

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



Koinonia

Loved, Inspired, Shining

Newsletter

Term 1 Week 2 | 13.09.2024

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

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

Lead Schools Advisory Group for Music

This week, we welcomed staff from Kent Music into school to undertake an accreditation to become a Lead School for Music. They met with school leaders and teachers to discuss the culture of Music education at St Alphege and observed some teaching sessions with the children and Mrs Memmott. Kent Music work closely with schools, colleges, cultural organisations and other partners to ensure that children and young people across Kent and Medway have access to high quality music education in and out of school. We are delighted to have been successful in being asked to join the Lead Schools Advisory Group, which has been set up to support the Hub's strategic thinking and approach to supporting music making activities in schools across Kent and Medway. This is a wonderful opportunity and a huge achievement for the school. It is a further acknowledgement of our strength, commitment and passion for Music and Creativity. We are looking forward to working alongside the Hub to help shape the vision for the Lead Schools Advisory Group and hope to be able to inspire other schools to embrace a rich and inspiring Music offer for young people across Kent and Medway.



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

Gymnastics

Tuesday

Year 1 & 2

Multi Sports

Year 1 & 2 Choir

Year 1 and 2 choir will run every Tuesday from 8:20am - 8.40am in the Community Room, starting Tuesday 17th September. Children will need to be dropped off at the Community Room patio area where Mrs Memmott will meet them. Time will be limited, please make sure that the children arrive promptly at 8:20am.



Year 2 Swimming Lessons

Year 2 swimming lessons will be starting on Friday 20th September. Please can your child wear their swimming costume and bring a towel to school in a separate bag. The children will walk to and from the pool and be back at school before lunchtime.



The lessons will be subsidised by the school but we are requesting a contribution of £35.00 for all 10 lessons, payable in advance of the first lesson.

Please pay by cash at the school office or by direct bank payment in to the school bank account. Instalments are available if you would like to spread the cost. Please email the office to advise us that you have made a bank transfer so we can reconcile the payment on the bank statement. If for any reason you are unable to pay or require support with this payment, please contact the office where we will be very happy to help or advise you on your options.

The children will swim on Friday

**September 20th & 27th and October 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th in term 1 and
November 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th in term 2.**

There is no swimming on Friday 1st November as this is the half term holiday.

A Fond Farewell to Mr Marriott

Mr Marriott has made the difficult decision to leave his role as our caretaker at the end of this term. Mr Marriott and his family will be permanently relocating up North to be closer to their family. Mr Marriott has been a fantastic member of the school community and we wish him every success with the next stage of his adventures.

We are therefore seeking a new person to fulfil this vital role in school. The advert is on the KentTeach website and we will be pushing it out via our social media channels. To reach as many people as possible, we are advertising this post as either one person or a job share working mornings or afternoons only. If you know anyone who has the skills required for the role and may be interested in joining our vibrant and happy team, please do share the link with them. The links to both adverts are below:

<https://www.kent-teach.com/Recruitment/Vacancy/VacancyDetails.aspx?VacancyId=137382>

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School Tour Dates and Open Morning

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.



ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

Tours with Mrs Spinks our Head of School and
Mrs Thomas-Friend our Executive Headteacher

| Day | Date | Time |
|-----------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Wednesday | 25 th September 2024 | 9.30am |
| Wednesday | 2 nd October 2024 | 1.30pm |
| Friday | 4 th October 2024 | 9.30am |
| 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 | 1.30pm |
| Tuesday | 19 th November 2024 | 1.30pm |
| 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 |
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| Saturday | 9 th November 2024 | 10.00am—12.00pm |

Please call the office to book onto one of the tours listed. There are limited places on each tour. We are able to offer alternative dates if you are unable to attend any of the tours available.

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Community

OPEN COCKPIT WEEKEND 2024

14TH AND 15TH SEPTEMBER | 10AM TO 4PM
RAF MANSTON HISTORY MUSEUM CT12 5DF

RAF Manston – Open Cockpit Weekend

<https://rafmanston.co.uk/event/open-cockpit-weekend-2/>



Fire Engine Rides



Market Garden



Tank Rides



Climb in the Cockpits



RAF MANSTON
HISTORY MUSEUM
CHARITY NUMBER 127962



Museum Entry

USUAL MUSEUM ADMISSION PRICES APPLY | RIDE ADMISSION SEPARATE

events@rafmanston.co.uk www.rafmanston.co.uk

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.

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

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that our online referral process is very quick and easy and we welcome referrals on behalf of anyone within Canterbury City Council district in need of extra support with food and signposting services - this includes any person experiencing short-term financial crisis for any reason at all.

Simply visit the '**Agencies**' tab on our website at <https://canterburyfoodbank.org/agencies/> and fill in every box marked with a red asterisk in the format indicated and one of our amazing Signposters will process the referral.

If you have any queries, or if you would like to discuss any other ways in which we can work together to keep our community out of hunger, then please feel free to give me a call on 01227 936450 and I will be very happy put you in contact with our very lovely Community Development and Engagement Officer, Julia. She is doing a wonderful job, forging links across the district and strengthening our working partnerships.



This Harvest we would appreciate:

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| 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 villages.
Canterbury Food Bank is a registered charity no: 1151791

NEW PLAYERS NEEDED FOR U7S TEAM

MORE THAN A FOOTBALL CLUB

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW MORE PLAYERS FOR OUR NEW U7S TEAM WE TRAIN ON THURSDAYS EVENING 5PM TO 6PM AND PLAY MATCHES ON SATURDAYS ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

PLEASE EMAIL THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS FOR MORE DETAILS:

CLUB@TANKERTONFC.CO.UK

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 6.9.24

Oysters Class – 100%

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. This week the awards have only been given to Year 1 and Year 2 during our Celebration Worship. Next week the awards will also include Reception. Each class nominate one child to celebrate their achievements each week and their names will be added to the weekly newsletter.



Outstanding Writing
Dylan – Seagulls Class



Retrieval of Learning
Otto – Puffins Class



Building Connections
Sherrie-Ann – Pearls Class



Inspirational Curriculum
Laurie -Seagulls Class



Talents and Creativity
Xanthe – Puffins Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
Amelia - Oysters

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have welcomed some more new little Sunbeams in our setting. We have been so impressed by how quickly our new Sunbeams are adapting to and embracing our routines as well as demonstrating such eagerness to help with the various jobs our routines bring! We remain focused on settling in and building great relationships with your children and supporting them to make equally good connections with each other. We have been modelling and supporting Sunbeams with how to use the timers to help them manage their turn taking and already they are embracing and initiating their use when playing together and sharing resources. Just a quick reminder that although the sun has been shining, it is unseasonably cold at the moment, so please make sure your child brings a coat with them everyday.

Year R

Mrs Keeble and Mrs Jones

Thank you for a fantastic first full week in reception! We are delighted with how the children are becoming familiar with their new routines, building their resilience, and getting to know their new grown-ups and other children. As well as ourselves, we also have the following members of staff who are working with your children: Mrs Cater, Mrs Huckstep, Mrs Mead, and Mrs Richards. This week we have introduced 'dough disco', which is one of the ways we develop our fine motor skills and strengthen our fingers. The children have learnt how to pour their own milk or water at snack time and we have discussed our school rules and expectations: being ready, respectful and safe. Next week, we will begin to teach phonics. We will send home your child's reading record with a sticker showing the sounds and tricky words that will be taught. Perhaps you could look for objects at home that start with some of our sounds, for example, 'sandwich – s' 'apple – a' 'table – t'. Please remember book bags every day and make sure that all clothing, coats and water bottles are clearly marked with your child's name.

Year 1

Miss Hughes and Mr Mead

Here we are at the end of a lovely busy week in Y1. Our imagination week in English has been so fun the week! We are looking at the story 'The Storm Whale'. We built dens to survive a storm, had a picnic in the classroom, explored Whale facts and constructed different forms of transport to help return the whale back to the ocean. In Geography, we thought about all the different sorts of house; terraces, semidetached, bungalows, blocks of flats and decided to recreate different buildings with large and small construction. In Maths, we will continue exploring numbers within 10 – counting on, counting back, number formation, finding different ways of making 10. This will help prepare the children for learning their number bonds to 10, and for later addition within 10. We were excited to have our lovely art workshop with Jo from Animate Arts! Jo introduced our art task to contribute towards our upcoming foyer installation. It will be especially beautiful this year, watch this space....! For this term's Science focus we are learning all about the body. The children went to the playground and with chalk made an outline of themselves and had the challenge of labelling all the different body parts. Wishing you all a lovely and peaceful weekend.

Year 2

Mrs O'Keefe and Mrs Cook

What a fantastic week of learning we have had in Year 2 this week! It was Imagination Week in English, so we introduced our new text 'Ninja Red Riding Hood' and the children did lots of fun activities including taking part in ninja training camp, designing their own gi and dressing up in a disguise like the wolf! Next week they will be creating their own ninja character comic strip and using all the powerful vocabulary we have generated in class to write a description of a ninja. In Maths we have been consolidating our place value knowledge with lots of practical activities and will continue this next week, using place value charts and part whole models. On Thursday Jo from Animate Arts visited our classes and in a fun workshop set us some amazing art challenges which we will be continuing next week. They are going to be out of this world! In History this week we have been investigating timelines, and plotting historical events from past to present. Next week we will be imagining what Whitstable was like during the Ice Age! Swimming lessons start next Friday, 20th September – we still need some parent helpers so if you are able to help, please speak to Mrs O'Keefe or Mrs Cook. Have a wonderful weekend!