

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



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Loved, Inspired, Shining

Newsletter

Term 1 Week 6 | 13.10.2023

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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 2.30pm
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

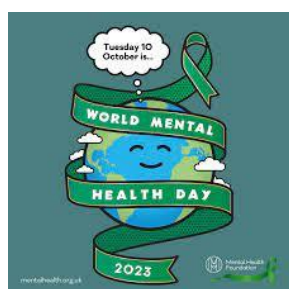
Nov 2023

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




With World Mental Health Day being this week, we wanted to remind you all that we are here to listen, support and offer advice and guidance whenever you need us. We will always prioritise wellbeing in school for our whole school community and are here to help you to navigate the bumps in the road as well as to celebrate the successes. We know that times are tough in the wider world, but please remember we are always here if you need us!



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.

 ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL 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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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



Non-Uniform day Friday 20th October

We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 20th October and asking for a monetary donation to support the Riverside project. Any donations big or small are welcome.

The Riverside project works with local schools and partners to provide Christmas presents and food hampers to local families in need of support.

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

Socks and Pants

We are looking for any donations of preloved, good quality socks and pants to hold in school as spares. Please hand into the school office. Thank you.

Parents Evenings – Video Appointments

Parents evening appointment will run between 3:30pm and 7:30pm on **Wednesday 18th** and 3.30pm and 7.00pm on **Thursday 19th October**.

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!



Canterbury Roman Museum – Year 2

We are really looking forward to our trip to the Canterbury Roman Museum on Monday. Please make sure that your child is in on time as the buses will be leaving promptly at the scheduled timings:

Puffins class **9.04am**

Seagulls class **9.24am**

Your child will need to bring a bag with them to carry their home/school pack lunch and water bottle. Children do not need to bring their book bags in on this day.

On Monday morning, can children from **Puffins** class please be dropped to the school hall instead of the normal Year 2 entrance. **Seagulls** children can be dropped at the Year 2 door as usual. We will be returning to school in time for the 2.30pm Harvest Service St Alphege Church.

Community



Restart a Heart Campaign – 21st October.

Whitstable fire station will be running Restart a heart Campaign on 21st October. The aim of the campaign is to deliver sessions on performing CPR, help with understanding and using a defibrillator and basic life saving training to the public. Please book via the QR code on the flyer attached. Alternatively, the fire station will be open to the public throughout the day, except between 13.00 and 14.00, for anyone that would just like to drop in and chat with the crew.

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

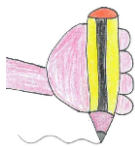


King Alphege Attendance Lion
W/E 06.10.23
Pearls Class – 97.7%

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
Poppy – Pebbles Class



Amazing Relationships
Alex – Pearls Class



Valiant Vocabulary
Willow – Shells Class



Excellent Reading
Theo – Seagulls Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
Eyobel – Puffins Class



St Alphege Values
Odette – Oysters Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

From Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have been developing our listening and phonic skills while clapping or tapping the beats we can hear in a word. We have been doing a variety of activities to help our scissor skills develop and have learned a chant to help us remember how to hold our scissors when we use them to snip or cut. We read the book 'So Big and So Small' and have begun to think about size. We are learning some new and 'valiant vocabulary' to describe size as well as the vocabulary to use when comparing the size of one thing to another. We have been exploring some of the fruit and vegetables we brought back from the greengrocers last week in our tough tray, using pestle and mortar, juicers and mashers. On Friday morning we visited our Reception classes and joined them in 'reading for pleasure'.

Year R

From Mrs Keeble

Reception have had another amazing week this week. We have been sharing the book Little Acorn in our English this week. This book has helped us think about the changes that happen as we grow and lead us onto discussions about what we would like to be when we grow up. We have been drawing pictures to represent this and engaging exploring actions that different professions may undertake on a large scale in the hall. In our phonics we continue to build on our growing repertoire of sounds, this week learning h, b, f & l, and using them with other sounds we know to read simple cvc words. In our maths we have been exploring patterns, creating and continuing simple patterns in a range of different ways. We have also been engaging in subitising activities, recognising small groups of objects without counting. We welcomed the Sunbeams children into Reception this week and enjoyed sharing books during our reading for pleasure time. We are looking forward to joining the rest of the school in Church on Monday for our Harvest Festival service.

Year 1

From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Malley

Another fantastic and busy week in Year 1 comes to an end!

In English, we continued our work on verbs and the -ing suffix by using photographs from our visit to Duncan Downs and thinking of verbs like playing, running, listening.

In Maths, the children were introduced to partitioning using part-whole models, and also tried out writing number sentences using pictures to support – they made a great start!

We had a fantastic art session, introducing drawing using continuous line and using positive and negative space. The children produced gorgeous pieces and were very focused.

Next week, we will be celebrating Black History Month by learning about the artist Jen Michel Basquiat, researching his career and producing a piece in his style.

Have a wonderful and well-deserved weekend, everyone! 😊

Year 2

From Mrs Swindells & Mrs O'Keeffe

What a fun filled week we have had in Year 2! For English, we read our new and final 'alternative traditional tale' A Cooked Up Fairy Tale. We gobbled, slurped and chomped our way through a taste testing lesson where we thought about appropriate food adjectives and exciting eating verbs. Throughout the week we have been busy planning our own magical menu's which will be writing in detail next week. We have been working practically in maths using resources understand the concept of column addition. Next week we will be consolidating our learning by recording column additions neatly in our books and discovering what happens when the numbers in the ones column cross over ten. This week, we have began our final creative composition in art, inspired by Georgia O'Keeffe's love of nature to design our own Autumn themed nature drawings. We went to the nest to search for signs of Autumn and sketched out our drawings. Next week, we will be using a range of mixed media to complete our art, concentrating of texture, colour and tone. We have all absolutely loved learning about 'How Whitstable has Changed' within History lessons this term and are very excited for our trip to the Roman Museum in Canterbury on Monday next week!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend. 😊