

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



Koinonia

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Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October 2024

Mon 7th – **Year 2 Trip to Roman Museum (Canterbury)**
Thurs 10th – **Reception 'drop in' 2.30pm (School Hall)**
Tues 15th - **Parents Evenings**
Weds 16th – **Parents Evenings**
Thurs 24th – **Flu Immunisations**
Thurs 24th – **Sunbeams Stay and Play 2pm-3.15pm**
Fri 25th – **End of Term 1**

November 2024

Mon 4th - **Staff Development Day**
Tues 5th – **Start of Term 2**
Tues 12th – **Individual school photos**

December 2024

Tues 10th – **Year R Nativity 9.30am (School Hall)**
Tues 10th - **Sunbeams Stay and Play 2pm-3.15pm**
Weds 11th - **Year R Nativity 9.30am (School Hall)**
Mon 16th – **Year 2 Nativity 2pm (School Hall)**
Tues 17th – **Year 2 Nativity 10am (School Hall)**
Thurs 19th – **Sunbeams Nativity 9.30am (School Hall)**
Fri 20th – **End of Term 2**

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

Attendance

A new National Framework for Penalty Notices for school absence, including unauthorised holiday absence, has been introduced following changes to the law. These new Government regulations came into effect from 19 August 2024. We will be writing home to you next week with further information on how these changes will affect you.

Year 2 Trip to Roman Museum – Monday 7th October

We are really looking forward to our trip to the Canterbury Roman Museum on Monday. We will be travelling to and from Canterbury by public bus, leaving at 9.00am in the morning and returning back to school before the end of our usual school day at 3.15pm. So please arrive promptly.

Your child will need to bring a bag with them to carry their home/school pack lunch and water bottle. Children do not need to bring their book bags in on this day.

Parents Evenings

We will be holding our virtual parent meetings towards the end of this term. These will be between 2.00pm and 4.30pm on Tuesday 15th and between 3.30pm and 7.00pm on Wednesday 16th October. Further details to follow. 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!



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'Loved, Inspired, Shining'
We warmly welcome you to the St Alphege family.
We are a vibrant and creative school who celebrate childhood.
Come and see for yourselves what our fabulous school has to offer!

Our Open Morning is on
Saturday 9th November 2024

Drop in at any time between 10:00am and 12:00pm
This is an informal, family opportunity for you to see the school at your leisure, enjoy some refreshments and meet our wonderful staff team.

Please also book onto a tour during the school day as you can meet our amazing children!

We look forward to seeing you!
01227 272977
stalphge@stalphge.lest.norfolk.sch.uk www.stalphge.lest.norfolk.sch.uk
www.facebook.com/stalphge

Open Morning – Saturday 9th November

Is your child due to start school in September 2025?

We warmly invite you to come along to our Saturday Open Day on 9th November or book onto one of our school tours during the day to meet our incredible children and staff. We cannot wait to show you everything that our school has to offer. Please ring the school office on 01227 272977 to book on a tour.

School Tours

Wednesday	9 th October 2024	1.30pm
Wednesday	16 th October 2024	9.30am
Wednesday	23 rd October 2024	9.30am
Thursday	7 th November 2024	9.30am
Monday	11 th November 2024	1.30pm
Thursday	14 th November 2024	Full
Tuesday	19 th November 2024	Full
Monday	25 th November 2024	9.30am
Wednesday	27 th November 2024	9.30am
Friday	29 th November 2024	9.30am
Monday	2 nd December 2024	9.30am



Asda Rewards loyalty programme giveaway

In a game changing new campaign, fronted by Joe Wicks, Asda is offering to donate 0.5% of the value of any shop done at Asda until 30th November 2024 to customers' primary school of choice – when they shop using Asda Rewards.

Asda is kicking off each school fund with £50 and offering to top up with an extra £1 for every customer that selects their school. The retailer is projecting to donate around £7.5m through the campaign.

<https://corporate.asda.com/newsroom/2024/02/09/asda-rewards-makes-millions-available-to-primary-schools-with-industry-first-loyalty-programme-giveaway>

Community



Folkestone Model Railway Exhibition will be at the Leas Cliff Hall in Folkestone on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th October 2024

<http://www.folkestone-mrc.com/>

Whitstable Yoga and Wellbeing Centre - Yoga by Donation

WCYW are starting a new Yoga by Donation class where people can attend and pay what they can.

If, for any reason, someone can't pay a donation, they can come for free. This is so we can make the benefits of yoga reach as many people locally as possible.

Please book via: <https://www.wywc.co.uk/>





HARVEST

This Harvest we would appreciate:

Baked Beans	Cleaning Products
Tinned Peas & Carrots	Shampoo
Tinned Tomatoes	Showergel
Tinned Tuna	Washing Powder
Tinned Meatballs	Cat/Dog Food
Soup	Washing Up Liquid
Tinned Pasta	Jam / Peanut Butter
Pasta Sauce	Tinned Rice Pudding
Long Life Milk *	Tinned Fruit
Long Life Fruit Juice	Dried Pasta 500g *

*Please also consider Free-From options

Donations can be left in our supermarket collection bins - see our website for a full list of locations.

If you are a school, group or workplace who would like a big donation collecting, please email warehouse@canterburyfoodbank.org or call 01227 936450 (option 4) to arrange your collection.

If you need support please call 01227 936450, or WhatsApp 01227 501941, or email info@canterburyfoodbank.org



Serving Canterbury, Whitstable, Herne Bay and offshore

Canterbury Food Bank is a registered charity no: 1152191

From the Food Bank:

As the needs of the people within our community continue to grow, we are once again asking for your support this autumn with donations of non-perishable food items, toiletries, household cleaning supplies and sanitary items.

We will be happy to collect any donations at a convenient time for you - all you need to do is email the following address to let us know a suitable day/time for

collection:- warehouse@canterburyfoodbank.org

Donations can be dropped off to St Alphege Church who are also collecting on behalf of the foodbank. These will be collected on Wednesday 16th October.

Kidstastic' preloved children's market age 0-16

Rent a preloved table for £10 and then sell any of your kids related preloved items. It is free entry for all so an affordable way to look for preloved items.

Kidstastic is different from the normal preloved markets as there will be activities for the children to do so they don't just have to walk around the market. Activities include Painttastic (plaster of Paris figures to paint and take home) and Glittertastic. The Sea Cadets will be attending with small activities to join in with like role the dice and higher lower etc.

SUNDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 10AM-1PM

SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 10AM-1PM

KIDSTASTIC
PRELOVED KIDS MARKETS
KINGS HALL HERNE BAY

SELL
YOUR PRELOVED BABY AND CHILDRENS GOODS
KEEP 100% OF YOUR TAKINGS

BUY
QUALITY PRELOVED BABY AND CHILDRENS GOODS AT AFFORDABLE PRICES

Free Entry

To book a table email baytasticevents@hotmail.com

If your child can't attend French club after school, why not try

French at The Horsebridge Centre

Fun classes filled with songs, stories, games and laughter

Free trial session

NEW class for Reception - year 2 children 9.15-10.00 Sat

Classes cost £6.50 per session, small groups.
Contact Vicki: lgalews@indeski.co.uk
07689 495577

bonjour

à bientôt

comment ça va

In l'île Frodo

French at the Horsebridge Centre
Saturday Mornings.

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 27.9.24
Puffins Class –98.7%

Weekly Awards

Introducing Our New Whole School Awards!

Our awards this year represent our School Development priorities: ORBITS. The children have been busy designing our new stickers to accompany each of the areas of our School Plan. It was a very difficult choice, as their drawings were all brilliant, but we have settled on the final six below. Each class nominate one child to celebrate their achievements each week.



Outstanding Writing
Larna – Puffins Class



Retrieval of Learning
Rosie- Oysters Class



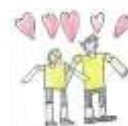
Building Connections
Hugo – Shells Class



Inspirational Curriculum
Rory – Pearls Class



Talents and Creativity
Kelechi – Seagulls Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
Reggie – Pebbles Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have been developing our gross motor skills as we get ready to write. We make large movements to music while holding scarves or wands, then transfer the movement to paper. This week we have been making circular movements and each week we will introduce new movements as well as revisiting familiar ones. We are learning a poem as part of our Poetry Basket activity and have introduced the children to Helicopter Stories. Both these activities support their speech and language development and vocabulary as well as listening and attention skills. Mrs Memmott visited on Tuesday afternoon and led a music session with the children. We played musical games, responding to the music she played through our movements, such as stomping or tiptoeing. In our HeartSmart sessions we have thought about different emotions that we feel and how our faces may reflect each emotion – it has been great fun guessing what emotion we have been imitating through our expressions.

Year R
Mrs Keeble and Mrs Jones

We have had a brilliant week in Year R. The children are enjoying learning to read (this week, remembering the sounds g, o, c and k) and are continuing to practise blending sounds to read words such as d-o-g and p-o-t. Through our topic we talked about where we live and we learnt that some Jewish families are celebrating New Year this week. In *Heartsmart* the children talked about how we can tell how someone is feeling from their facial expressions and then we practised it with our friends. In RE, the children learnt about what Christians believe about where the world came from and they drew, painted and made parts of the creation story. Some of the highlights of our learning through play have been some amazing independent writing, restaurant and doctor role play and learning to use a stapler to make a book. The children really impressed us with how they got changed for PE. Some children even managed to undo their buttons by themselves and said they had been practising at home! Please make sure your child has a named PE kit in school at all times; our next PE lesson is on Tuesday. Thursday 10th October is the Reception 'drop in', 2:30pm in the hall.

Year 1
Miss Hughes and Mr Mead

Another wonderful week in Year 1 comes to an end! In our English lessons, we started reading our new focus text 'Who's hiding at the Seaside?'. To help us explore the story during 'Imagination week', we created our own sea creatures and took them to the beach to hide them. We also played hide and seek in our playground, used different adjectives to describe the sea-creatures and different places at the seaside that we see in the story. Maybe you could visit the seaside at the weekend to see what things you can spot! We have been ordering numbers in Maths this week. We put numbers in order from smallest to largest and from largest to smallest. We also practised using the vocabulary: fewer and greater. We worked with numbers up to ten and ordered manipulatives like Numicon, cubes and tens frames. We have also practised writing our numbers correctly and both writing and reading numbers as words. We watched a funny video to help us identify these - maybe you could watch at home! Youtube: Scratch Garden spelling the numbers song. We played Dodgeball in our P.E lesson this week to continue exploring and developing different throwing and catching techniques. We had so much fun! Well done for a super week Oysters and Pearls! Have a great weekend!

Year 2
Mrs O'Keeffe and Mrs Cook

This term is going so fast! We have had another lovely and busy week in Year 2 this week. The children amazed us with their amazing writing this week! It was Production Week so they wrote up their final versions of their letters to their ninja enemies. We looked at the features of a letter and the finished products were fantastic! Next week we are moving on to a new text, A Cooked Up Fairy Tale, and have some exciting Imagination Week activities planned including blind taste testing, cooking up a Wolf Stew, and creating our own restaurant or café for a fairy tale character! In Maths we have finished our place value consolidation and will be moving on to addition and subtraction, focusing on fact families with numbers up to 20. In History this week we considered how Stone Age tools and houses improved in the Iron and Bronze Ages. We used this knowledge to create some tools such as axes, spears, knives and even bows and arrows! Next week we will be using our experiences and knowledge from our trip to the Roman museum on Monday to consider how the Romans changed Whitstable. In Science we have been learning all about mammals, birds, and amphibians – specifically, their habitats and what they need to survive. The children used all of their knowledge to create detailed, illustrated information books which were fantastic! We are very excited about our school trip to Canterbury on Monday. We will be exploring the Roman Museum, the Roman wall, the turrets and the Roman mound, which is an old Roman cemetery. It should be a lovely day out for everyone! Have a lovely and hopefully dry weekend!
