

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Feb 2024

Fri 9th – End of Term 3

Mon 19th – Start of Term 4

March 2024

Thurs 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

April 2024

Mon 15th – Start of Term 5

[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!

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.



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 3 is awarded to Woody A-C in Year 1.**



World Book Week

We are very excited to be celebrating World Book Day next term on Thursday 7th March.

Our theme this year will be 'Bedtime Stories.' Children are welcome to come to school this day in their favourite pyjamas or snuggly clothes and bring their favourite story book too.

Further information in regards to world book week will be sent out early next term.



Red Nose Day - Friday 15th March

Red Nose Day is back on Friday 17th 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.



Community

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 is proud owners of LEGO models, so why not pop on down and enjoy the fun with the museum LEGO hours this February half term. (Normal museum entrance fees apply)

Lego Figure Hunt

Search around the museum, find the hidden Lego figure & win a prize, only £1.00!

Dates: 10th - 18th February half term

Location: RAF Manston History Museum

Times: 10 am - 4 pm

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

BIGGER & EVEN BETTER THAN LAST YEAR

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/>



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>

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

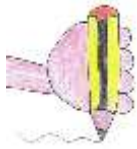


King Alphege Attendance Lion
W/E 02.02.24
Pearls Class – 98.3 %

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
Ava – Shells Class



Amazing Relationships
Preston – Puffins Class



Valiant Vocabulary
Zander – Oysters Class



Excellent Reading
Percy – Pearls Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
Malakai – Pebbles Class



St Alphege Values
Daisy – Seagulls Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

From Mrs Humphreys & Mrs Keeble

This week in Sunbeams we have particularly enjoyed some of the activities we have had available for us to explore in the tough tray. Our Sunbeams grown-ups love the shaving foam, because it smells nice, the children love it because it feels light, soft and smooth. The children particularly loved the cloud dough they made which is very messy, but again smells wonderful and the texture changes as they play with it. On Wednesday we found out a little bit about how we can look after the wildlife around us at this time of year and made bird feeders which we took home to hang in our own gardens. After the half term break we will be making some more bird feeders to go in our outside area.

Year R

From Mrs Arnott and Mr Mead

Reception have had a great last week of term, they have continued exploring the story 'Whatever Next' and all things space related. In English the children have been thinking about when and why we might use lists and how we write them. They then worked very hard to write their own list of things that they would take to space. We were so impressed with all their amazing sounds and cursive writing. In maths the children have been focussing on adding all the way up to 10. They used numicon, ten frames and cubes to show different ways of making 10 and even wrote their own number sentences. This week the children have enjoyed discovering Chinese New Year. We looked at similarities and differences to other celebrations and found out what year we were all born in. On Thursday we had a wonderful trip to Tales on Moon Lane where we listened to some lovely stories. We ended our week with a well earned marble jar pancake party where we all got to celebrate our hard work over the term and eat lots of yummy early pancake day treats! Well done for another super term Reception, have a wonderful half term, we can't wait to see you all in Term 4!

Year 1

From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Malley

Our final week of Term 3 draws to a close, and what a busy and fun week it has been. In English, we have rounded off our learning on our core text 'Lost and Found' by gathering ideas for poems using onomatopoeia – words that describe sounds, like Bang! Crash! Splash! In Maths, we have revisited doubles, using a number line to add and subtract, and addition fact families; next term, we begin to look at numbers up to 50, and how we use place value and record these numbers. Next term, we start a new history topic 'What happened in Whitstable?' We will be learning about the floods and the sea defences, exploring the beach and the famous alleyways, and finding out about smugglers! What is fact, and what is fiction? How and why did the alleyways get their names? We hope to arrange a visit to Whitstable Museum to learn more about the floods. Watch this space for dates. Oysters will be visiting Moon Lane bookshop on Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd February during the afternoon. We are looking for some parent helpers to join. Please let Miss Hughes know if you are available. Next term, our Science topic will focus on plants and trees – their constituent parts, conditions for growth and suitable environments. We will visit Duncan Downs to study the different types of plants and trees, and will also grow our own plants from seed. In PE next term we will look at the skills required for ball games – striking throwing and catching – and are also looking forward to starting our Fit and Healthy topic, in which we will learn about FRED! Food, Rest, Exercise, Devices and how to keep a balance so that we stay well and have fun. In our first week, we will discuss which foods we can eat plenty of, which foods we eat less of, and which we only eat occasionally so that our diet is both healthy and tasty. Wishing you all a brilliant half term with your lovely children.

Year 2

From Mrs Swindells & Mrs O'Keeffe

What a fabulous final week of term we have all had up in year 2! Children have been consolidating their learning of 3D shape, identifying vertices, faces and edges before looking at the relationships and patterns between the properties of 2D and 3D shape. They have finished their final piece of Wonderful Writing, inspired by this terms' learning question 'What happened before I was born?' and created incredible information leaflets for a WW2 evacuee moving to Whitstable. They also put their own knowledge to the test, by writing WW2 quizzes to challenge their friends – teachers were absolutely amazed with the amount of fact they have learnt! The children have dazzled us with both their Amazing Relationships and team work in PE, working together and combining all the hockey skills they have learnt this term to play mini competitive games, whilst in gymnastics, they created their own routines, showing off their skills of rolling, balancing and jumping. It's fair to say, we are very proud of all their achievements this term! Next term, we will be exploring the world with our new learning question; 'Where on Earth am I?' Wishing you all a happy half term and we are looking forward to welcoming you all back on the 19th of February for another term of wonderful work and new experiences together.