

# SUNBEAMS NURSERY

# ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege  
Values



Love

Loved, Inspired, Shining

## Newsletter

Term 4 Week 1 | 25.2.22

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Feb 2022

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> – Year R Worship at St Alphege church 2.00pm

#### March 2022

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> - World Book Day – Dress up as a book character

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 Worship at St Alphege Church 2.00pm

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 Worship at St Alphege Church 2.00pm

#### April 2022

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> – Last day of Term 4

Tue 19<sup>th</sup> – Start of Term 5

#### May 2022

Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> - Class photos

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> – End of Term 5

### KEY EVENTS

#### Reading E-Books

Due to technical issues from Collins Big Cat, we have been unable to access the E-Books as quickly as anticipated. We should be able to have full access to these in the next few weeks and parent log-ins will be sent out to you all as soon as we have them. We are hoping this will give an alternative and fun way for you and your child to access quality reading books at home. Rest assured, we will still be sending home paper copies of different texts for your child to enjoy as we recognise the importance of striking a good balance between embracing technology and valuing the power of a paper reading book.

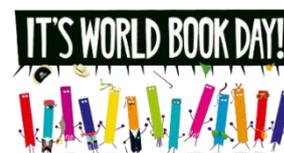
#### Outdoor Canopies

You may have noticed that the work on our outdoor canopies was unable to be completed during the half term break. Understandably, work needed to cease due to the storms and high winds. The areas are still safe for the children to access and they will be continuing with regular, planned outdoor learning opportunities until this work can be completed. The new canopy tops are due to be fitted as soon as possible, so we will soon be able to enjoy the shelter and protection that they will bring!

#### World Book Day – Dress up as a book character

We will be dressing up as book characters to celebrate World Book Day next week on **Thursday 3rd March**. Please bring in a book to share with your class. This could be the book that you are dressing up as a character from, or if you don't have that book at home - just one from home that you enjoy instead!

Please see the separate letter which will detail how we celebrate all things 'books' next week!



## Year 1 cereal boxes

Please could each Year 1 child bring in a cereal box to create our Tudor Street.

## 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 25.2.22  
Shells Class – 99.1%

## 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

Charlotte – Pebbles class  
Rosa – Pearls class  
Charlie – Seagulls class



#### Healthy Mind, Body & Spirit

Oliver – Pebbles class  
Henry – Oysters class  
Amelie – Puffins class



#### Inspiring Curriculum

Rosie – Shells class  
Sammy – Oysters class  
Preston – Seagulls class



#### Nature and Outdoor Learning

Luca - Shells class  
Miya – Pearls class



#### Exceptional English

Lily – Pebbles class  
Mia – Oysters class  
Leo – Seagulls class  
Frank – Puffins class



#### Spectacular Vocabulary

Indigo – Shells class  
Theo – Pearls class  
Harriet – Puffins class

### Bailey Yanik Cup

In honour of a previous pupil who sadly passed away, we award the Bailey Yanik Cup once each term. This cup is awarded to a little person who has the gift of finding joy in everything, and makes a big difference to everyone around them.

**Last term it was awarded to Pippa in Year R.**



## Weekly Year Group Recap

### Sunbeams

From Mrs Keeble & Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have been noticing the signs around us that spring is on its way. We tidied up our raised beds outside and discovered crocus and daffodil bulbs blooming! We have thought about how we can help the wildlife around us while the weather is still cold and until spring truly springs! We made bird feeders using recycled materials such as cardboard rolls and yoghurt pots. We look forward to seeing the birds tuck into the seeds we have provided for them. We have found lots of opportunities for mark making, inspired by daffodils and stories. We drew different aspects of the Bear Hunt story as well as creating observational drawings of flowers. We used all of our listening and attention skills during our music activities with Mrs Memmott this week and were guided by gentle music. We also explored the sounds different musical instruments make when we used them to accompany the story of the Bear Hunt.

### Year R

From Mrs Arnott & Mr Mead

What a busy and brilliant first week back we have had! We introduced our new theme for the term – Transport. This week we have been focussing on different types of transport we might find on land. We had a great time on Wednesday walking through Whitstable and filling out our own traffic surveys. We found cars were definitely the most popular type of transport on the road but bikes were high up there too! In English we have been reading Mrs Armitage on Wheels. The children loved designing their own bikes with quirky additions and everyone worked hard to write some lovely sentences to describe their bikes. In Maths this week we have been working on ordering numbers 1-10 and finding the missing numbers. The children had a lovely time in our RE lesson this week exploring Palm Sunday and what it means to Christians. Everyone enjoyed acting out the story. We also had lots of fun starting our new PE unit this term – tag rugby! We had a taster session to practice rolling and throwing the rugby balls. Well done for a great first week back Reception. We're looking forward to next week's fun already!

### Year 1

From Mrs Jones & Mrs Swindells

Well done Year 1 on a fabulous first week back after half term! The children are really enjoying learning about the Great Fire of London and after reading some of Samuel Pepys' diary they wrote some really imaginative questions. The bread that they baked, to remember Pudding Lane, tasted delicious! Next week we will be writing fact files about the fire and continuing our paintings of the London sky. We will also begin to create our own Tudor street - please could your child bring in a cereal box to help with this? In Maths we will begin to subtract across ten. It will be a busy week: pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, the beginning of Lent on Wednesday, when Christians prepare for Easter, and World Book Day on Thursday! Please come to school dressed as a character from a favourite book and bring the book to share with your friends. We can't wait!

### Year 2

From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Keeffe

Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful half term. We've had a great first week introducing some of our new topics, such as: Plants and The Titanic. Thank you for all the amazing homework you have sent in, our Year 2 corridor looks super! Please continue to send anything in that you think would be relevant to our topics. Next week we have World Book Day! We can't wait to dress up and see all of the children's outfits! We will be naming the parts of a plant and identifying their functions in Science. In Art we will be learning about textiles and practising weaving. Our English lessons next week will tie into our History topic for the term; The Titanic. We will be learning and writing facts about this famous event. Thank you to everyone who made time for a parent evening appointment, it was lovely to talk about your child's learning. We are very proud of them!