

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



Love

Loved, Inspired, Shining

Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May 2022

Thurs 12th - Class photos

Thurs 19th - Den Day

Fri 27th - End of Term 5

June 2022

Mon 6th - School closed

W/C 6th - Year 1 Phonics Screening

July 2022

Tue 19th - Year 2 Leavers Service at St Alphege Church
1.30pm

Tue 19th - Last day of Term

KEY EVENTS

Class Photos

Profiles Photography will be on school on Thursday 12th May to take the class group photos. If your child is in **Sunbeams but does not attend on a Thursday morning** you are welcome to bring them in to join their friends for the photo. Please arrive at the hall doors for 9.00am. It can take a little while to organise the children into the groups for the pictures so please bear with us. Please let the nursery teachers know if you will be bringing your child in so they can sort the children into groups prior to the morning.



Invitation to attend our year group worship at St Alphege Church

This term you are warmly invited to join your children's year group for worship in Church on a Monday. This is the usual worship that happens each week and so is not a performance by the children but an invitation to join in thought, prayer and song led by the St Alphege Church ministry team. Please check the date for your child's year and simply come along on the day – it would be lovely if you were able to join us. The children will be brought back to school after the worship has finished and dismissed in the usual way at 3:00pm.

- Year 1: Monday 9th May, 2.30pm
- Year 2: Monday 16th May, 2.30pm
- Whole School Worship: Monday 23rd May, 2.30pm

Den Day Thursday 19th May

On Thursday 19th May, we will be holding a whole school Den Day. Children will be taking part in different challenges to build their own dens or cosy spaces in the playground. These challenges will link to their geography, DT and science curriculum and will also create opportunities to develop problem solving, team work, communication, imagination and resilience skills. Once the children have created their dens, they will have time to enjoy them with their friends and teachers. We are looking forward to a creative and fun-filled day together. If you have any old sheets, blankets, tarpaulins, pegs, poles or garden canes that you would be willing to donate to us for your child to use, please bring these into school on the week beginning Monday 16th May.



Book Bonanza!

Miss Hughes and Mrs Swindells have spent some time reorganising our school library to make this into a better place to read and learn. We have removed some of the older books that we no longer require and would like to offer these to our families for a small voluntary donation. All money raised will go towards buying new books for the library space linked to the children's curriculum learning. Donations can be of any value and children are welcome to take as many books as they would like. Miss Huges and Mrs Swindells will be setting up a book stall in the playground every day after school on the week beginning Monday 16th May. Please do bring your children to browse through as there will be different books each day!

Queen's Jubilee

We are planning a very exciting week full of different activities to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Events will take place on the week beginning Monday 23rd May. Full details of these events will be sent home next week. To finish the week, we are planning a street party style afternoon on Friday 27th May where we will be asking the children and staff to dress smartly on this day. They could come in their party clothes, red/ white and blue or dress as a king or queen. You can be as creative as you like! A fish and chip lunch will be served with jelly and ice cream for pudding and the children will eat outside. There may even be a special guest appearance from Her Majesty! After lunch the children will take part in different games and activities on the playground.



Kent Fire and Rescue Service

The children had an assembly yesterday with Kim from the Kent Fire and Rescue Service. They had a fun and informative session learning how to keep safe and how to call for help if they discovered a fire. The service also offer free safe and well visits which you can book using the link. <https://www.kent.fire-uk.org/home-fire-safety-visits>



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



King Alphege Attendance Lion
W/E 29.4.22
Puffins Class – 97.7 %

Weekly Awards

Whole School Awards

Our awards this year represent our School Development priorities: SHINES. Each year group will nominate a child to receive each award every week.



St Alphege Values

Brody – Pebbles class
Alfie W - Pearls class
Chip - Seagulls class



Healthy Mind, Body & Spirit

Aaron – Pebbles class
Scout - Pearls class
Drew - Puffins class



Inspiring Curriculum

Olivia – Shells class
Hattie – Pearls class
May - Puffins class



Nature and Outdoor Learning

Gabriel – Shells class
Archie L - Oysters class
Raff - Seagulls class



Exceptional English

Morgan – Shells class
Tilli – Oysters class
Grace - Seagulls class



Spectacular Vocabulary

Maia R – Pebbles class
Henry – Oysters class
Danny – Puffins class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

From Mrs Keeble & Mrs Humphreys

What another busy week we have had in Sunbeams! We have been fascinated watching the changes and detail as our caterpillars continue to grow. We have learnt about the lifecycle of the caterpillar changing into a butterfly and used our scissor skills to cut out pictures to sequence the cycle. To further explore and notice growth and change, we have planted sunflower seeds this week so that we can observe the changes in both the seed as it begins to germinate and later the stem and flower as the plant grows over the next few weeks. After reading the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar we have then begun to explore patterns and creating our own simple repeating patterns using loose parts and a variety of resources. We can't wait to see the changes in the caterpillars and sunflower seeds next week. As the weather is getting warmer, please could we ask parents to ensure their children are sun safe with sunscreen and hats each day.

Year R

From Mrs Arnott & Mr Mead

This week in Pebbles and Shells we have been learning about The Ladybug poem. The children did a great job memorising and performing the poem! Everyone tried hard identifying rhyming words and we have had fun playing lots of rhyming games. In Maths the children have been looking at numbers beyond 10! We managed to count all the way to 100 and made our own number lines from 1-20. We enjoyed playing board games and even went on a number hunt. In PE we learnt all about tag Rugby and played lots of fun games where we got to use lots of equipment to chase and collect our friends tags. On Thursday we met Kim from Kent Fire and Rescue and she taught us all about being safe around fire. The children have used their Learning Through Play time to think of ways to keep us safe if we see fire. Well done for a great week, hope you have a lovely weekend!

Year 1

From Mrs Jones & Mrs Swindells

This week, Year 1 had a lot of fun talking and learning about Chinese food. The children really impressed us with their cutting and peeling skills and enjoyed tasting their stir fry and prawn crackers! Next week we will be reading a beautiful book by Julia Donaldson called 'The magic paintbrush' and we will learn how to use 'so' in sentences to show the result of something. In Maths we will be learning to count equal groups and will begin to learn about arrays (a picture that helps us to count in groups). We will be learning about deciduous and evergreen trees and in RE will continue to learn about what Jewish people have in their homes and why. Thursday is school photos day! On Monday we will be going to Church for worship and families are very welcome to join us – starting at 2.30pm.

Year 2

From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Keeffe

Next week in Year 2 we are going to be looking at solving tricky 2 step word problems in our Maths lessons. Puffins are going to Duncan Downs on Wednesday with Mr Thomas-Friend, for a super morning full of activities! Seagulls will be doing the same the following Wednesday. In English we will be writing about the character Maui in the first person, practising using past tense verbs. We are continuing to explore stitching in textiles for our Art and in our Science lessons we will be carrying out an experiment with Haribo sweets as part of our investigation topic! Don't forget we also have school photos on Thursday! Have a wonderful weekend everyone!