

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

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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

Weds 7th – World Book Day
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
Weds 27th – Parents Evening
Thurs 28th – End of Term 4

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

KEY EVENTS

Parents Evenings

We will be holding our mid-year parent meetings at the end of next term. These will be between **3:30pm and 7:30pm on Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th March**. Further details of these will be sent out next term, including information about how to book your appointment slot. We have listened carefully to your feedback regarding parent's evenings and the vast majority have stated that a virtual meeting is their preferred method, as it enables appointments to be booked around other commitments. We appreciate that not everyone will love meeting online rather than face to face and are therefore also offering a sharing the learning opportunity where you will be invited into class to share your child's work with them and look through the wonderful learning that has taken place. This will be on **Friday 22nd March at 2:45pm**. We hope that by offering both of these sessions, this 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!

Achieve Sports – Year R, 1 & 2

Achieve sport clubs will start week commencing Monday 19th February and run for 6 weeks until Thursday 28th March. Letters have been sent home in bookbags. Please return completed forms to the office by Wednesday 7th February.

Monday	Year R, 1 & 2	Gymnastics
Wednesday	Year R, 1 & 2	Dance
Thursday	Year R, 1 & 2	Dodgeball



Scooters and Bikes

Thank you for continuing to walk bikes and scooters through the school and for parking these up appropriately in the bike park behind the library or taking them home again. It is important for the safety of our community that these are not ridden on the school site.



Jars and pots with lids


We are planning an exciting STEAM Week next term and are looking for clean jars or pots with lids. We will write to you nearer the time to inform you of the plans for this inspiring week of learning. The jars or pots can be a variety of different sizes and can be either plastic or glass as the children will be supervised when using them. We are looking for jam (or other preserve) jars with screw on lids or pots such as hot chocolate tubs. Please bring these to school and hand to your child's class teacher. Thank you.



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





Free Holiday Club – St John’s School Hall Canterbury

Booking required



Teamtheme Kent – Half term holiday Camp

Please use the link below to book your place

<https://booking.teamthemekent.co.uk/project/51428>

King Alphege Attendance Lion

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



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W/E 26.01.24
Seagulls Class – 95.8 %

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
Elsie – Pearls Class



Amazing Relationships
Amber – Pebbles Class



Valiant Vocabulary
Olivia – Puffins Class



Excellent Reading
Jacob – Oysters Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
Edie – Seagulls Class



St Alphege Values
Jacob – Shells Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

From Mrs Humphreys & Mrs Keeble

This week in Sunbeams we have been doing activities to help promote our physical development. We have played balancing games, ball games that involve passing or rolling and bridge games where we have used our bodies as a bridge. These games help us to develop our co-ordination and core strength. On Friday we joined Reception for some child initiated play. It was great to play with familiar faces in their environment. We have enjoyed exploring different citrus fruit in our tough tray using juicers, mashers, tongs, pestle and mortar as well as lots of other tools. We noticed how they smelt as well as the similarities and differences between them.

Year R

From Mrs Arnott and Mr Mead

This week Reception have had a galactic time exploring all things to do with space! In English we began our new text – Whatever Next! We kick started the week by all sharing a breakfast picnic to replicate the one baby bear and owl have on the Moon. The children have been thinking about lots of new space related vocabulary as well as thinking about different types of space transport. Everyone worked very hard coming up with a big bank of adjectives to describe the planets. The children then worked as teams to make their own papier mâché planets and decorated them to create our own class solar system. Alongside their English learning the children have been creating some very sparkly space pictures, chalk galaxies and their own constellation patterns! In maths this week the children have been revisiting subtraction and have been playing lots of games such as flying aliens and roll and win where they have been working very hard to figure out the answers to subtraction challenges. The children especially loved a game of bowling! We ended the week with a wonderful afternoon on the beach creating our own pebble people and pictures, we loved the creativity everyone showed! Well done for a great week Reception!

Year 1

From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Malley

It's hard to believe that we are at the last week of Term 3 – what a fun and busy term it has been in Oysters and Pearls! This week, the children enjoyed a visit to Cornwallis Circle playground as part of their Bead Jar treat, followed by hot chocolate and a biscuit in school. This was their reward for collecting beads in a jar for hard work, kind behaviour and persistence in school. We were lucky to have cool, dry weather and we enjoyed a lovely session in the park.

In Maths, we used our knowledge of number bonds to 10 to start learning our number bonds to 20, and also began to double numbers up to 10, using equipment like counters, ten-frames and Numicon tiles with mirrors. The children worked hard with these concepts and next week we will be reviewing and assessing this learning. In English, we will create poems using onomatopoeia ('sound' words like Crash! Bang! Whoosh!) and we will particularly focus on sounds that we might hear in nature.

We close our art unit by making paintings with brushes we create from natural resources, having explored thick and thin brushes and other mark-making tools. This week in PE, we practised rolling in different ways; pencil roll, forward roll and teddy bear roll, and our last Gymnastics lesson next week will bring together the skills that have been introduced this term. In outdoor PE we will link with PHSE and practice team games with turn-taking. Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Year 2

From Mrs Swindells & Mrs O'Keeffe

Year 2 have enjoyed their time in school this week! We continued to focus on the text 'My secret war diary' and learnt all about evacuees. We thought about how we would make somebody feel comfortable evacuating to Whitstable and what they may need to pack. Next week we will focus on features of a leaflet and create our own information leaflet for evacuees if they were to arrive in our town. In History we continued our learning about where evacuees went during the war. We thought in detail about why different places would be safer than others and chose a location we would go to if we had to evacuate. We then made our own name tag which stated our destination! In Maths this week we have been learning all about 2D shapes and their properties. We have been naming shapes and labelling how many sides and vertices they have. Next week will focus on 3D shapes and their properties. We have both filled our bead and marble jar in class so will be having a treat afternoon on Wednesday! Children can bring in a toy from home on this day to play with and share with their friends. Have a lovely weekend.