

# SUNBEAMS NURSERY

# ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege  
Values



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Loved, Inspired, Shining

## Newsletter

Term 5 Week 4 | 13.5.22

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### May 2022

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> – Seagulls class trip to Duncan Down  
Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> – Den Day  
Fri 27<sup>th</sup> – Jubilee celebration “Street Party”  
Fri 27<sup>th</sup> – End of Term 5

#### June 2022

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> – School closed  
W/C 6<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 Phonics Screening  
Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> – 6.00pm Parent meeting for new Year R children  
Tues 14<sup>th</sup> - 10.00am Craft event for new Year R children  
Tue 14<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 PAC Performance at The Playhouse (rescheduled date)  
Wed 15<sup>th</sup> – 1.45pm Craft event for new Year R children  
Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> – 10.00am New Year R children Storytime

#### July 2022

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> – Whole school transition morning  
Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 children go to their junior schools  
Tues 12<sup>th</sup> – 1.30pm New Year R Party in the Park  
Tue 19<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 Leavers Service at St Alphege Church  
1.30pm  
Tue 19<sup>th</sup> - Last day of Term

### KEY EVENTS

#### 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 2: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2.30pm**
- **Whole School Worship: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2.30pm**

#### Den Day Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 Hughes and Mrs Swindells will be setting up a book stall in the playground every day after school on the **week beginning Monday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 (no alternative meals offered that day) 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.



### Arts Advocates

As a Platinum Artsmark school we have been approached by the Arts Council England and asked to write an advocacy statement showing the impact of Artsmark within our school. This will be shared with all 1,997 schools across the South East region. This will enable us another opportunity to advocate for the power of an outstanding arts curriculum and to enable us further opportunities to showcase our creative successes. The aim of this statement is to support other schools in embracing creative and cultural approaches to learning. We wondered if you would also like an opportunity to read our submission, so we have sent a copy of this alongside this week's newsletter.

### Bikes and scooters, ponds and Downs – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May

Year 2 children will be visiting the pond at Whitstable Junior School on Tuesday afternoon to do some pond dipping science investigations.

Year 2 children will have a fun afternoon using bikes and scooters on the playground on Wednesday. If your child has their own bike or scooter that they would like to use, please bring them to school on Wednesday morning and they can be safely stored in the bike shed. We have some school bikes to use as well, so don't worry if it's not convenient to bring your own.

Seagulls class will spend the morning at Duncan Down on Wednesday so please send your child with comfortable shoes for the walk there and back.



### Term 6 Clubs

Please look out for the letters being sent home today which detail the clubs on offer in Term 6. There are Sports clubs with Achieve Sport, animal club with Creepy Claws and extra-curricular clubs with school staff. Please check the days carefully so you don't request a place at more than one club running at the same time. The deadline to book a place is **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May** but places fill within a couple of days, so please return your form as soon as possible.

## 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 13.5.22  
Seagulls Class – 97.3%

## 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

George – Shells class  
Faith F – Oysters class  
Nova – Seagulls class



#### Healthy Mind, Body & Spirit

Layla – Pebbles class  
Phoenix – Pearls class  
Ivy – Puffins class



#### Inspiring Curriculum

Quinn – Pebbles class  
Quinn – Oysters class  
Lexi – Puffins class



#### Nature and Outdoor Learning

Caleesi – Shells class  
Ben – Pearls class  
Elijah – Puffins class



#### Exceptional English

Edie – Pebbles class  
Demmi – Oysters class  
Chase – Seagulls class



#### Spectacular Vocabulary

Kachi – Shells class  
Flora – Pearls class  
Abi – Seagulls class

## Weekly Year Group Recap

### Sunbeams

From Mrs Keeble & Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have continued to observe the changes in our caterpillars and sunflower seeds. We have noticed this week that our caterpillars have changed into their chrysalis phase and that our sunflower seeds have begun to germinate with some seedlings appearing in our pots. We have taken opportunities to explore measure as these changes are taking place. We always have lots of interesting mixtures and textures to explore in our tough tray which leads to some wonderful opportunities for our exploration, investigation and language skills to develop. This week we have created cloud dough using flour and baby oil and we also explored how gelli baffle crystals change as we add water. 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

Reception have had a lovely week this week involving lots of exciting outdoor learning. In English we have been reading another Eric Carle story – The Tiny Seed. The children explored the importance of looking after plants and flowers and we all planted our very own seeds. The children worked very hard to write their own set of instructions on how to plant a seed and care for it after. In maths, the children have been working hard adding numbers above 10. Everyone really impressed us with their adding skills and use of resources. In PE we have been exploring activities and exercise we will need to be practicing in preparation for our sports week next term! The children have made us very proud in Phonics this week, showing off some brilliant sounding out and reading skills. They have even been learning about compound words! Wow! Well done Reception, have a lovely weekend in the sun and we'll see you on Monday!

### Year 1

From Mrs Jones & Mrs Swindells

Year 1 have had a lovely week learning all about different types of trees! If you find any leaves from different trees over the weekend, please bring them in for Monday! Next week we will continue to look at deciduous and evergreen trees and sorting leaves into the categories. We will also be thinking about the different types of bark and doing bark rubbings of the trees and comparing them to each other. We will count the rings on tree cuttings in order to find out their age! We will be continuing to read The Magic Paintbrush in English and thinking about what we would paint and how it would have a positive impact. In Maths, we will be learning all about doubles and working out what it means if something is doubled. This week we made a China cup using clay skills and next week we will be using painting skills to paint it with our chosen base colour. On Thursday we will also be having a 'Den Day'! We will be outside all day building dens with our friends and spending time doing things we love in our dens! Thank you to all families who joined us in Church on Monday – it was wonderful to see you there!

### Year 2

From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Keeffe

Next week is super busy in Year 2! The children will be sitting their Year 2 SATs in small groups, so have planned some fabulous treat afternoons to give their brains a break! On Monday we have our church Worship, which parents/carers are welcome to join. On Tuesday afternoon, the children will be visiting the pond at Whitstable Junior School to take part in some pond dipping for their science investigation topic. On Wednesday Seagulls will visit Duncan Down in the morning. In the afternoon the children are having a bike/scooter session on the playground. Thursday is 'Den Day' led by Mr Thomas-Friend and on Friday we will try our usual 'Rainbow Challenges' to allow the children to revisit some of their weekly learning through play-based challenges.