

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



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Newsletter

Term 5 Week 1 | 25.04.2025

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May 2025

Thurs 1st – Morris Men Visit

Tues 6th – Sunbeams Stay and Play. (2.15pm-3.15pm)

Mon 12th – Year R Vision Screening

Weds 14th – Parent Coffee Morning, Octopus Room.

Thurs 15th – Class Photos

Mon 19th – Sunbeams Sports Day. Gates open at 9.30am

Mon 19th – Sports Day. Gates open at 1.30pm

Fri 23rd – End of Term 5

June 2025

Mon 2nd – Staff Development Day

Tues 3rd – Start of Term 6

Mon 16th – Sunbeams Stay and Play. (2.15pm-3.15pm)

Tues 17th – Non-School Uniform for Tombola Prizes

July 2025

Tues 1st – Year 2 Cathedral Day

Weds 2nd – School Summer Fair

Tues 15th – Year 2 Leavers Service at Church (2.00pm)

Weds 16th – Sunbeams End of Year Performance, School Hall (9.30am) followed by end of year party.

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

Captain Wonderweb and the Esteem Machine

We welcomed Captain Wonderweb and the Esteem Machine into school on Thursday. Captain Wonderweb shared with us the different steps we can take to unlock our confidence, boost self-esteem and develop resilience, during this fun and interactive performance. Please follow the link to find out more about what your child learned.

[Captain Wonderweb Video](#)

Football in the School Playground

This is a gentle reminder that ball games aren't allowed to be played in the school playground at the start and the end of the school day. A few children have been caught by a ball and it is too busy for ball games to be played safely. Thank you.

Sunbeams Stay and Play Sessions

We would like to invite our Sunbeams families to join us at one of the following stay and play sessions:

Tuesday 6th May 2:15pm - 3:15pm

Monday 16th June 2:15pm - 3:15pm

Please enter via the school office.

Parent Coffee Morning

The next parent coffee morning will be on **Wednesday 14th of May**, where we will be joined by our designated Speech and Language Therapist, Lara Dalton and Hannah Dando, our Speech and Language Teaching Assistant. Lara will be able to explain the new Balanced System approach and together they will answer any general questions you may have relating to speech and language provision, in and out of the school setting. They will also be able to give advice and strategies on how you can support your child's speech and language development at home.



Sunbeams Sports Day – Monday 19th May – 9.30am

We would like to invite our Sunbeams parents and families to join us for our Sports Day on Monday 19th May at 9:30am in the main school playground. If your Sunbeams child would not normally be in on a Monday morning, please feel free to come along with them at 9:30am to join in with us.

Whole School Sports Day Monday 19th May - Gates open at 1:30pm

This is always a lovely occasion where you can watch your child participate in sports and games. Come and enjoy this afternoon with us!

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Open Sessions

Come and see our environment and speak to the teaching staff during our open sessions. Please call to book your place.

Friday 16 th May	3:30pm – 4:15pm
Monday 9 th June	3:30pm – 4:15pm
Thursday 26 th June	3:30pm – 4:15pm
Tuesday 8 th July	3:30pm – 4:15pm

We offer 15 hours free provision from 3rd birthday
We have 30 hour places to offer!

Sessions are led by experienced teachers and a highly qualified staff team, in a nurturing and creative environment where children can learn, share, laugh and grow.

Open daily in term time:

Morning Session 8:30am-11:30am	Mid-Day Session 11:30am-12:15pm	Afternoon Session 12:15pm-3:15pm
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September 2025 Places Available

St Alphege CE Infant School and Sunbeams Nursery, Oxford Street, Whitstable CT5 1DA
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www.st-alphege.kent.sch.uk www.facebook.com/stalphege

September 2025 Sunbeams Nursery Spaces

We have spaces available for September 2025

Please phone the office to book onto one of our open sessions:

Friday 16 th May	3.30pm-4.15pm
Monday 9 th June	3.30pm-4.15pm
Thursday 26 th June	3.30pm-4.15pm
Thursday 8 th July	3.30pm-4.15pm

Community

The Durrell Institute of Conservation and Ecology invites you to...

BioBlitz 2025

University of Kent

Colyer-Fergusson Foyer, University of Kent
Saturday 17th May 2025
All Day

Get Involved! No experience needed, just curiosity and enthusiasm for nature!
 ♦ Free event ~ Open to all age groups

Scan the QR code to register for the event

What to Expect on the Day:

- ✓ Guided nature walks
- ✓ Newt Surveys
- ✓ Plant & insect ID sessions
- ✓ Mammal & bird surveys
- ✓ Cool face paintings
- ✓ Fun for all nature lovers!

Holly Arkless, 2024

If you have any accessibility needs or questions, please reach out to us via email or socials!

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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 04.04.25
Pearls Class – 96.6%

Weekly Awards

Whole School Awards!

Our awards this year represent our School Development priorities: ORBITS. Each class nominate one child to celebrate their achievements each week.



Outstanding Writing
Jonah – Pebbles Class



Retrieval of Learning
Leo – Seagulls Class



Building Connections
Stanley L – Shells Class



Inspirational Curriculum
Rafe T – Pearls Class



Talents and Creativity
Albert – Puffins Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
Amelia – Oysters Class

Marvellous Milkshake Meeting

Children are chosen for consistently going above and beyond when demonstrating our school expectations: Ready, Respectful, Safe. What brilliant members of the St Alphege family they are!

Bryson – Shells Class
Stanley – Pebbles Class
Ivan – Oysters Class
Esme – Pearls Class
Lola – Seagulls Class
William – Puffins Class



Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams Mrs Humphreys

It has been lovely to welcome our Sunbeams back after the Easter break and to hear about all the lovely things they have been up to. We have been mark making to represent some of the memories we have shared which will be displayed in the nursery. We have also had some new Sunbeams join us so we have been re-establishing routines with all our Sunbeams, with some of our more seasoned members taking our newest Sunbeams under their wings. On Thursday morning, some of our Sunbeams joined Reception in the main school hall to watch an interactive performance by Captain Wonderweb and the Esteem Machine. Captain Wonderweb taught us some useful steps that we can take to boost our confidence and self-esteem. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, particularly when we all joined in with the silly dancing. As we move into the warmer (hopefully) and sunnier weather, please remember to put sun screen on your child before their session. We are happy to top up later in the day if you hand in some sun screen for them with us.

Year R
Mrs Keeble

What an exciting week we have had back in Reception for the start of Term 5. The children have been buzzing with news of their adventures over the Easter break and have enjoyed being back in school with their friends. Our Term 5 topic is all about minibeasts with the learning question: What's a Bug's Life? We have introduced the rhyming book 'Mad about Minibeasts' as part of our Drawing Club and English focus, learning the new vocabulary: scuttle, transform, microscopic and delicate. After listening to the rhymes in the book, the children were tasked with designing their own minibeast hunt checklist before embarking on a minibeast hunt in The Nest. They were excited to see if the minibeasts they had chosen to draw could be found! In Maths this week we have been starting to think about teen numbers, working on recognising, counting and ordering numbers 10 – 15 in a range of different ways. We were very excited by the visit from Captain Wonderweb and his Esteem machine and enjoyed being active participants in his performance. He helped us to think about building our resilience and keeping balance in our lives with regard to eating, sleeping, physical activity and tech time. Ask your children all about it! This term in our PE lessons we will be focusing on athletic skills as we get ready for our School Sports Day at the end of this term.

Year 1
Mr Mead and Miss Thomas-Friend

What a wonderful welcome-back-week to begin our Term 5! We have had lots of fun beginning new topics of learning and catching up on all of the Easter excitement. In Year 1 this week we have been exploring the story of Dogger by Shirley Hughes. We have enjoyed drawing and describing our teddies using amazing adjectives, as well as identifying the different emotions we felt when we lost our teddies... and how happy and relaxed, we felt when we found them again! Like Dave in Dogger, we took part in some egg and spoon, sack and three-legged races, starting to think about how the way we run can affect our speed, in P.E. In Maths, we have been identifying, creating and adding equal groups using lots of different manipulatives from all around our classrooms. We loved meeting Captain Wonderweb and investigating his Self-Esteem Machine this week. It was great to reflect upon the importance of talking, eating, sleeping, exercising and not too much tech! Oysters and Pearls have wowed us this week with their knowledge on how we can Care for Our Planet Earth. In Science, we have been creating posters to share our knowledge on what is 'helpful' or 'harmful' for our planet. We have loved hearing all of the creative ways Year 1 think we should be helping our planet!

Year 2
Mrs O'Keeffe and Mrs Cohen

It has been amazing to welcome all Year 2 children back in to school this week and we've been even more surprised to see how much they have grown over 2 weeks off in the sunshine too! The children have had a wonderful first week back and enjoyed being introduced to all their new topics of learning. This term our big question is 'Who has changed the world?' and we will be learning about the civil rights movement and times of social injustice. In science, we are beginning to learn about the growth of different plants and next week we will be investigating what is inside bulbs and how they grow. We have also begun to think about the religion of Islam. We met our new persona doll, Zara to learn a little bit more about the lives of Muslims and how they are similar to ours. In Art, we explored how to weave fabrics on our self-made cardboard looms and will continue to practise techniques used in textile art works before designing and making our own hand puppets. In English we have been obsessed with all things sock related in our Imagination week, whilst reading the story 'Simon Sock' by Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet. We created our own sock puppets to play games with and even celebrated diversity through a very special Odd Sock Day! What a jam packed week! We are so excited for all the new learning adventures this term holds for us. Wishing you all a lovely, sunny weekend.
