

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



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Newsletter

Term 4 Week 6 | 28.03.2024

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April 2024

Mon 15th – Start of Term 5

Weds 24th – Sunbeams Parent Stay and Play Session
8.30am-9.30am

May 2024

Mon 6th – Bank Holiday

Fri 24th – End of Term

June 2024

Mon 3rd – Start of Term 6

Weds 6th – PAC Performance – Playhouse - 6pm

Thurs 6th - Sunbeams Parent Stay and Play Session
2.15pm-3.15pm

July 2024

Weds 17th – Sunbeams end of year Performance
(School Hall) 9.30am

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

KEY EVENTS

Readathon

Well done to our amazing children who have raised collectively £710.50 through readathon sponsorships.

The school will receive book vouchers worth 20% of the total to spend at Scholastic Book Clubs. We were so excited to take part in this wonderful opportunity to celebrate our children's excellent reading and love of stories!



Bailey Yanik Cup

In honour of a previous pupil who sadly passed away, we award the Bailey Yanik Cup once each term. This cup is awarded to a little person who has the gift of finding joy in everything, and makes a big difference to everyone around them. **Term 4 is awarded to Elsie B in Year 2.**



Parent Survey

As we come towards the end of another fun-packed term at St Alphege, we would love to hear your thoughts and feedback. Please can you find a few minutes to complete our parent survey to help us to reflect on what we do well and any areas we could seek to improve. Many thanks for your time.

<https://forms.gle/MLguGNaeXWTpaE5o9>

Are you the one we are looking for?

We are keen to reignite our Friends Association and to look at the planning of future fundraising opportunities for the summer and into the new academic year. We really need a willing parent or group of parents who would be happy to drive this forwards for us and lead others in organising and running events. This does not have to fall to one person, if there is a group of keen volunteers, we are happy for you to share this responsibility. If you are interested and think you have any time to offer, or would just like to find out more about what would be involved, please pop into the office so we can reach out for a conversation.

Fundraising projects and Grant Applications

Following a discussion at our Governors meeting this term, we thought we would reach out to our school community to see if anyone has any knowledge, expertise or skills with bid writing or grant applications and may be able to offer advice on ways we could apply for additional funding for school based projects or developments. Funding at both National and Local levels continue to reduce and we would like to ensure that we are maximising all opportunities to generate income for the school and ensure we continue to offer incredible opportunities and experiences for our children.

Toddler Toys

Do you have any toddler toys that your child no longer plays with? Especially those that light up and make sounds? If you so, we are looking for donations of these. Please drop to the school office if you are happy to donate.

Sunbeams Stay and Play Sessions

We would like to invite our early years families to join us at one of the following sessions:

Wednesday 24th April 8:30am - 9:30am

Thursday 6th June 2:15pm - 3:15pm

Year 1 Swimming Lessons

Year 1 swimming lessons will be starting after Easter on Friday 26th April. Please can your child wear their swimming costume and bring a towel to school in a separate bag. The children will walk to and from the pool and be back at school before lunchtime.



The lessons will be subsidised by the school but we are requesting a contribution of £35.00 for all 10 lessons, payable in advance of the first lesson.

Please pay by cash at the school office or by direct bank payment in to the school bank account. Instalments are available if you would like to spread the cost. Please email the office to advise us that you have made a bank transfer so we can reconcile the payment on the bank statement. If for any reason you are unable to pay or require support with this payment, please contact the office where we will be very happy to help or advise you on your options.

The children will swim on Friday

**April 26th and May 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th in term 5 and
June 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th and July 5th term 6.**

There is no swimming on Friday 31st May as this is the half term holiday.

JO AND THE CRAFTY CART - WORKSHOPS FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES

We are delighted to be supporting Jo from our arts partners Animate Arts Company, in a newly devised piece of work for families by promoting this offer to you.....

As part of her Arts Council 'Develop Your Own Practice' funding, she will be running a series of craft workshops in the Easter holidays. This is unlike any other crafting workshop that you have taken part in! Meet Jo and her Crafty Cart – a magical box full of crafting tools and materials...and wonderous creative happenings.

Monday 8 April, 11am or 2pm Gulbenkian Arts Centre, Canterbury
Wednesday 10 April, 11am or 2pm Revelation Ashford, Ashford
Friday 12 April, 11am or 2pm, @tThe Alexander Centre, Faversham

TICKETS: Pay-What-You-Can

BOOK: www.animateartscompany.com/events



Community



Whitstable Library Craft Evens

Thursday 27th March – Easter Arts & Craft
Thursday 11th April – Recycled Materials Arts & Crafts

Free to attend



Dot Kids – Art Workshops for Easter

Please see link below for further information.

<https://dotkids.co.uk/pages/art-clubs-classes-workshops-for-children-in-whitstable>



Coastal School Uniform Company – Easter Giveaway

A chance to win a £20 voucher to use on their website and a cute bunny bag filled with chocolates.

Details how to enter are on their social media pages.

IG: Coastal_school_uniform

FB: Coastal School Uniform Company



Malthouse Theatre – Goldilocks the Ballet

The Malthouse are offering a special Easter Offer of 20% discount on all tickets using code "malthouse20".

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

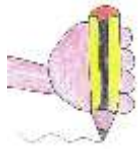


King Alphege Attendance Lion
W/E 22.03.24
Pearls Class – 95.9%

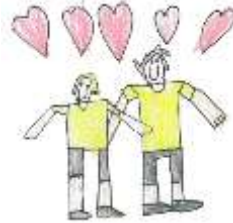
Weekly Awards

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
Eli – Pearls Class



Amazing Relationships
Atlas – Shells Class



Valiant Vocabulary
Leo – Puffins Class



Excellent Reading
Maggie – Seagulls Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
Pebbles Class



St Alphege Values
Sylvia – Oysters Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

From Mrs Humphreys

We have finished the term off in Sunbeams this week with some epic raft making! Along with the rest of our school, we have spent the last few days preparing for and building a raft that will transport our Teddy Bear and his precious pots of honey safely across the river. We explored sinking and floating so that we could discover what would be a suitable material for our raft and then we investigated how reliable materials that floated are by testing how buoyant they are. Finally, we built our raft and sent our Teddy Bear safely across the river. On Tuesday we enjoyed a music session with Mrs Memmott in the school hall. We explored loud and quiet and slow and quick while singing songs and moving to the music. We wish all our Sunbeams and their families a restful Easter break and look forward to seeing you again in the new term.

Year R

From Mrs Arnott and Mr Mead

We have had a wonderful last week of term in Reception. All the children have had a great STEAM week! We received a letter from Ted the bear telling us he needed to get over a river with his honey but he couldn't swim. We decided that we would have to build him a raft to get over the river. On Monday we designed our rafts thinking about the size, shape, length and height it would be. Tuesday we built prototypes where we explored floating and sinking to see which materials we might want to use. Wednesday was our big build day and both classes worked really hard to create our rafts for Ted, they looked amazing! Thursday was the day Ted needed to get over the river so it was time to test our rafts and see if they would be able to get Ted across safely with all his honey. Both classes rafts worked perfectly and stayed afloat! The children have been such amazing engineers designing testing and building their rafts. Well done Reception, we hope you have a lovely Easter break!

Year 1

From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Malley

Here we are at the end of Spring term. We have had such a wonderful term in Oysters and Pearls and have learned so much. This week, we had a brilliant STEAM week, planning, designing and then making our own rafts. Did we meet the challenge to get Teddy and his honey jars across the pond? Yes, we did! The children worked beautifully in their teams, and used all their creative and scientific skills to produce their rafts. Thanks to one of our governors Mrs Sally Dixon, for a lovely assembly to start our STEAM week! As we approach Easter, we celebrated in school with a lovely combined singing worship and easter worship. In class, we have designed Easter cards, made Easter nest cakes and enjoyed seasonal stories. Next term, we will be learning about maps and mapping in geography; humans and the senses in science; counting in groups and multiple addition in maths, and introducing Judaism in RE. Our core text will be Dogger, by Shirley Hughes.

Dates for your diary: **Church worship** - Monday 15th April and Monday 20th May

Swimming starts Friday 26th April. Further information will be given when we are back in school.

Wishing you all a wonderful Easter break, see you in April!

Year 2

From Mrs O'Keeffe and Mrs Keeble

What an incredible final week of term we have had in Year 2! Mrs O'Keeffe and Mrs Keeble are incredibly proud of how well the children embraced STEAM week. The children demonstrated their problem-solving skills and knowledge of materials to design and evaluate prototype rafts, before working together as a team to successfully build a floating raft. Alongside exploring STEAM activities this week, they have been celebrating all things Easter, creating bright and beautiful arts and crafts which will be sure to take proud place in their homes. To finish of a fabulous term of fantastic learning, they loved their marble jar treat, visiting Cornwallis Park to play team games and enjoy the adventure playground.

Next term our new learning question will be 'Who has helped change the world' where we will be continuing to build on our historical knowledge by learning about influential figures of the past. In English we will be learning about the importance of celebrating diversity to inspire our writing. We will be thinking with our feet in our 'Imagination Week' on the first week back and are asking for donations of unwanted colourful socks – especially odd ones! On Wednesday 17th March, we are also asking children in Year 2 only to come in wearing odd socks for a very important English lesson!

Wishing all our fabulous children and families a wonderful Easter Break, full of fun, sunshine and lots of chocolate.
