

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

# ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege  
Values



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## Newsletter

Term 1 Week 2 | 15.9.2023

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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

#### Sept 2023

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> – Animate Arts  
Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> – Animate Arts  
Mon 25<sup>th</sup> – You Be You Day

#### Oct 2023

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

#### Nov 2023

Tues 21<sup>st</sup> – Individual School Photos

#### Dec 2023

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> – Flu vaccination (YR, 1 & 2)  
Fri 15<sup>th</sup> – End of term 2

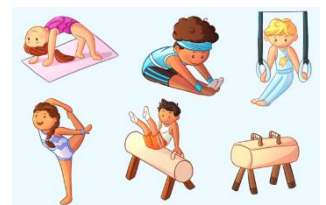
### KEY EVENTS

#### Achieve Sports Year 1 & 2

Achieve sport clubs will start week commencing Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September and run for 5 weeks until the end of this term on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October. Achieve sport will be open to Reception in term 2.

Monday Year 1 & 2  
Wednesday Year 1 & 2  
Thursday Year 1 & 2

Multi Sports  
Gymnastics  
Dance



#### Year 1 & 2 Choir

Year 1 and 2 choir will run every Tuesday from 8:20am - 8.40am in the Community Room, starting Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September. Children will need to be dropped off at the Community Room patio area where Mrs Memmott will meet them. Time will be limited, please make sure that the children arrive promptly at 8:20am.



## You Be You Day - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September

On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September, we will be celebrating our uniqueness by using the beautiful text: You Be You. The book follows a little fish, Adri, who sets out to explore the ocean, with no idea how colourful the world is. He quickly discovers that there are all kinds of fish in the deep blue sea—big and tiny, smooth and spiny, colourful and plain, different and the same. We will be using this book to explore and convey the message of beauty and difference and celebrating all of the wonderful and unique characters that make up our fabulous school. All members of our school family, including parents, will be invited to create their own unique sea creature which will be added to a whole school display in our school hall. Further information about this will be sent in the coming weeks.

## 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 16<sup>th</sup> October. These can be brought to school anytime from 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**We all struggle financially at times**

...but food has been donated by your local community, so that you can still eat when things get tough

If you live in **Canterbury, Whitstable, Herne Bay or the surrounding area**, call or email us. Our friendly team will make sure that you don't go hungry and signpost you to further help. If you know of someone who might need support please pass on this leaflet

We always try to cater for **dietary and religious needs**, or if you have **limited cooking facilities**. We may also be able to help with pet food, baby items and toiletries/cleaning products to help reduce the cost of the weekly shop

Find out more on our website, including information on how you could donate to your community when you're back on your feet

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/>

If you need support, please call 01227 336450 or email [info@canterburyfoodbank.org](mailto:info@canterburyfoodbank.org)

[canterburyfoodbank.org](http://canterburyfoodbank.org)



Canterbury Food Bank is a registered charity (112196)

# WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

## SYMPTOMS IN CHILDREN

A child may have sepsis if he or she:

- Is breathing very fast
- Has a 'fit' or convulsion
- Looks mottled, bluish, or pale
- Has a rash that does not fade when you press it
- Is very lethargic or difficult to wake
- Feels abnormally cold to touch

## SYMPTOMS IN ADULTS

An adult may have sepsis if they show any of these signs:

- Slurred speech or confusion
- Extreme shivering or muscle pain
- Passing no urine (in a day)
- Severe breathlessness
- It feels like you're going to die
- Skin mottled or discoloured

Call 111 or contact your GP if you're worried about an infection.  
Call 999 or visit A&E if someone has one of the sepsis symptoms.



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## JUST ASK "COULD IT BE SEPSIS?"

When it comes to sepsis, remember  
**IT'S ABOUT TIME™**. Watch for:



### TEMPERATURE

higher or lower than normal



### INFECTION

may have signs and symptoms of infection



### MENTAL DECLINE

confused, sleepy, difficult to rouse



### EXTREMELY ILL

Severe pain, discomfort, shortness of breath

Please visit the link below for more information:

<https://sepsistrust.org/about/about-the-charity/our-current-campaigns/sepsis-savvy/>

## 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 4.9.23  
Shells & Pebbles Class – 100%

## Weekly Awards

### Introducing Our New Whole School Awards!

Our awards this year represent our School Development priorities: WAVES. The children have been busy designing our new stickers to accompany each of the areas of our School Plan. It was a very difficult choice, as their drawings were all brilliant, but we have settled on the final six below. Next week we will start awarding the stickers to the children each time they demonstrate their achievements in each area. During our Celebration Worship on a Thursday, each class will then nominate one child to celebrate their achievements and their names will be added to the weekly newsletter.



Wonderful Writing



Amazing Relationships



Valiant Vocabulary



Excellent Reading



Simcha (Shared Joy)



St Alphege Values



## Weekly Year Group Recap

### Sunbeams

#### From Mrs Keeble & Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have continued to learn and settle into new routines and expectations. We introduced some of our Sunbeams to Squiggle While You Wiggle and Dough Disco. Both activities promote physical development for writing using gross motor movements or the manipulation of dough using our hands and fingers respectively. All our Sunbeams have been demonstrated their mark making skills when drawing members of their family for our welcome display. We have been developing our noticing and sorting skills through activities that have encouraged us to see or feel similarities and differences between natural objects and things in our environment. On Friday, Jo from Animate Arts came in to talk to us about the craft activities we will be completing over the next week for our whole school art installation in the main school entrance.

### Year 1

#### From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Malley

Here we are at the end of a lovely busy week in Y1. For English and Geography, we started our week off with a walk around the streets of Whitstable to look at different sorts of house; terraces, semidetached, bungalows, blocks of flats – and we wrote about this in our English writing and recreated different buildings with large and small construction. Next week, we will explore direction in PE and Geography using some of our vocabulary from the walk, like left, right and forward. In Maths, we will continue exploring numbers within 10 – counting on, counting back, number formation, finding different ways of making 10. This will help prepare the children for learning their number bonds to 10, and for later addition within 10. We were excited to have our lovely art workshop with Jo from Animate Arts! Jo introduced our art task to contribute towards our upcoming foyer installation. It will be especially beautiful this year, watch this space....! For this term's Science focus, we will be looking at seasonal changes. Why not have a family walk this weekend, and see if you can spot any signs of Autumn? Do you need to wear different clothes yet, like a jumper or a rain coat? Next week in our Rainbow Challenges, we will be challenging the children to sort out the right clothes for the right weather! Finally, a couple of reminders; please make sure your child has their named water bottle each day; and please join us for family worship in St Alphege church on Monday at 2.30.

### Year R

#### From Mrs Arnott & Mr Mead

We have had a wonderful week this week in Reception. All the children have made us so proud yet again in how they are settling in. We love seeing their smiles each morning and watching their new friendships develop. The children this week have started their phonics sessions where they have been learning the sounds s, a, t and p. They have been brilliant in listing and recognising these! In English we have been reading Elmer and discussing how we are all special and unique like Elmer. Everyone then sequenced pictures of the story and did a great job retelling the main events. We then painted self-portraits and thought carefully about what we look like. We definitely have some budding artists in our year! We have also been very creative making our own rainbows thinking about our school values – we have already shown lots of these, especially love and kindness. Well done Reception for a fab week, we can't wait for more fun next week.

### Year 2

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

Year 2 have had another fantastic week! We loved visiting Whitstable Museum and learning about historic events in our local area! We were able to hold fossils, we learnt about the ice age and how woolly mammoths used to roam the streets of Whitstable and we saw the first ever steam train! Next week we will be using clay in art to create our own artefact!

In English we read the book 'The true story of the three little pigs' and wrote our own newspaper article explaining how the wolf was in fact, innocent and the pigs were the bad characters! Next week we will read the alternative traditional tale 'Ninja Red Riding Hood' and learn to write instructions for our own moves!

In maths we have been learning to find 10 more than a given number and thinking about how many tens and ones are in two-digit numbers. Next week we will build on these skills by partitioning numbers into tens and ones in a variety of ways.

Have a lovely weekend 😊