

# SUNBEAMS NURSERY

# ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege  
Values



Love

Loved, Inspired, Shining

## Newsletter

Term 4 Week 2 | 4.3.22

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### March 2022

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

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> – Bank holiday – school closed

Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> – Class photos

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> – End of Term 5

### KEY EVENTS

#### Help for the Ukraine

We are gravely concerned about the crisis situation developing in the Ukraine and have been looking for ways that we can support families who are most in need. There are many charities who are accepting monetary donations to provide much needed support. A local Canterbury based family is also coordinating the collection of emergency packs for the refugees in the Ukraine. They will ensure that these are shipped out to those most in need. If you would like to donate a pack, they are asking for different items (outlined below) Each pack needs to be complete in a plastic bag and tied loosely in a knot to allow for easy transportation and distribution. **These can be dropped off, or posted to 6 The Foreland, Canterbury, Kent CT13NT. Packs must be dropped off by the end of March.**

They are looking for the following:

<b>Female Packs</b>	<b>Male Packs</b>	<b>Children's Packs</b>
Baby wipes	Razor	Children's toothpaste
Toothbrush	Small shaving foam	Toothbrush
Toothpaste	Toothbrush	Flannel
Deodorant	Toothpaste	Baby wipes
Sanitary towels (could be a small number from a pack)	Deodorant	Small toy (if possible)
Small hair shampoo	Soap	
Soap	Flannel/ Sponge	
Flannel/Sponge		

### The situation in the Ukraine

We are all acutely aware of the situation between Ukraine and Russia at the moment and your children are undoubtedly picking up some of the events in the news. We have attached links below which may help to explain this in a more child friendly manner.

How people are helping <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/60558072>

Simple overview of what is happening between Russia and Ukraine

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/60554258>

What if the news upsets me? <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002>



### Replacement of the canopies

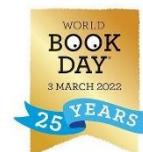
As work needed to be halted over the half term break, we were unable to complete the replacement of our canopies. The team are coming to install these on Monday and Tuesday of next week, so there may be some disruption to the outdoor environments in Nursery and Reception. We will do all we can to minimise the impact on the children and will still ensure that they have access to outdoor learning opportunities throughout the day. We are looking forward to being able to enjoy our new canopies and thank you for your understanding whilst this work is completed.

Nursery parents will be asked to use the door into the Nursery building from Monday rather than the side gate for both drop-off and collections. Staff will be outside to direct you on Monday morning if you are unsure! This will continue for the remainder of this academic year.

Reception parents will still be able to drop off and collect from the Reception outdoor patios and we will ask the workmen to cease their work during these times. The risk is to the workmen, not the children, but we still want to make sure everyone is safe during these two days!

### World Book Day

Thank you all for your support on World Book Day. Your children looked amazing in their costumes and had a wonderful day celebrating the joy of reading together. Thanks to Miss Hughes for her organisation of this day. Next week, the classes will be visiting Harbour Street Bookshop, where they will be read a story and will also be able to choose a book to take home which will be paid for with their Book Day tokens. We would like to thank the staff at Harbour Street Books for allowing us to visit and for enabling another community connection within the town.



### Whole School Worship

We are looking to bring the whole school back together for Worship in the hall towards the end of this term. We have missed the opportunities to gather together as a whole school family so much and it will be a wonderful opportunity for the children to feel reunited with each other once again. We are also exploring ways to invite parents to attend the weekly year group Worship at St Alphege church and will write to you all nearer the time to invite you to join us. We look forward to welcoming you again soon!



### Welcome to our new parent Governor!

We are delighted that Pamela Pitman has joined our supportive governing body. We were actively seeking a governor with expertise in the Arts to further strengthen our passion and commitment to creativity and outstanding arts provision. We are grateful to her for offering her time and expertise in this area. The role of the parent governor is a really important one in ensuring parent voice on a strategic level. We aim to work really closely with parents, governors and school leaders to continue to ensure our school and the children within it are flourishing. As always, we welcome your thoughts, feedback and comments and would encourage parents to continue to contact Mrs Spinks, Mrs Thomas-Friend or Ms Strike in the first instance.



## 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 4.3.22  
Seagulls Class – 99.5%

## 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

Isabelle – Shells class  
Bonnie – Pearls class  
Chase – Seagulls class



#### Healthy Mind, Body & Spirit

Bo – Shells class  
Archie M – Oysters class  
Elijah – Puffins class



#### Inspiring Curriculum

Chloe – Pebbles class  
Harrison – Pearls class  
Henry – Puffins class



#### Nature and Outdoor Learning

Elsie – Shells class  
Chloe – Oysters class  
Leo – Seagulls class



#### Exceptional English

Evie – Pebbles class  
Nathan – Pearls class  
Ivy – Puffins class



#### Spectacular Vocabulary

Ellis – Pebbles class  
Maxwell – Oysters class  
Scarlet – Seagulls class

## Weekly Year Group Recap

### Sunbeams

#### From Mrs Keeble & Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we read the story of the Three Billy Goats Gruff and acted it out with the children. This led to our exploring of size through comparison. The children used string to measure their height and then compare it to things in the environment and each other, to see what is taller or shorter than themselves. We have been building towers using blocks and making caterpillars with playdough for comparison, which has led to some lovely discussion and vocabulary to describe size. On Thursday we celebrated World Book Day, with all of us wearing costumes of book characters and bringing in our favourite story books from home. We really enjoyed the time we spent sitting and sharing the books with each other and it was lovely for all of us to read some story books that we had never read before! On Monday we will return to using our front door to welcome and dismiss the children in Sunbeams. Please can we remind you all to make sure your children bring in spare clothes every day with them, since we often do messy play and occasionally will need to change them out of dirty, wet clothes.

### Year R

#### From Mrs Arnott & Mr Mead

Reception have had a fantastic week this week! In English we have been reading Mr Gumpy's Outing. We all thought it was a very funny story and the children all worked hard to write their own part to add into the story. We learnt about speech bubbles and when we use question marks. In phonics we have been recapping some of our tricky digraphs and have been practicing segmenting and blending longer words. This week has been a boat themed week. We have explored different types of transport we might find on the water and had a great time having a construction morning making our own boats out of lot of different resources and materials. On Wednesday we even conducted our own floating and sinking experiment. World Book Day was a big highlight of the week. All the children looked amazing in their costumes and we had a great day sharing our stories, role playing our characters and designing our own book marks to take home. Well done for a fab week Reception!

### Year 1

#### From Mrs Jones & Mrs Swindells

Next week we will be reading the story 'Vlad and the Great Fire of London' and thinking about the past tense. For our writing, we will be using the 'ed' suffix to write about events that happened during the Great Fire of London. In Maths we will be finding fact families for numbers and writing 2 addition and 2 subtraction number sentences for a family ( $2 + 3 = 5$ ,  $3 + 2 = 5$ ,  $5 - 2 = 3$ ,  $5 - 3 = 2$ ). We began making a Tudor house this week and will add the roof and black beams to it this week! We will also continue to think about seasons and the changes within each month. As part of World Book Day, each child has been given a token to spend on a book. We will be visiting Harbour Street Book Shop (Oysters on Thursday and Pearls on Friday) to spend the token and have a look around the bookshop.

### Year 2

#### From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Keeffe

What a wonderful week! In Y2, we have loved trying pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, and wearing our wonderful costumes on World Book Day! Well done to those of you that participated in our Extreme Read challenge, we loved seeing your fabulous photos! Next week, we will be walking down to Harbour Street Book shop in small groups with Reception, to exchange our World Book Day voucher for a book that we get to keep! We will also be finishing off our Titanic fact posters and bringing them home to share with you! In Art we will be trying sewing like the artist Faith Ringgold. We will also be playing more exciting Games in our P.E. lessons. Well done to everyone for a fabulous week!