

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

# ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege  
Values



Koinonia

Loved, Inspired, Shining

## Newsletter

Term 1 Week 6 | 11.10.2024

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

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

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### October 2024

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 & Year 2 Harvest Service (Church 2.30pm)  
Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> – Reception 'drop in' 2.30pm (School Hall)  
Tues 15<sup>th</sup> – Parents Evenings  
Weds 16<sup>th</sup> – Parents Evenings  
Mon 21<sup>st</sup> – Year 1 & Year 2 Collective Worship (Church 2.20pm)  
Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> – Flu Immunisations  
Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> – Sunbeams Stay and Play 2pm-3.15pm  
Fri 25<sup>th</sup> – End of Term 1

#### November 2024

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> - Staff Development Day  
Tues 5<sup>th</sup> – Start of Term 2  
Tues 12<sup>th</sup> – Individual school photos

#### December 2024

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> – Whole School Christmas Church Service (2.30pm)  
Tues 10<sup>th</sup> – Year R Nativity 9.30am (School Hall)  
Tues 10<sup>th</sup> – Sunbeams Stay and Play 2pm-3.15pm  
Weds 11<sup>th</sup> – Year R Nativity 9.30am (School Hall)  
Mon 16<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 Nativity 2pm (School Hall)  
Tues 17<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 Nativity 10am (School Hall)  
Weds 18<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 Concert 9.30am (School Hall)  
Weds 18<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 Concert 2.30pm (School Hall)  
Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> – Sunbeams Nativity 9.30am (School Hall)  
Fri 20<sup>th</sup> – End of Term 2

### The Marvellous Milkshake Meeting!

From next week, we will be introducing Marvellous Milkshake Meetings as part of our whole school rewards for positive behaviour. Each week, the teachers will nominate someone from their class that they think deserves to receive this special treat. Children will be nominated for always following our three simple school rules: Ready, Respectful, Safe and for going above and beyond when demonstrating the St Alphege values in school. As a reward for being fabulous members of the St Alphege family, the nominated children will come together with Mrs Mead, our Wellbeing Teaching Assistant, to share a milkshake (or dairy free alternative) and a chat on a Thursday afternoon in the Zen Zone as a special treat.

## Year 1 & 2 Collective Worship at Church

All parents and carers are warmly invited to attend the following school church services at St Alphege Church:



Monday 14th October at 2.30pm (Harvest) - Please send a donation of non-perishable food items with your child to school ready for the Harvest service.

Monday 21st October at 2.30pm

## Whole School Christmas Church Service - Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December

All parents and carers are warmly invited to attend our church service on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm** at St Alphege Church, where we will be thinking about Advent. We will return to school afterwards and you can collect your child from school at 3.15pm as usual.

## 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 15<sup>th</sup>** and **between 3.30pm and 7.00pm on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October**.



All appointments will be accessed through our Parent Evening booking system which has the facility for video calls. <https://stalphegeinfant.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

**ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL**  
*'Loved, Inspired, Shining'*  
 We warmly welcome you to the St Alphege family.

**Our Open Morning is on Saturday 9th November 2024**

Make something creative with Jo from our long-standing Arts Partners at Animate Arts Company!

We are a vibrant and creative school who celebrate childhood.

Take part in some Forest School activities with our Forest School Teacher!

Wander freely around our school site, meet our incredible staff team and see all the treasures we have to show you!

Join in with a fun music session with our specialist Music Teacher, Mrs Memmott!

Come and see for yourselves what our fabulous school has to offer!

Come and join the fun between 10:00am and 12:00pm

Meet our Outstanding Early Years team and spend time playing and exploring in our Inspiring Early Years environments.

## Open Morning – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November

Is your child due to start school in September 2025?

We warmly invite you to come along to our Saturday Open Morning on 9<sup>th</sup> 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	16 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	9.30am
Wednesday	23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2024	9.30am
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	9.30am
Monday	11 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	1.30pm
Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	1.30pm
Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Full
Monday	25 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Full
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	9.30am
Friday	29 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	9.30am
Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2024	9.30am

## Clubs on Offer Term 2

### Achieve Sports Year R, 1 & 2

We will continue to run our sports clubs next term and we are pleased to offer them to Year R children too!

Achieve sport clubs will start week commencing Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November and run for 6 weeks until Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October. Please check bookbags as letters have been sent home today. If your child hasn't attended before you will need to complete the emergency contact and photo consent forms.



Monday	Year 1 & 2	Multi Sports
Thursday	Year R	Multi Sports



### Creepy Claws Year 1 & 2

The After School Animal Club is an opportunity for your child to Learn and Interact with lots of different species of animals. Over the 6 weeks they will see Rabbits, Guinea Pigs, Small Rodents, Snakes, Lizards, Tarantulas, Insects, HedgeHogs, Birds, Amphibians and lots more.

The cost of the club is £36 for the 6 weeks. (Payment must be made in full before the first session via on-line details which will be sent once your place is confirmed). There are only 30 places available.

To book a place, please email Michael directly at [creepyclawsclub@gmail.com](mailto:creepyclawsclub@gmail.com)  
Michael will need to know the School, Pupils name and Class



Places will be allocated and then email you to confirm your place & give on-line payment details.

### French Club Year 1 & 2

French club is run after school on Wednesdays 3.15pm-3.45pm  
By Vicki at La Jolie Ronde.

To book please email Vicki directly [lajolierondevicki@gmail.com](mailto:lajolierondevicki@gmail.com)

[www.lajolieronde.co.uk](http://www.lajolieronde.co.uk)



**French**  
at St Alphege

These award-winning classes allow children to learn French the happy way.

Our after-school club is open to children in Year 1 and 2  
Wednesdays  
3.15 pm - 3.45 pm  
£7 per class

Songs  
Stories  
Games  
Rhymes

**RESERVE A PLACE FOR YOUR CHILD NOW!**

For further info contact:  
07889 495577  
[lajolierondevicki@gmail.com](mailto:lajolierondevicki@gmail.com)  
[www.lajolieronde.co.uk](http://www.lajolieronde.co.uk)

## **ANDREW PARRY** Andrew Parry Music Lessons **MUSIC**

Andrew Parry provide music lessons in over 50 schools all across Kent, as well as group rock school workshops and one-to-one lessons outside of school. Please contact Andrew Parry if you would like to book a lesson. Lessons are currently held in school during the school day on a Wednesday.

<https://www.andrewparrymusic.com/lessons>

## All Wrapped Up - Non-Uniform day Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November

We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November and asking for a monetary donation of £1 to support the Riverside project. If you would like to give more than £1 any additional donations big or small are welcome.



**All Wrapped Up** is a project of Riverside Church working with our local schools and partners to provide Christmas presents and food hampers to families in need.

Last year they mobilised 110 volunteers in their 'Winter Wonderland' to provide presents for over 500 children, with 267 families receiving food vouchers to feed over 1200 people.

Riverside are open between 10am and 4pm Monday – Friday, if anyone wishes to donate any new toys that can be added to their Christmas collection.

## Community



### Food Bank:

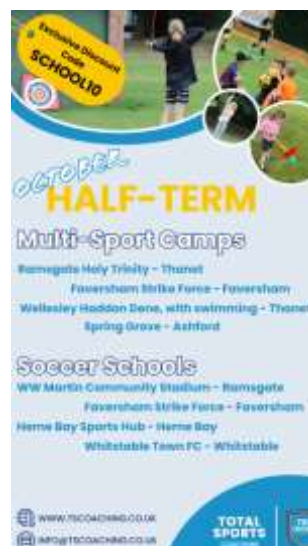
As the needs of the people within our community continue to grow, we are once again asking for your support this autumn with donations of non-perishable food items, toiletries, household cleaning supplies and sanitary items.

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](mailto: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 16<sup>th</sup> October.

## Total Sports Coaching

Total Sports Coaching are running multiple holiday camps throughout October Half Term.

We have been provided with a 10% discount code **SCHOOL10**



### TEAMTHEME Kent

Looking for fun activities this half term? TEAMTHEME Kent **Halloween Half Term Camp** offers games, sports, arts, and spooky-themed activities for all ages!

[TEAMTHEME Kent Bookings](#)

## 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 4.10.24  
Pearls Class –98.3%

## 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.



**O**utstanding Writing  
Margot – Pebbles Class



**R**etrieval of Learning  
Fionn – Shells Class



**B**uilding Connections  
Esme – Pearls Class



**I**nspirational Curriculum  
Rudie – Puffins Class



**T**alents and Creativity  
Atlas – Oysters Class



**S**imcha (Shared Joy)  
Maeve – Seagulls Class

## Weekly Year Group Recap

### Sunbeams

### Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have been seeking opportunities to develop our confidence and skill when using scissors. We have put smiley face stickers on our thumbs to remind us which way up we hold our scissors and snipping into things, such as playdough and spaghetti. Mrs Memmott led a lovely music session on Tuesday afternoon. We worked on developing our sense of rhythm using claves. We used our listening and noticing skills to imitate what Mrs Memmott was doing with her claves while playing musical games. We have begun to think about size and have explored some of the natural objects in our transient art area, thinking about how they compare in size and what vocabulary we use when explaining what we notice.

Year R  
Mrs Keeble and Mrs Jones

There has been so much fun and creative learning in reception this week! We continue to work on routines and expectations as we become more confident in the environment and in our friendships. In reading we have read our first Big Cat book together and have been delighted with the way the children are excited to be learning to read, using the phonics sounds that we are learning. In Maths we have been comparing the size and length of different objects in practical ways, including the length of string and the height of towers. We have really been enjoying our music lessons every Tuesday, with Mrs Memmott in the hall. This week we practised singing high and low pitches and used noodles to show the different pitch. Linking with our Maths learning, Mrs Memmott played music on the piano and we moved in different ways to represent our big, small and medium sized bear. Every day we have been developing our gross and fine motor skills through squiggle, when we practise specific patterns, firstly in the air, before transferring the same pattern to paper. This will help us with our letter formation and handwriting as we progress through the year. Some of the highlights in our learning through play have been making potions using natural resources, exploring water and engaging in water play, play dough creations and dancing in the rain! On Tuesday we be visiting St. Alphege Church as part of our RE learning to find out what Christians do to show that God is important to them.

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Year 1  
Miss Hughes and Mr Mead

Well done for a fabulous week Year 1! In our English lessons, continued with our focus text 'Who's hiding at the Seaside?'. This week was 'Creation week', we used widget symbols of the beach, seaside animals and items at the beach to help us write adjectives to describe them. Can you practice describing items verbally with adjectives to help reenforce our learning? We have been looking at number lines in Maths this week. We looked at ways number lines can help us. We made our own number lines on Monday that now live in our maths book and help us to form our numbers the correct way round and have supported us when looking at 1 more or 1 less questions. On Thursday we used our number lines for addition and subtraction by jumping forward and backwards. In computing we have been looking at keyboards the children have challenged themselves to write their name and even learnt where the backspace is so that they could edit any mistakes they may have made. In PSHE we spoke about who we are grateful for and why. The children identified friends in their class that do things that make them happy. There was lots of lovely Simcha on display this week! Well done for a super week Oysters and Pearls! Have a great weekend!

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Year 2  
Mrs O'Keeffe and Mrs Cook

We have had another lovely and busy week in Year 2! On Monday we visited the Dane John mound, which was a Roman cemetery, and the Roman Museum in Canterbury. We got to dress up as Roman soldiers and explore lots of interesting Roman artefacts. It was a lovely day and the children really impressed us with their behaviour, engagement and enthusiasm! We learnt a lot about the Roman way of life too! In English it was Imagination Week, and we did lots of fun activities based on our new text 'A Cooked Up Fairy Tale'. We taste tested different foods such as ice cream and tomato soup, using lots of interesting adjectives to describe the taste, texture and smells. Using the wolf stew in the book for inspiration, we became chefs for the day and chopped, whisked, stirred and grated a variety of different foods! We finished the week by creating our very own restaurant based on a fairy tale character. Next week we will be starting to create a menu for our fairy tale restaurant. In Maths we moved onto addition, recapping number bonds to 20 and creating fact families from these. Next week we will be moving on to subtraction fact families. Both classes have filled their marble jars so on Wednesday we will have a well-deserved treat afternoon! Have a lovely weekend.

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