/>



Teamtheme October Half Term Halloween camp

After fun, friendship & fitness? Great! Here at Teamtheme Kent we've got your Happy, Healthy, Holiday Camps covered! From zany Zorbing to Bug Hotel Building to focus-driven Fencing to dodge-duck-&-dive Dodgeballing - if it's fun and it gets you moving you can count on us to be delivering it this Halloween holiday.

Visit our website to learn more about our Halloween camps this half term <https://www.teamthemekent.co.uk/for-parents-1>

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King Alphege is awarded to the class with the highest percentage attendance each week

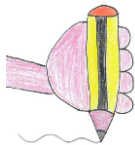


King Alphege Attendance Lion
W/E 29.9.23
Puffins Class – 100%

Weekly Awards

Introducing Our New Whole School Awards!

Our awards this year represent our School Development priorities: WAVES. During our Celebration Worship on a Thursday, each class will nominate one child to celebrate their achievements.



Wonderful Writing
Olivia – Pearls Class



Amazing Relationships
Maia R – Seagulls Class



Valiant Vocabulary
Rupert – Pebbles Class



Excellent Reading
Etienne – Shells Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
Isaac S – Oysters Class



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Elsie – Puffins Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

From Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have been developing our phonic skills with musical games and a treasure chest of sound that encourages us to distinguish and differentiate between sounds. We have been playing lots of subitising games to develop our number sense, some of which the children have continued to play during their child initiated time, because they are so much fun. We have also been doing some autumnal themed fine motor activities, such as making playdough hedgehogs, adding the eyes and quills and using tweezers or a pincer grip with our fingers to transport seeds and pulses for various purposes. On Thursday afternoon we visited the greengrocers to learn more about where our fruit and vegetables come from. We noticed some that we didn't recognise as well as lots that we did. We will be exploring some of these food over the next few weeks.

Year R

From Mrs Keeble

Reception have had an amazing week and adapted well to the changes while Mrs Arnott and Mr Mead are spending time with their new babies! We have been sharing the book The Colour Monster in our English this week, developing our understanding of our emotions, and broadening our vocabulary to describe how we feel. In our phonics we continue to build on our growing repertoire of sounds, this week learning ck, e, u & r, and using them with other sounds we know to read simple cvc words. In our maths we have been learning about more and less and exploring this in practical ways both inside and outside using blocks and other resources. We have been thinking about the changes in seasons, looking more closely at the changes happening in autumn, finding things in our local environment for us to create with. We have used fallen leaves to make autumn collages and used crayons to make leaf rubbings. In RE we have been thinking about the creation story in the Bible and the importance for Christians in believing that God is the creator of all things.

Year 1

From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Malley

Another wonderful week in Year 1 comes to an end! In our English lessons, we started reading a non-fiction book called 'Autumn is Here'. We looked at verbs this week, and wrote our own sentences with verbs we noticed from the story, such as: 'The geese and honking and flying'. In Maths, we continued learning about numbers up to 10. We recapped the symbols for greater than/less than, then looked at number lines and how they can help us to recognise numbers, order them, and how they help us notice numbers that are greater or less than others. Other lovely moments from our week included: a game of stuck-in-the-mud, during our OAA PE lesson, reading for pleasure with our friends outside in the sunshine and creating some beautiful pumpkin Harvest paintings! We had a wonderful time at Duncan Downs this week, we were looking for signs of Autumn, learning about what happens to trees in Autumn, and learning how to tell if a tree is deciduous or evergreen. Thank you Mr Thomas-Friend, for accompanying us! Have a wonderful and well-deserved weekend, everyone! 😊

Year 2

From Mrs Swindells & Mrs O'Keeffe

We have loved this week in Year 2! In History, we learnt more about the Romans and sorted pictures into 'Roman / not Roman'. We learnt all about the important things they invented, the foods they ate and the jobs they had – we began to compare their lives with our lives today. Next week we will think about different time periods and create our own time line! In English, we wrote letters as Goldilocks apologising for the cheeky activities we did around the school. We used a range of sentences including statements, questions and exclamations within our writing. Next week our focus story will be 'A cooked up Fairy tale'. We will be continuing to learn all about the use of adjectives and choosing suitable words to describe the taste and texture of a variety of foods. In Maths we will be learning to add 2-digit numbers together by using column addition. We have been learning about the Creation story in RE this week and will continue to think about how Christians look after the world. Have a lovely weekend 😊