

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



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Newsletter

Term 1 Week 6 | 8.10.2021

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October 2021

Sat 9th - Open Day 10am-1pm
Mon 11th - Y1 Harvest Service 2pm
Mon 18th - Y2 Harvest Service 2pm
Tues 19th - Parents Evening 4-6pm
Weds 20th - Parents Evening 3.30pm - 5:30pm
Thurs 21st - Parents Evening Oysters 3.30pm-5.30pm
Fri 22nd - Wear Red Day
Fri 22nd - End of term one

November 2021

Mon 1st - Staff development day - School closed
Tues 2nd - Term 2 starts
Fri 5th - Applications for Reception places open
Fri 5th - Application for Junior places open
Mon 8th - Individual school photos

December 2021

Thurs 2nd - Flu vaccination (Years R, 1 & 2)
Fri 17th - End of Term 2

KEY EVENTS

Uniform

Please make sure that your child is coming to school each day in the correct uniform. We appreciated that during the pandemic access to shops was more limited and we allowed flexibility for families when they couldn't purchase the correct uniform. This should no longer be an issue for our families, so we ask that you please make sure that your child is wearing the correct uniform each day. We are proud to be a part of the St Alphege family and want our children to wear their uniform with pride. Much of our spare uniform in school has already been given out, so if you are looking for good quality second-hand uniform, please approach the Whitstable Community Wardrobe in the first instance. We are very happy to help you with this if you would find that useful. All uniform from the community wardrobe is free and will be in good used condition. Please come and speak to us if you have any questions or would like any further support. Thank you.

Spare Uniform

Our stocks of spare uniform are running very low. If you have any uniform, plimsoles or underwear/ tights that your child has grown out of, please consider donating them to the school office or pass them to your child's class teacher. We like to keep some spares in school in the event of unexpected accidents or messy play and

your donations would be gratefully received. Please make sure that all donated clothing is in good used condition. Many thanks.

[Wear Red Day - Friday 22nd October](#)

We have been celebrating Black History Month in school and the children have really impressed us with the maturity of their discussions and the empathy they have shown. We would like to take part in Show Racism the Red Card's "Wear Red Day" which will be taking place on Friday 22nd October where we will continue to discuss diversity, recognise and celebrate differences and discuss how we can always show love and kindness to everyone we meet. Children do not have to wear uniform on this day, and we ask that you please send your child to school in something red. If you would also like to show your support to this charity through a donation, please text RED to 70470 to give £1.



[Sunbeams Parents - Reception school places for September 2022](#)

Parents of children in Sunbeams will need to apply for a Reception school place for your child for September 2022. We have our Open Morning on Saturday 9th October from 10.00am – 1.00pm which you are invited to attend. Alternatively, we have various tour dates throughout October and November for you to book onto. Please contact the school office to book.

Applications are made through Kent County Council at www.kent.gov.uk/ola you can submit your application between 5th November 2021 and 15th January 2022. More information can be found at <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places> If you have any questions or need support with the application process please speak to Mrs Cullen in the school office.

[Year 2 Parents - Junior school places for September 2022](#)

Parents of Year 2 children will need to apply for a Junior school place for your child for September 2022. Both WJS and The Endowed have parent tours for you to book onto. Please contact the junior schools directly to book. All of our children will visit both schools next term and take part in activities and see the schools. If you do want to take your child with you onto one of the tours, please advise our school office of the date so we are aware of your child's absence. Applications are made through Kent County Council at www.kent.gov.uk/ola you can submit your application between 5th November 2022 and 15th January 2022.

[Harvest Worship in Church](#)

Due to us still having a few numbers of confirmed Covid-19 cases in our parent community, we have made the decision to just hold our harvest services with our children. On this occasion parents will not be able to join us but we hope to be able to welcome you all back into school at Christmas.

The children will be visiting the Church as planned on the following days: Year 1 Monday 11th October 2pm; Year 2 Monday 18th October 2pm. Worship will be led by Rev Rachel and her team. We are supporting the Church's collection for the Riverside food pantry, so if you feel able, please bring tinned or long-life food to school over the next few weeks to be shared with those in need in our community. Thank you.

School Packed Lunches

Did you know that school meals are free to all children in Years R, 1 & 2? By having a school meal instead of making a packed lunch from home, you could be saving about £400 per year! To help encourage all of our children to eat a healthy school lunch we are re-introducing a daily packed lunch option alongside our other 4 main meal choices each day, from Monday 11th October.

We would also welcome feedback on the current menu, especially about the meals that your child may not want to try, so we can ensure we offer a good choice of meals that everyone can enjoy. Please email office@st-alphege.kent.sch.uk with your comments or questions.

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Weekly Awards

King Alphege Attendance Lion

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



King Alphege Attendance Lion

W/E 1.10.21

Seagulls – 95.9%

Whole School Awards

Our awards this year represent our priority improvement areas SHINES. Each year group will nominate a child to receive each award every week.



St Alphege Values

Karl – Pebbles class
Flora – Pearls class
Charlie - Seagulls class



Healthy Mind, Body & Spirit

Emily - Shells class
Alfie – Pearls class



Inspiring Curriculum

Leo - Shells class
Tilli – Oysters class
Harvie - Puffins class
Chase - Seagulls



Nature and Outdoor Learning

Lewis - Shells class
Theo – Pearls class
Lexi – Puffins class



Exceptional English

Oliver - Pebbles class
Jonah – Oysters class
Danny - Puffins class



Spectacular Vocabulary

Maggie - Pebbles class
Norah – Oysters class
Leo - Seagulls class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

From Mrs Keeble & Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams some of the children have been narrating their own stories for an adult to write down. Then the children have worked together to act out all the different aspects of the story. Some children played the parts of fire breathing dragons, while others pretended to be a puddle of water on the floor! It was great to see their confidence and imagination blossom. We have been learning about our whole school value, 'trust'. We have talked about how we trust the special people in our lives to take care of us and keep us safe. We also talked about people in the community we can trust, such as the police and ambulance service members. We then did a trust exercise to demonstrate trust in a way the children could understand. An adult caught a child before they fell – it was a fun way to explore trust. Please can you email us a family photo that we can print and display in our home corner, sunbeams@st-alphege.kent.sch.uk

Year R

From Mrs Arnott & Mr Mead

What a lovely week in Reception! On Monday we went on our first adventure all together and had a fun walk through Whitstable looking out for all the shops and places we recognised. When we got back to school we created our own maps to show what we had seen on our walk. Later in the week we looked back at the photographs and talked about the similarities and differences between Whitstable and other places around the world. All the children did some fantastic thinking! In maths this week we have been focussing on comparisons. We have compared amounts, length and capacity and have been working hard to use words like more, fewer and equal. All the children have worked hard learning their new sounds in phonics this week. We have looked at g, o, c and k. In PE we had a great time practicing our jumping skills with everyone making some brilliant jumping frogs! Well done Reception, we can't wait for next week!

Year 1

From Mrs Jones & Miss Johnson

We have had another lovely week, well done Year 1!
Next week we will be going to Church on Monday for our Harvest Worship. We are supporting the Church's food bank so if you would like to bring a tin or some dried food as a donation please feel free to do so. In Maths we will be adding numbers to find the total and will begin to write number sentences to represent addition. Our story for English will be 'Monkey Puzzle' and we will be focussing on verbs as doing words. We will be describing what the monkey in the story can do and writing exciting sentences. In Science we will be learning about the different animal types and learning how to identify mammals, reptiles, amphibians, birds and fish. Both classes have filled their bead jar! The treat will be on Thursday afternoon. Your class teacher will inform you of what the treat is and if there will be anything to bring in for the day.

Year 2

From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Keeffe

We will be learning about South America next week, and focusing on the Amazon rainforest! We will be reading the book 'Monkey Puzzle' by Julia Donaldson and identifying nouns we can see in the rainforest. In Maths we will carry on looking at addition but will start looking at simple column additions that do not cross the next ten. We have found that some children have been finding it tricky to count on from any number up to 100, it would be great if you could practise counting from different two digit numbers at home! We are working on our team building skills in P.E. and working successfully as a group. We are nearly at the end of term now so don't forget to book a parents evening appointment, or to talk to your child's teacher if you would prefer a phone call ☺