

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

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Values



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Newsletter

Term 4 Week 3 | 08.03.2024

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March 2024

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

STEAM Week

WB:25.03.24 The final week of term will be our STEAM week! In this week, we will explore our Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths skills with a whole school challenge to complete in our classes. This will be an exciting week where we get to develop our learning in more practical ways. Keep an eye on our Facebook page where we will have lots of photos of our exciting challenge!



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.

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!

Red Nose Day - Friday 15th March

Red Nose Day is back on Friday 15th 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/>



H.A.F. at Betteshanger Park Forest School

Tuesday 2nd April

Wednesday 3rd April

Monday 8th April

Tuesday 9th April

Each day will run from 1000 – 1400

The day will primarily be spent at the Forest School site, under leadership of experienced forest school leaders. There will be numerous outdoor crafts available for children to try if they choose, (such as paracord bracelet making/fire lighting/whittling and bug hunting) and equipment available if they prefer to play and explore their own way, such as swings, tire climbs, mud kitchen and of course numerous trees to explore. Lunch will be had at the main visitor center and will be provided by the in-house kitchen.

<https://www.betteshanger-park.co.uk/easter-holidays/>



[Teamtheme – Easter Camp](#)

Spaces can be booked at the link below

<https://www.teamthemekent.co.uk/for-parents>



[Raf Manston History Museum](#)

<https://www.rafmanston.co.uk/>



[Household Support Fund Payment](#)

<https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/apply-household-support-fund-payment>

King Alphege Attendance Lion

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

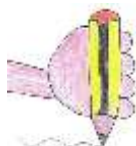


King Alphege Attendance Lion
W/E 01.03.24
Shells Class – 97.7 %

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
Connie – Pebbles Class



Amazing Relationships
Jasper – Shells Class



Valiant Vocabulary
Quinn – Seagulls Class



Excellent Reading
Lewis – Puffins Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
Reuben – Oysters Class



St Alphege Values
Oskar – Pearls Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

From Mrs Humphreys

Sunbeams week started on Monday with our Bounce workshop which we thoroughly enjoyed! Our Sunbeams were amazing as they adapted to the change in routine and tried something new. Each child had their own trampette and the coaches guided us through a warm up, games, a few challenges to learn some new skills and ended with a disco. On Wednesday we visited our school library and compared it to our visit to the Whitstable library. We voted on which of our library books we wanted to have read to us. Then on Thursday we celebrated World Book Day. Lots of us chose to come into Sunbeams in our pyjamas and brought a favourite book with us. Mrs Strike and Mrs Spinks visited Sunbeams to read some of their favourite books and because the weather was so nice in the afternoon, we sat outside to enjoy our story session.

Year R

From Mrs Arnott and Mr Mead

What a fun filled week we have had in Reception! We kick started the week with our Bounce workshop where we had an amazing time bouncing non stop on trampolines listening to music and following moves, it was so much fun and very tiring! In English this week, Reception have been building on their posters they created last week. The children have worked hard to write sentences explaining different ways they can look after the world. In maths we have been focusing on subtraction within 10. We used numberlines to hop backwards to help us work out our number problems. We had a fabulous day on Thursday celebrating World Book Day. It was so lovely to see all the children looking so cosy in their pyjamas and enjoying sharing their favourite stories with each other. We all had lots of fun visiting different classrooms for story times during the day and taking part in lots of special reading activities. Next week we are beginning to think about parts of a plant and how plants grow. We will be visiting Whitstable Castle Gardens and celebrating Red Nose Day on Friday.

Year 1

From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Malley

Oysters and Pearls have had such a brilliant week, with so much to look forward to next week also! In English, we did our own re-telling of Jasper's Beanstalk, adding interesting adjectives and verbs to Jasper's story. We made links with Science by producing a close observational drawing of a flowering plant, identifying and labelling the major parts of the plant. Some of us extended this by writing about the functions of each part, and next week we will take this learning forward in English by creating a fact file about how plants grow and thrive. In Maths, we explored measure, both standard and non-standard, and the children were introduced to accurately measuring using centimetres and the abbreviation cm. Next week, we will explore mass and weight in practical activities. In Art, we have created string blocks, inspired by our focus artist Yayoi Kusama. Our challenge was to create a block with a clear, curved shape and use just one piece of string. Next week, we will use our blocks to print a background using the bright colours that Yayoi favours, as preparation for a collaged piece of work. We also have a number of trips planned. Next week, Pearls Class will visit Duncan Downs on Monday and Friday afternoons as part of our Science topic. We will be learning about the different parts of trees and how we can recognise different types of tree. Oysters will visit Duncan Downs the following week, Monday 18th March. Please ensure your child has a waterproof coat and sensible footwear for these trips. Both classes visit Whitstable Museum on Wednesday morning. Oysters have the first slot, leaving school just after 9.00, and Pearls have second slot, leaving school at 10.15. We will be continuing our History learning about the Whitstable floods. Have an amazing weekend everyone.

Year 2

From Mrs O'Keeffe and Mrs Keeble

What a fun filled week we have had in Year 2 this week! We absolutely loved participating in the bounce workshop on Monday, exploring moving in different ways on our own trampoline while also being respectful to the grown ups leading the session. In our English we have been working on our creation element of our writing cycle, recalling how we walked to the beach to collect water, like Princess Gie Gie in the story 'The Water Princess', using verbs and adverb pairs in our writing. In Maths we have been continuing to explore and understand fractions, seeing if we can now find more than one quarter of a shape or amount. We have been continuing to learn about habitats and how they support animals and plants to survive, comparing and noticing the differences between them in science and linking this to our work in Geography, learning about the different continents in the world. We had the best day for World Book Day in our pyjamas and comfy clothes, sharing books with our friends and others around the school and listening to stories read by a range of adults too. We love books. We have also been making special cards for important ladies in our homes ready for Mother's Day on Sunday. Next week we will be producing our final writing pieces in English and learning about time in Maths. We hope you have a relaxing fun filled weekend before another busy week next week!