

# SUNBEAMS NURSERY

# ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege  
Values



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Loved, Inspired, Shining

## Newsletter

Term 5 Week 2 | 02.05.2025

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If online payment details are required, please contact the school office.

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### May 2025

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> – Sunbeams Stay and Play. (2.15pm-3.15pm)  
Mon 12<sup>th</sup> – Year R Vision Screening  
Weds 14<sup>th</sup> – Parent Coffee Morning, Octopus Room.  
Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> – Class Photos  
Mon 19<sup>th</sup> – Sunbeams Sports Day. Gates open at 9.30am  
Mon 19<sup>th</sup> – Sports Day. Gates open at 1.30pm  
Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> – End of Term 5

#### June 2025

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> – Staff Development Day  
Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> – Start of Term 6  
Mon 16<sup>th</sup> – Sunbeams Stay and Play. (2.15pm-3.15pm)  
Tues 17<sup>th</sup> – Non-School Uniform for Tombola Prizes

#### July 2025

Tues 1<sup>st</sup> – Year 2 Cathedral Day  
Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> – School Summer Fair  
Tues 15<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 Leavers Service at Church (2.00pm)  
Weds 16<sup>th</sup> – Sunbeams End of Year Performance, School Hall (9.30am) followed by end of year party.

### 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 6<sup>th</sup> May      2:15pm - 3:15pm  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June      2:15pm - 3:15pm

Please enter via the school office.

### Parent Coffee Morning

The next parent coffee morning will be on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> May – 9.30am

We would like to invite our Sunbeams parents and families to join us for our Sports Day on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> May	3:30pm – 4:15pm
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	3:30pm – 4:15pm
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	3:30pm – 4:15pm
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	3:30pm – 4:15pm



We offer 15 hours free provision from 3<sup>rd</sup> 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



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### 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 <sup>th</sup> May	3.30pm-4.15pm
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	3.30pm-4.15pm
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## Community

### MYTH

*Counselling is only for big problems*

### FACT

*A short chat with a qualified counsellor can help with everyday parenting worries.*

This Mental Health Week, our qualified counsellors are offering free 20 minute sessions - a safe space to talk, ask questions, and find support.

 ask a counsellor

As part of Mental Health Week (12 - 18 May), Spurgeons are excited to be launching "Ask a Counsellor" again - offering a free 20-minute digital chat with one of their qualified counsellors. This is a space where parents can talk about whatever's on their minds when it comes to their children, and counsellors will be there to support them in the best way they can.

**What:** Free 20-min chat with a qualified counsellor – a space for parents to talk about anything on their minds

**When:** 12 - 16 May

**Link:** <https://spurgeons.org/how-we-help/family-life/counselling/ask-a-counsellor/>

- Right now, people can register interest – limited slots will go live soon, and registering gives them the best chance to book.

## King Alphege Attendance Lion

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



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W/E 25.04.25

Pearls Class – 99.5%

## 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**  
Etta – Oysters Class



**Retrieval of Learning**  
Grayson – Pebbles Class



**Building Connections**  
Magnolia – Shells Class



**Inspirational Curriculum**  
Mary – Puffins Class



**Talents and Creativity**  
Delilah – Seagulls Class



**Simcha (Shared Joy)**  
Nate – Pearls 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!

Henry – Shells Class  
Aurora – Pebbles Class  
Arthur – Oysters Class  
Ela – Pearls Class  
Leo – Seagulls Class  
Xanthe – Puffins Class



## Weekly Year Group Recap

### Sunbeams Mrs Humphreys

We have had a fabulous week in Sunbeams! We started our week with a visit to St Alphege Church where we learned about the Christian story of Easter. Our Sunbeams did lots of noticing in the church and we really enjoyed our visit. We have been observing the changes in our caterpillars over the week and have also started thinking about our sunflower project. We have been exploring images and artwork of sunflowers, seed packets and seeds, as well as colour. We spent a few days experimenting and investigating colour mixing with paint. Next Tuesday we invite all our Sunbeams families to join us for a Stay and Play session between 2:15 and 3:15pm.

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Year R  
Mrs Keeble

What another busy week we have had in Reception! We have been continuing with our book 'Mad about Minibeasts' building adjectives into our writing to write sentences that describe the minibeasts we have drawn. We were very excited by the special delivery that arrived on Monday – baby caterpillars! We have been fascinated to watch how they are already growing so quickly, and we will be watching and waiting for them to make their chrysalis' soon, before emerging as beautiful butterflies. In maths we have been continuing with our larger teen numbers, recognising, ordering and making them with numicon and in phonics we are continuing to apply our phonic knowledge to reading and writing bigger words. We have begun to learn about World Faiths in RE, thinking about special stories and how they help us to be grow and behave. We are continuing to develop our athletic skills in PE, focusing on the skill this week of jumping for distance.

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Year 1  
Mr Mead and Miss Thomas-Friend

In Year 1 this week we have been revisiting doubles in Maths and beginning to recognise and create our own arrays. I wonder if you will spot any out and about this weekend? We have also continued exploring the story of Dogger, beginning to create sentences using our fabulous descriptions of our teddies and imagining how we might 'lose' them. We have carried on being helpful scientists this week, recycling and reusing lots of different materials and objects. Wait until you see what we have created with our junk modelling! We loved completing our first swimming lesson this Friday. Both on the walk and in the pool your children were fabulous! In RE we have been continuing to explore Judaism and have been focusing on what is precious to Jewish people, as well as what is precious to us. This theme continued into our PSHE learning, where we have further discussed that 'being ourselves is the best thing to do'. In Art we have continued our exploration of collages, this time in nature with Leaf Rubbing collages, inspired by Chila Burman. For computing we have been practicing following and creating instructions on the computer, we have made lots of beautiful art to show you!

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Year 2  
Mrs O'Keeffe and Mrs Cohen

We have had a wonderful, week in Year 2 and have loved the warmer weather and sunshine! This week we have been learning how to half objects and numbers and are going to be using this knowledge next week to quarter objects, shapes and quantities. Our English has been tailored to designing our own sock puppet and as part of creation week we have written about our characters appearance, personality, likes and dislikes. Next week we will be creating a wanted poster for a friend using exciting language and vocabulary! In art we loved designing our own puppet. We used felt to draw the outline and cut it out ready to be sewn together next week! We had great fun in Pe this week and have been practicing throwing and catching skills in basketball and rounders! We thought about whether a chest pass or an underarm pass was more suitable depending on the distance we were throwing. In history we learned about social injustice and thought about how Rosa Parks is a significant person who helped to create more equality in the world. We took part in few activities where only some of us were allowed to do it and then discussed how we felt when we had to miss out. Next week we will be learning about Martin Luther King and how his powerful speech impacted the world

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