

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



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Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Feb 2024

Mon 5th - Whole School Worship at Church 2.30pm
(Parents Invited)
Fri 9th – End of Term 3
Mon 19th – Start of Term 4

March 2024

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

Pre-loved Book Donations

Do you have any books at home that your children no longer read? These can be either fiction or non-fiction and suitable for children aged 3 years to 7 years. We are looking to refresh the stock of books that our children access on the playground during playtimes and lunchtimes and would love any donations that you may be able to bring in. We have a selection of books that are stored outside in a little purpose built bookshelf, but due to these being used outside, they sadly do not last forever! If you have any books at home that are in good condition and suitable for infant aged children, we would be very grateful! Please bring any donations to the school office and we will ensure these are put outside for the children to enjoy! Thank you.




Start of the school day

We are aware that there are lots of local diversions and roadworks which may affect your journey into school. We would ask that you please allow extra time for this in the mornings as our lovely office ladies are finding that we are having increasing numbers of children arriving late for school each day. Whilst we appreciate that sometimes this is unavoidable, we do not want the children to miss out on the early morning learning and the opportunity to come into class with their friends each day.

Community

RAF Manston History Museum

RAF Manston History Museum are hosting a Lego event on the 10th to the 18th of February over the half term. Booking isn't required. <https://www.rafmanston.co.uk/>



BRICKS AT THE MUSEUM

NO BOOKING REQUIRED


Are **you** a LEGO enthusiast? If so then join us for the **ultimate family friendly** LEGO exhibition week this half term. Our museum are proud owners of LEGO models, so why not pop on down and enjoy the fun with like-minded LEGO lovers this February half term.
(Normal museum entrance fees apply)

Lego figure hunt
Search around the museum, find the hidden Lego figures & win a prize...only £1.50

Dates: 10th - 18th February (Half Term)
Located: RAF Manston History Museum
Times: 10 am - 3pm Daily

If you have any questions, contact our events committee
events@rafmanston.co.uk

BIGGER & EVEN BETTER THAN LAST YEAR



THE THRIFT BALL 2024
PROUDLY PRESENTS

STARS OF THE SILVER SCREEN

Friday, 2nd February 2024, 7.30-11pm
Whitstable Umbrella Centre



£17.50 PP.
Drink on Arrival, Cocktails, Bar, BYO, Raffle,
DJ Rob & DJ Bob.

Tickets available from Gatefield Sound &
Eventbrite. All proceeds to St. Alphge Church.

Click to get your ticket from Eventbrite



The Thrift Ball 2024 – Whitstable Umbrella Centre

This well-established charity event is at the heart of the town, raising funds for our local parish church, keeping the doors open for all. This is your invitation to explore and support our thrift shops, near and far, to create a look that reveals the star you are! Dress to impress in your most glamorous charity shop finds. Tickets can be purchased at the link below.

[TICKETS](#)

King Alphege Attendance Lion

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

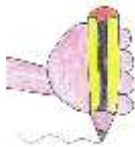


King Alphege Attendance Lion
W/E 19.01.24
Pearls Class – 90.7 %

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
Caleesi – Puffins Class



Amazing Relationships
Ben – Seagulls Class



Valiant Vocabulary
Emilia – Oysters Class



Excellent Reading
Rafe A – Pebbles Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
Amaia – Pearls Class



St Alphege Values
Amelia-Rose - Shells Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

From Mrs Humphreys & Mrs Keeble

This week in Sunbeams we have been thinking about forces. We had to use our problem solving skills to work out how we could extract a train engine from a tunnel using a push or a pull. We also blew or sucked through straws which created a push or pull force that could move ping pong balls. We have continued to explore rhyme and we are beginning to create some rhyming strings independently. We have been developing our subitising skills to think about the different patterns of number we can use to make a total of four or to complete a five frame. On Friday we made the most of the sunshine and went out onto our main school playground and revisited positional vocabulary using ourselves in relation to the large play equipment, before we got stuck into our free play.

Year R

From Mrs Arnott and Mr Mead

Year R have had a very busy week of lots of amazing learning. In English the children wowed us all by all writing their first ever sentences. Following on from 'Mr Gumpy's Outing', all the children wrote what animals would be on their boat, we were so impressed with all their phonics knowledge and cursive writing! In phonics we have now finished all our phase 3 sounds, the children this week looked at air, ear, and double letter digraphs. In maths this week the children have been exploring numbers 6, 7 and 8. They have been playing lots of counting and recognition games as well as looking at the composition of each number. The children worked hard using part whole models and numicon to write their own addition number sentences. In our afternoon sessions this week the children have been continuing to explore transport. They have got creative making their own trains, boats and got extra messy using cars and trains to print tracks! We have also had lots of fun thinking about where in the world we might like to go on holiday and what we might need to take with us. Well done for a great week Reception!

Year 1

From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Malley

Another busy week in Year 1 has come to an end! This week we have really been focused on our Phonics - and learning as many sounds as possible! In Maths we have started learning our number bonds to 20, and in English we have been up-levelling our work in our books for our 'Production Week'. Next week we are excited to visit the park as our treat for filling our bead jar. Don't forget that on this day we can come to school in our own comfy/warm clothes suitable for being active! Both classes will visit Cornwallis Park on Wednesday 31st and have a biscuit and hot chocolate upon returning to school. We will be learning about internet safety in our Computing, and practising using thick and thin brushes for different styles of line in Art. In Maths we will be re-capping completing subtractions using a number line, and learning doubles up to ten. Have a wonderful weekend, and don't forget to find the Y1 teachers on the door each morning and afternoon if you have any queries!

Year 2

From Mrs Swindells & Mrs O'Keeffe

What a fabulous week we have had in Year 2. Children have been writing their own Secret War Diaries, describing key events in World War 2, including what it felt like to hear the war being announced over the radio and experiencing their first ever air raid whilst hiding in an Anderson shelter. Their writing has been truly wonderful! Next week, they will begin to create a draft information leaflet for an evacuee who has to move to Whitstable to be safe, whilst learning more about the journeys and stories of evacuees in their history lessons too. In maths this week, children have been consolidating their knowledge of multiplication and division to solve a variety of pictorial and word challenges. Next week, they will begin to explore the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, hunting for shapes around school, creating shapes with geoboards and identifying lines of symmetry. Children have loved exploring different printing techniques this term, and used military pictures for present day and past to create detailed monoprints this week. Next week, they will be creating their own relief tile before working together to make a printed composition inspired by our local area. For Science, they have enjoyed learning about the properties and suitability of wood by hammering nails, comparing weight and testing its strength. Next week, we will be working in groups to fix holes in buckets to find out which material would work the best!