

# SUNBEAMS NURSERY

# ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege  
Values



Koinonia

Loved, Inspired, Shining

## Newsletter

Term 1 Week 4 | 24.9.2021

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### October 2021

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> – Friends (PTA) coffee afternoon 2pm  
Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> – End of term one

#### November 2021

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> – Staff development day – School closed  
Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> – Term 2 starts  
Mon 8<sup>th</sup> – Individual school photos

#### December 2021

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> – Flu vaccination (Years R, 1 & 2)  
Fri 17<sup>th</sup> – End of Term 2

### KEY EVENTS

#### Parent Consultations

On the 19th and 20th October, we will be holding our parent consultations. This will give you an opportunity to speak with your child's teacher to find out how well they have settled into their new class and to discuss their learning. We have decided to offer these consultations virtually this year. More information about booking an appointment and how to access the video link will be sent out next week. If you would rather have a telephone call from your child's teacher, this can also be arranged by contacting the school office.

#### School admissions for September 2022

If you have a child who will be starting school in September 2022, or you know of families within the community who are looking for places for their child, please come along to our Open Day on Saturday 9th October 2021 between 10:00am and 1:00pm. There is no need to book in for the Saturday event. We are also offering school tours at set times during the day and these can be booked through the school office. We will be limiting the numbers of visitors to the school at any one time and will be minimising the contact that visitors have with our children to prevent the potential risks that still linger from the pandemic. We are incredibly proud of our amazing school and all that we have to offer and know how important it is for families to see this for themselves. Please spread the word if you know of anyone who may be interested and of course tell them how fabulous we are!

### Harvest Worship in Church

Families from Year 1 and Year 2 are warmly invited to join their year group at St. Alphege Church to celebrate Harvest: Year 1 Monday 11th October 2pm; Year 2 Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2pm. Worship will be led by Rev Rachel and you are invited to come along to join the children in prayer and song. 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.

### Friends (PTA)

Our Friends (PTA) would like to welcome everyone on 1<sup>st</sup> October at 2.00pm for tea, coffee and a chat. Come and meet other members of the school family and get your thinking caps on for fantastic fundraising ideas for the year ahead! We welcome support from all parents whether you can give a little of your time or a lot and look forward to welcoming you all. Please see attached flyer for further information.

### Instrumental Tuition

Andrew Parry Music are pleased to be returning to us this year and due to older students moving on, they have some availability for guitar, drum kit and piano / keyboard. Please visit their website for more information and to apply: [www.andrewparrymusic.com](http://www.andrewparrymusic.com).

## Community

### St Alphege Church

St Alphege Church has now been able to restart their children's ministry every Sunday morning during the 9:30am service.

**ST ALPHEGE CHURCH**  
WHITSTABLE

**SUNDAY KIDS SPACE**

Toys, games, crafts and wriggle room  
for all children during each  
Sunday 9:30am service.

Stay with your children or leave them  
with our wonderful children's leaders.

**We can't wait to see you!**

## 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 17.9.21

Puffins - 98.9%

### 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

Gabriel - Shells class  
Archie - Oysters class  
Callum - Puffins class



#### Healthy Mind, Body & Spirit

Charlotte - Pebbles class  
Theo - Oysters class  
Jasmine - Seagulls class



#### Inspiring Curriculum

Karl - Pebbles class  
Jakob - Pearls class  
Amelie - Puffins class



#### Nature and Outdoor Learning

Isabelle - Shells class  
Bonnie B - Pearls class  
Raff - Seagulls class



#### Exceptional English

Ellis - Pebbles class  
Anaya - Oysters class  
Myla - Seagulls class



#### Spectacular Vocabulary

Luca - Shells class  
Fred - Pearls class  
Zach - Puffins class

## Weekly Year Group Recap

### Sunbeams

From Mrs Keeble & Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have been developing our fine motor skills through mark making activities. We have talked about our families and made attempts at drawing the various members of our households. The pictures the children have drawn are really lovely! We have also used chalks and paint brushes to mark make as well as Squiggle While We Wiggle activities. During Squiggle, we make gross motor movements to music with scarves or magic wands. Then we transfer that movement to paper using crayons. Over time this really supports the development of our writing skills. We have also begun to play subitising games. Subitising is a skill we want to encourage, where we can recognise how many of something there is, without counting. Usually 1, 2 or 3 objects and this helps support our number sense development.

### Year R

From Mrs Arnott & Mr Mead

What a busy and fun week we have had in Reception. We have had a great time experiencing our first phonics lessons and have been brilliant learning our s, a, t and p sounds. In English this week we have been reading Elmer and thinking about what makes us unique and special just like Elmer. Everyone had lots of fun making their own patchwork elephants and exploring colour, including mixing coloured water and creating their own sponge printing pieces of art work. One of our favourite moments investigating colour was when we all became scientists and conducted our own experiment. All the children made predictions about what they thought would happen when we added water to a bowl of skittles – the result was a mix of beautiful rainbows! We had a wonderful time on wellbeing Wednesday making our own obstacle courses using lots of loose parts materials, it was great fun with lots of balancing, jumping and climbing! Well done for another great week Reception!

### Year 1

From Mrs Jones & Miss Johnson

This week we are going to be thinking about our families and would love to use some photos of your families in a display. Please could you send in or e-mail individual photos of your child's close family by Monday [year1@st-alphege.kent.sch.uk](mailto:year1@st-alphege.kent.sch.uk)

We will be continuing to learn all about our senses and explore the senses taste, smell and sight! We will be trying lots of foods and smelling lots of smells to see what we like and dislike. We are going to go to the beach on Wednesday and explore all 5 senses on our trip! Please feel free to wear suitable shoes for the day (wellies / trainers). We will then use this as part of our writing for English and write sentences about what we can see, taste, smell, feel and hear at the beach. In Maths we will continue to compare numbers using the inequality symbols (< > =) and begin to put numbers and objects in order.

### Year 2

From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Keeffe

We have had a lovely week in Year 2 with lots of time outdoors in the lovely sunshine! Next week we will be continuing to read our book 'There's a Tiger In The Garden', our emphasis this week will be on creative writing rather than factual writing. We will be continuing to learn about the continents and we will be comparing a hot place to a cold place: this week the continents we will focus on are Antarctica and Africa. We will be including some Geography and Science into our Art this week by creating some beautiful savannah paintings of African animals. We are starting to learn a song for Harvest festival at the end of the term, and we are still continuing to learn our continents song. Have a lovely weekend!