

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

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Values



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Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June 2022

W/C 20th – Arts Week

Mon 20th – 2.30pm Year 1 Worship at church

Thurs 23rd – 10.00am New Year R children Storytime

Mon 27th – 2.30pm Year R Worship at church

W/C 27th – Sports Week & Writing Week

July 2022

Mon 4th – 2.30pm Year 1 Worship at church

Wed 6th – Year R Healthy Eating workshops with
Chartwells

Wed 6th – Year 2 end of year trip

Thurs 7th – Whole school transition morning

Thurs 7th – Year 2 children go to their junior schools

Mon 11th – 2.30pm whole school worship at church

Mon 11th – 9.30am Year 2 end of year performance to
parents

Tues 12th – 9.30am Year R end of year performance to
parents

Tues 12th – 1.30pm New Year R Party in the Park

Weds 13th – 9.30am and 2.30pm (please only attend
one performance) - Year 1 end of year performance to
parents

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

Tue 19th - Last day of Term. 3.00pm finish time

Sept 2022

Thurs 1st – Year 1 & 2 start Term 1

KEY EVENTS

Invitation to year group worship at St Alphege Church

It was wonderful to have families join us last term for our Monday worships. Once again, this term you are really welcome to join your children's year group at St. Alphege Church. This is the usual worship that happens each week - an opportunity to join in thought, prayer and song, led by the St Alphege Church ministry team. 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 20th June, 2.30pm
- Year R: Monday 27th June, 2.30pm
- Year 1: Monday 4th July, 2.30pm
- Whole School Worship: Monday 11th July, 2.30pm

Arts Week – week commencing 20th June

We will be celebrating our annual Arts Week next week! This year our theme is 'Global Orchard' and every class will be exploring this theme in lots of exciting creative ways throughout the week. Selected groups of children across Year 1 and 2 will be going on a trip to Mansfield Farm Orchard to learn about orchards, fruit and fruit picking, whilst another group will be joining in with this year's Animate Arts 'Big Build' day. All year groups will also be visiting Granny Smiths grocery store to learn more about where our local produce comes from too. As part of our Arts Week, children will be making and using their own paints and dyes from fruits too. **We would be grateful for any donations of crushable berries, colourful fruits or textured vegetables to support this activity.** Please hand them to your child's class teacher or the school office on Monday.

Our Performing Arts Club Superstars!

Words cannot express how proud we are of our Year 2 Performing Arts Club children, who performed their show, Antonio's Circus, to a packed crowd at the Playhouse theatre on Tuesday. After such a turbulent few years, it was a joy to be back in the theatre, doing what we do best! The smiles on the children's faces were wonderful to see and we are so proud of each and every one of our little superstars! They took to the stage with such confidence and put on a dazzling performance. It was also wonderful to have the remaining Year 2 children join us at the theatre to watch the show. They were a fabulous audience, clapping, laughing and joining in with the audience participation songs! As always, we want to say a huge thank you to The Playhouse Theatre for allowing us to take over their beautiful stage and to all the volunteers at the Playhouse who made this production possible!

Art Builders - Big Build Day

On Friday 24th June, we will be taking some of our Year 1 and 2 children to Chartham Village Hall for a day of creativity and art building! If your child has been selected to take part in this day, you will have already been notified. This year, Mrs Spinks has been supporting two other local schools to help them improve their arts offer, delivering training and support to help them improve their curriculum and increase the creative opportunities for their children. This project has been funded by the Arts Council and Mrs Spinks was honoured to be asked to lead on this project. Children from both of these schools will join St Alphege for a big build day, where they will work with artists to create a Global Orchard made from paper and cardboard. This is sure to be an exciting and inspiring day for everyone involved and we look forward to sharing photographs and the video which will be created as part of the event with you all soon!

A Stitch Together - Community Quilt

On Friday last week, we were lucky enough to visit the secret premier viewing of the A Stitch Together: Whitstable Jubilee Community Quilt Project. This project has been funded by the Arts Council. The children have been working in school with Nicole Bates, a cyanotype artist to turn their special natural objects and words into pieces of art. These were then circulated through different generations across the Whitstable community who embroidered and stitched the pieces together, adding other elements to the work. The children's words have also been collated into a special book which will be a lasting memory for the community of this significant historical event. The art work will be on public display soon and we will let you know where you can view it! We would like to thank Cafe 39 for providing us with some delicious treats to mark this special event and to Revival Cafe and Wellbeing for organising and supporting this event. The results are stunning!

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

Morgan – Shells class
Daisy-Mae – Pearls class
Jack – Puffins class



Healthy Mind, Body & Spirit

Lily – Pebbles class
Henry – Oysters class
Rupert – Seagulls class



Inspiring Curriculum

Jed – Shells class
Nathan – Pearls class
Reni – Seagulls class



Nature and Outdoor Learning

Theo – Pebbles class
Fred – Pearls class
Elijah – Puffins class



Exceptional English

Olivia – Shells class
Jackson – Oysters class
Judah – Puffins class



Spectacular Vocabulary

Edie – Pebbles class
Sixten – Oysters class
Winnie – Seagulls class

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 10.6.22
Shells Class – 98%

Community Events

Cornwallis Circle Playground Improvements

Last year we helped the council by sharing an online survey to find out if local children and parents wanted to choose between an option to replace just a few items of play equipment at the Cornwallis Circle play area, or an option to fully refurbish the play area.

The majority voted for a full replacement play area and the council now have the funding in place for this. The council is working with the Cornwallis Circle Play Improvement Group to provide the new play area (to replace the current one). The new play area will be for children aged 0 to 12+.

They would love to hear local children and parents/carers ideas for the play area so are running another online survey with some questions. Children can also do drawings and sketches of their play area ideas and upload those too.

This is the link to the survey <https://online1.snapsurveys.com/cornwalliscircleplayarea>

The survey will run from Monday 13th June to Sunday 10th July.

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

From Mrs Keeble & Mrs Humphreys

This week in sunbeams we have begun practicing some of the skills we will need for sports week, next week. We have been throwing bean bags as far as we can and racing on our hands and knees under arches and through tunnels. We have been extending our subitising skills and thinking about the different patterns of number that we can see that make up a larger quantity. On Thursday morning we had Victoria come into Sunbeams to talk to the children about her role as a Police Community Support Officer. We were able to explore the police car she brought with her as well as some of the equipment she carries with her. On Friday morning we visited the Fire Station. Sunbeams were extremely sensible as we caught the bus to travel there and back. We were able to explore the fire engines and their water rescue boat and among other things, had the opportunity to squirt the hose! Thank you to all of you who are remembering to put sun cream on your child in the morning and ensuring they have a sunhat with them at Sunbeams.

Year R

From Mrs Arnott & Mr Mead

Reception have had a great week especially since the weather has been so lovely! In English we have been looking at Handa's Surprise and the children have been writing some fantastic sentences explaining which animals stole fruit from Handa's fruit basket! The children even managed to try a variety of fruit that Handa took on her journey. We tried passion fruit, mango, pineapple and strawberries! In maths we have been revisiting doubling and using lots of the outside areas to find natural resources that we can double. The children found 10 flowers and then added another 10 to double the flowers into 20! The children continued with their fantastic phonics really impressing the adults with their amazing decoding and sentence writing this week! Well done Reception, have a lovely weekend!

Year 1

From Mrs Jones & Mrs Swindells

Thank you, Year 1, for another fun packed week! It was wonderful to see how excited the children were when we visited the Whitstable Playhouse to watch the Year 2 PAC performance. They laughed and clapped so loudly! The children really impressed us with learning to half and quarter shapes and numbers – they especially enjoyed making and eating pizza to show quarters.

Next week is art week, when we will be learning about orchards, trees and fruit to inspire our painting, and drawing. On Monday we will be going to St. Alphege Church for worship at 2.30pm. You are really welcome to join us – it would be lovely to see you if you can come. On Wednesday, it is the turn of Oysters Class to visit Duncan Downs – you can bring wellies if you like and a sunhat if it is sunny! On Thursday morning Year 1 will be going to their new classes, to have a play and meet the grown ups who will be working with them next year. Have a lovely weekend.

Year 2

From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Keeffe

Year 2 have had a brilliant week! They loved visiting the Playhouse Theatre to watch their friend's fabulous PAC performance at the beginning of the week. They have used this special performance in their English lessons to write a recount in the past tense. They have spent lots of time enjoying outdoor learning in the lovely weather this week and worked in small teams to invent their own games in PE. Next week, they will be celebrating art week and learning about orchards, fruit and trees which will inspire all their learning. They will be creating their own paintbrushes from natural materials and using fruit to make their own paints.