

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



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Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September 2024

Thurs 12th – Animate Arts Workshops

October 2024

Fri 4th - Year R NHS NCMP

Thurs 24th – Flu Immunisations

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

Fri 20th – End of Term 2

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Welcome Back!

It has been wonderful to welcome our St Alphege family back to school this week. The buzz of excitement in school has been such a joy to see. All of our children have settled brilliantly into their new classes and we are so proud of how well they have coped with the transition. Our new Reception children are now in school full-time and we have been amazed at how quickly they have settled into their new environments and how confident they have appeared in school. The school is a happy, vibrant place and it is a joy to hear the laughter, singing and chatter. The shared joy of being back together in our school family is uplifting for us all!

A colorful, bubbly graphic with the words 'WELCOME' and 'BACK' stacked vertically. The letters are in various colors (red, yellow, blue, green) and have a playful, hand-drawn style with dotted outlines.

Year 1 and Year 2 Open Classrooms - Tuesday 10th September

On Tuesday 10th September we will be opening up our Year 1 and 2 classes at 3.15pm so that parents can have the opportunity to see their child's new class. This will be an opportunity for your child to show you around their new learning spaces.

We understand that this might not be convenient for everyone so if you would like to come on another day, please speak to your child's class teacher, who will be able to arrange this.

Animate Arts ORBITS Installation

As many of you will already know, each year we create a new art installation in our entrance hall which is linked to the priorities on the School Development Plan. This year our acronym is ORBITS. We will write to you all next week with further details of the school priorities. We are excited to announce that we will again be linking with our long-standing arts partners at Animate Arts Company to create this new display. Jo from Animate Arts will be working alongside each class to gather their ideas and plan the installation, she will then deliver arts workshops to all year groups on Thursday 12th September. Jo will return on Friday 20th September to bring all of the children's creations together in our school entrance. We cannot wait to share this with you, so please keep an eye on the school Facebook page, where photographs will be posted over the coming weeks. We will also invite you all in to see it in person once it is complete!

Please save your recycling!

We are busy planning our new art installation for our entrance hall, linked to our new School Plan acronym ORBITS. In preparation for the childrens workshops with Jo from Animate, please could you bring in any of the following materials to help with the children's artwork:



- egg cartons
- cardboard tubes of any size (toilet roll, kitchen roll, tin foil etc)
- small white pots (yoghurt, washing liquid caps etc)
- bottle tops/caps

Please bring these into school by Thursday 12th September. These can either be dropped into the school office or handed to your child's teacher. Thank you!

Nut Free School

We have several children in school who suffer from nut allergies. Please could I remind everyone that our school and Nursery are "Nut Free Zones". Those children, if they come in contact with a nut product, can suffer life threatening consequences. A child with a nut allergy does not have to eat nuts themselves to react, it sometimes only needs to be a touch from someone who has eaten them. **I cannot stress how important it is for everyone to work with us to ensure the safety of all our children.**



This means that the following items cannot be bought into school or nursery;

- Packs of nuts/any nuts
- Peanut butter sandwiches
- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts
- Cakes made with nuts
- Nutella
- Chocolates
- Baklava
- Nougat
- Biscuits (Check all biscuit labels and if you are not sure please leave it out).

Many foods will contain the wording:

- *May contain traces of nuts*
- *We cannot guarantee that this product does not contain nuts*
- *Produced in a factory which handles nut ingredients*

We do not expect you to avoid all of these foods, just those which directly contain nuts or nut products. Please help us in providing a nut free school, minimising the risk for children as much as possible and assisting those parents who have children who may have a life threatening reaction.

Achieve Sports Year 1 & 2

Achieve sport clubs will start week commencing Monday 16th September and run for 6 weeks until Tuesday 22nd October. Achieve sport will be open to Reception in term 2. Letters will come home today in bookbags.



Monday Year 1 & 2
Tuesday Year 1 & 2

Gymnastics
Multi Sports

Recycle your ink cartridge for Animate

Help Us Raise Money!
Recycle Your
Ink Cartridges



recycle them at recycle4charity.co.uk

Our arts partners at Animate Arts Company are a registered collector for empty printer ink cartridges. They are a non-profit organisation that benefit hugely from any fundraising support possible. Not only can we do a little bit of saving the planet with this one, but with each empty ink cartridge donated (no laser or toner cartridges please) Animate can potentially receive up to £2 donation per cartridge. Different makes offer a different value, but even lots of 10p and 50p donations would add up! Animate will be providing us with a collection bin which we will place in the main entrance. If you have any old cartridges, please do drop them in the box for recycling and help Animate raise some much needed funds that will go towards future projects.

Community



[RAF Manston – Open Cockpit Weekend](https://rafmanston.co.uk/event/open-cockpit-weekend-2/)

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What Three Words - remarried.mornings.pave

Refreshments available **NO NEED TO BOOK**

Subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances including, but not limited to, weather conditions, mechanical breakdowns and shortage of volunteers and/or exhibitors.

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

Mrs Humphreys

We have had a lovely start to our new nursery year in Sunbeams. It has been great to welcome back lots of our Sunbeams from last year and hear all about the amazing adventures they have had over the summer break. We also really enjoyed welcoming some new members to our Sunbeams community who are settling in marvellously! We have been focused on building relationships and learning routines this week, while we play and explore the nursery environment.

Year R

Mrs Keeble and Mrs Jones

A huge well done to all our children and families on what has been a brilliant start to this important step on their learning journey. We have been so impressed with the way all the children have come into class and enjoyed playing in their new environment. Our focus has been on getting to know your little ones and supporting them to feel relaxed, happy and confident. We have spent time exploring and playing in the classrooms, the patio and the big playground. Each day we sit together for water, milk and a snack and we have been doing lots of singing! The children did brilliantly at lunch on Thursday and Friday, choosing their own food, learning to carry their tray and serving themselves pasta or salad. Next week, we will continue to focus on class routines, such as pouring our own water or milk at snack time, and on how we can be ready to learn by how we sit together on the carpet. We enjoy books together each day and one of our texts next week will be the 'The Colour Monster' to help us become more aware of our feelings. Thank you for all you have done to help your children prepare for school. Please make sure that all clothing, coats and water bottles are clearly marked with your child's name.

Year 1

Miss Hughes and Mr Mead

Welcome to parents, carers and families of Year 1 children! We have had a fantastic, happy week together and are settling well into our new environments. Our teachers are super-proud of how well we have all adapted, and how we have made friends with some new children. This term, in Geography, we are learning about our locality and the homes we live in. We went on a local walk to identify the features of our town. In Art, our focus artist this term will be Hundertwasser. Over the term, we will be developing our mark-making skills with different media (pencil, pastel, charcoal and thin pen). This week in Maths we refreshed our counting and grouping skills. In English we spoke about our emotions and wrote sentences about how we were feeling before coming back to school on Tuesday morning. We will be starting our Phonics reading books next week in school. These e-books will be available to read at home. Year 1 PE is on Mondays and Wednesday. We are looking forward to another busy and creative week.

Year 2

Mrs O'Keeffe and Mrs Cook

What a wonderful first week back we have had in Year 2! The children have settled in brilliantly and amazed us with their confidence and enthusiasm for learning! We are really looking forward to what is going to be an amazing year together. This week the children spent time getting to know their new classrooms and creating some beautiful artwork for class displays. We also began to think about our new learning question 'How has Whitstable changed?'. We went for a walk around our local area to see the different types of buildings and shops and the children were all given particular places to try and spot! In English we have been learning about traditional tales, and next week in Imagination Week, we will be doing lots of fun activities inspired by the book 'Ninja Red Riding Hood', including ninja training camp! In Maths we will be exploring numbers up to 100 and consolidating our place value knowledge with lots of fun, practical activities. Swimming lessons for Year 2 will start on Friday 20th September, and run weekly until the 29th November (except for half term). We will need a small number of volunteers to help walk the children to the pool, so if you are able to help, please speak to Mrs O'Keeffe or Mrs Cook. Have a lovely weekend.
