

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



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Newsletter

Term 4 Week 2 | 01.03.2024

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March 2024

Thurs 7th – **World Book Day** (wear PJ's)
Fri 15th – **Comic Relief Non-Uniform Day** (wear an item of red) for monetary donations
Fri 22nd – **Sharing the Learning**
Mon 25th – **Year R Vision and Hearing Screening**
Tues 26th – **Parents Evening** (3.30-5.30pm)
Weds 27th – **Parents Evening** (3.30-7:00pm)
Thurs 28th – **End of Term 4**

April 2024

Mon 15th – **Start of Term 5**

May 2024

May 6th – **Bank Holiday**

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

KEY EVENTS

Parents Evenings – Video Appointments

We will be holding our mid-year parent meetings at the end of this term. These will be between:

3:30pm and 5:30pm on Tuesday 26th March

3.30pm and 7:00pm Wednesday 27th March.

All appointments will be accessed through our Parent Evening booking system which has the facility for video calls. A parent guide is attached to help you book your appointment. The appointment booking system will be open from **7pm on Monday 4th March**. You can book your appointment via the link below:

<https://stalphegeinfant.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

If you would prefer a telephone appointment, please speak to your child's teacher directly and they will arrange a suitable time to call on an alternative day.

Sharing the Learning

Sharing the Learning will be on **Friday 22nd March at 2:45pm**. We hope that by offering this session alongside our parents' evenings, will enable our parent community to feel fully informed and connected to the school. Please remember, that you do not need to wait until parent's evenings if you have something you wish to discuss with us. We are always here and happy to help at any time!

World Book Week

We are very excited to be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. Our theme this year will be 'Bedtime Stories.' Children are welcome to come to school this day in their favourite pyjamas or snuggly clothes and bring their favourite story book too.

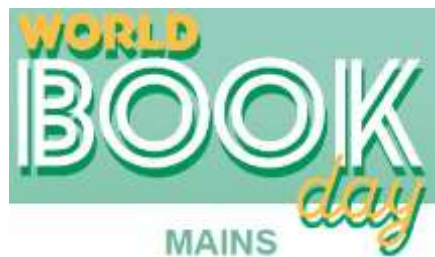


We have lots of wonderful reading activities planned throughout the day. Classes across the school will be visiting each other to share stories together, whilst school adults will be hosting their very own special story time in different reading areas all around the school.

To celebrate World Book Day and Excellent Reading throughout our school, children are invited to take part in a Readathon Fundraiser. We want to celebrate our children reading for fun in their spare time, whilst raising money for a very special charity and earning lovely new books for all to share in our school library. Or readathon starts on Monday 4th March and will run until Friday 22nd March. Sponsorship forms will be sent home next week.

If you would like to take part in writing a short book recommendation, please ask your class teachers for a template to complete, alternatively they can also be submitted in writing of any format or emailed to the school office

World Book Day Lunch



Toad in the Hole
Yorkshire Pudding with Mashed Potato
Pork or Veggie Sausage and Onion Gravy

SIDES

Peas and Carrots

DESSERT

Jelly



Red Nose Day - Friday 15th March

Red Nose Day is back on Friday 17th March and we will be having a non-uniform day in school. Please wear something red if you are able to. All monetary donations to support the Comic Relief charity will be gratefully received.



Temporary Tattoos

Please can we ask that children don't come to school with temporary tattoos visible. We understand that children like a temporary tattoo and with birthday parties it can make it difficult to avoid them. However, these need to not be visible on hands or faces.

Community



Football First Class – Player Development Centre

Sessions run every Wednesday and Thursday during term time at the Gallagher Stadium, at the following times.

16:30 to 17:40: School years 2 to 5

17:50 to 19:00: School years 6 to 9

Both sessions will have specific coaching for goalkeepers and outfield players. The coaching team is made up of first team and academy players and coaches

<https://maidstoneunited.co.uk/pdc/>



Whitstable Library WBD Story Time

Whitstable Library are holding story time session on World Book Day (7 March) at 3:30pm. Everyone is welcome. No booking required.

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 23.02.24
Shells Class – 98.8 %

Weekly Awards

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
Harry – Shells Class



Amazing Relationships
Amber – Pebbles Class



Valiant Vocabulary
Astrid – Oysters Class



Excellent Reading
Ellis – Seagulls Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
Florence – Puffins Class



St Alphege Values
Devyn – Pearls Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

From Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have been using our phonic skills when playing I-spy and distinguishing the initial sound we can hear in a word. We have continued to practice our subitising skills as we independently explore different ways we can fill a five frame using the small patterns of number we can see. We have really enjoyed our Empathy Week activities which have helped us to understand that we can have empathy for ourselves and empathy for others. Each day we have watched a short clip that helped us to think about how someone else feels and why they might feel that way. We have also used our Colour Monster to help us identify and talk about our own feelings and why we might feel a particular way. We have had some lovely discussions with the children this week as a result.

Year R

From Mrs Arnott and Mr Mead

This week Reception have been very busy continuing to explore nature and our environment. In English the children have been exploring different ways in which we can look after our world. They have all created their own posters showing things like saving water, saving electricity, recycling and planting more trees. We have continued this thinking in our afternoon sessions where we have thought about different materials that can be recycled and what they may be reused for. The children also enjoyed painting and printing with different types of vegetables, broccoli was a firm favourite! In maths this week we have been looking at our number bonds to 10. The children enjoyed drawing around their hands, cutting them out and then using them to help work out all their number sentences. We also enjoyed using our magical number bond to 10 rainbows! In RE this week the children began looking at signs of Easter and what these may mean to Christians, they created some lovely drawings and thoroughly enjoyed trying some hot cross buns!

Well done Reception, hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Year 1

From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Malley

In English, we continued with our focus text 'Jasper's Beanstalk', practising the days of the week and learning songs to help us remember their order. In our writing, we enjoyed piecing together cut-up days of the week, ordering them, and then using images from the story to help us remember what actions Jasper carried out on each day. We changed verbs from present tense to past tense and then wrote a short recount of the story. Next week, we will use this knowledge to help us write an extended and personalised version in our Production week. In Maths, we continued revising numbers to 50 and also revisited number lines, but this time working on number lines that start at different numbers, or that count in tens up to 50. Next week we move on to measures, volume and capacity, and start our learning by using non-standard measure, then measuring small items in centimetres. We have enjoyed learning about our lovely town using our History question 'What happened in Whitstable?' and this week began learning about the floods in the 19th Century and mid-20th Century, and also Whitstable's connection to smuggling! We will explore this topic further when we visit Whitstable Museum later this term, please look out for more information on the class noticeboards and the newsletter. In our art lessons, we began learning about weaving by creating our own paper looms and weaving strips of paper to produce woven paper mats. Next week, we will be designing and making string blocks and re-creating prints inspired by our focus artist Yayoi Kusama. Lastly, in preparation for World Book Day, we had our second storytelling visit to Tales On Moon Lane bookshop. This week, Pearl Class enjoyed visits on Wednesday and Thursday afternoon and were warmly welcomed by Tamara and Jenny. Grateful thanks to our parent volunteers for accompanying us! Wishing you all a super weekend.

Year 2

From Mrs O'Keeffe and Mrs Keeble

This week in Year 2 we have enjoyed exploring our feelings through Empathy week, learning about other's experiences, and thinking and reflecting on how they may be feeling. After watching an Empathy Week assembly, where we learnt about the work of a charity that helped families in need, we were motivated to make cards and pictures to send on to two children to help them decorate their new bedrooms. As part of our Creation week for English, we started the week with a very blustery walk to the beach to collect water, to help us write about our journey like Princess Gie Gie in the book The Water Princess. This experience has helped us with broadening our vocabulary to inform our writing. In maths we have been beginning to understand fractions and have explored how we can find $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$ of shapes and quantities. As part of our big question we have continued to learn about continents and different habitats, comparing and contrasting different features of these environments.

Next week we will have a busy week with a Bounce workshop on Monday and World Book Day on Thursday, where we will be sharing a love of stories and engaging in a range of book related activities across the school. Please could all children have their PE kits in school for the workshop on Monday and for their PE lesson on Wednesday. Have a great weekend!
