

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

# ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege  
Values



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Loved, Inspired, Shining

## Newsletter

Term 2 Week 6 | 10.12.21

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### December 2021

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> – Y2 Advent Service at St Alphege Church 2pm

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> – Friends Christmas Raffle takes place

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Lunch

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> – Sunbeams Christmas party. All children invited to the morning session

Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> – Year R, 1 & 2 Christmas parties, non-uniform day

Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> – An Audience with Father Christmas

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> - End of Term 2

#### January 2022

Tue 4<sup>th</sup> – Start of Term

### KEY EVENTS

#### We hear wedding bells!



We would like to send our congratulations to Miss Johnson, who is (finally) getting married in the Christmas holidays. Due to the pandemic, she has been waiting for her big day for quite a long time! We know that you will join with us in sending her your best wishes and we hope that she has a fantastic day. We look forward to welcoming her back as Mrs Swindells in January!



### An Audience with Father Christmas

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December, we are expecting a special visit from Father Christmas and his elf! He will meet with each class in turn in the school hall. Father Christmas will be answering the children's questions and telling them stories and we have also heard that he might be singing some Christmas songs! He also tells us that he may have a special surprise for each of the classes. This magical event would not have been possible without our ongoing links with The Playhouse Theatre and we are very grateful to them for supporting us to enable this special event.



### Sports Clubs



There will be no sports clubs next week, they have finished for this term. The new club details will be sent out next week. Please sign up by **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December**, as the clubs will start during the first week of term 3.

### Supermarket vouchers

If you are in receipt of benefits and your child is registered for the Pupil Premium free meals, you will again receive a supermarket voucher to cover the school holiday period. You will receive your voucher by email on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December and it will be for a total of £30.00 per child to cover the Christmas holidays. This is for eligible children in Years R-2 and not for Sunbeams children. If you think you may be entitled to a voucher and haven't received one previously, please call Mrs Cullen in the school office.

### Children and young people flu catch up clinics

If your child is aged 5 to 16 and missed their flu vaccination at school (Year R to Year 11), you can now book an appointment for a clinic online. These clinics are available to anyone aged 5 to 16 who are at school or home educated. To book a flu appointment, just go to <https://kchft.healthit.org.uk/patheks> - it's that simple!



## Community

### Winter mini challenge - Whitstable library reading challenge



The Wild World Heroes are back to help with The Reading Agency's Winter Mini Challenge 2021! Join the Wild World Heroes as they embark on an Arctic adventure to find out about the creatures that live there. Find out about the environmental issues facing this precious, remote place and even spot a narwhal or two.

Taking part in the WMC is simple – children just need to read at least three books between 1 December and 16 January and add them to their online profile at [www.wintermini.org.uk](http://www.wintermini.org.uk) to earn fun digital rewards! The challenge runs from Wednesday 1 December 2021 and finishes on Sunday 16 January 2022.

There's loads of other great stuff on the Winter Mini Challenge website too, including games, book reviews, reading activities, content from children's authors and illustrators plus there will be online events like draw-alongs, story-time sessions as well as competitions for book bundles.

## 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 26.11.21

**Pearls Class – 98.5%**

### 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

Morgan – Shells class  
Lottie – Oysters class  
Chip – Seagulls class



#### Healthy Mind, Body & Spirit

Leo – Shells class  
Peggy – Oysters class  
Reni – Seagulls class



#### Inspiring Curriculum

Charlotte – Pebbles class  
Theo – Pearls class  
Chase – Seagulls class



#### Nature and Outdoor Learning

Rayan – Pebbles class  
Cissy – Pearls class



#### Exceptional English

Ellis – Pebbles class  
Lexi – Oysters class  
Kiera – Puffins class  
Grace – Puffins



#### Spectacular Vocabulary

Florence – Shells class  
Annie – Pearls class  
Danny – Puffins class

## Weekly Year Group Recap

### Sunbeams

From Mrs Keeble & Mrs Humphreys

We have had another busy week in the build up to Christmas in Sunbeams. We have been retelling the story of the Nativity in our words, which will be used as the narrative for our Sunbeams Christmas performance, as well as rehearsing our songs ready for the big filming session next Wednesday morning before our Christmas Party. We hope as many of our Sunbeams as possible will be able to join us for this. After preparing our letters to Santa last week we visited the post box in the High Street in small groups to post the letters ourselves. On Thursday Reverend Rachel visited the nursery to share the Posada with the children and retell the Nativity Story. We have also been making Christmas cards for our families at home and enjoying a range of Christmas crafts to decorate our nursery and make it look all Christmassy!

### Year R

From Mrs Arnott & Mr Mead

We have had a lovely week in Reception starting all our festive fun! To kick start the week all the children were incredible and made us very proud singing all our Nativity songs. We really hope you all enjoy watching the video, we thought they were amazing! In English this week we have enjoyed reading and watching The Stickman. We had lots of fun going into the nest to find our own sticks and make our own stick men. We thought lots about how Stickman might have been feeling at different points during the story and then made our own posters asking for help to find stickman. In Maths we have been doing lots of work on some of our 2d shapes. We have been on shape hunts and have practiced drawing our shapes, thinking carefully about the number of sides and corners. On Wednesday we started our Christmas crafts by making our own Christmas cards and baking some snowmen cupcakes. We can't wait for more festive fun in our last week of term next week! Have a lovely weekend!

### Year 1

From Mrs Jones & Miss Johnson

It has been wonderful to see how excited and joyful our children have been this week. The children worked really hard on their songs for the recorded nativity – although it isn't quite the same as a live performance we hope you enjoy watching it. Next week we will be continuing with our Christmas Maths and English activities, making and writing Christmas cards and competing with our friends in a Christmas quiz. Wednesday is our Christmas lunch and on Thursday it is non uniform day for our Christmas party and a (surprise – shh!) visit from Father Christmas. We will also be joining a live stream Pantomime and taking time to share about what Christmas means for us and our families. Have a lovely weekend!

### Year 2

From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Keeffe

Wow! We can't believe next week is the last week of term! We have so many exciting things in store! On Monday we will be visiting the church for our Christingle Service. We have a special visitor in school on Thursday and will be having a Christmas party to celebrate the end of term. We will also be watching a live showing of the pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. In our English lessons we will be writing a list to Father Christmas telling him all of the cheeky things our elf has been doing in the classroom! On Wednesday we will enjoy our school Christmas dinner, as well as walking through Whitstable town to spot signs of Christmas! What a fabulous, fun week!