

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Oct 2022

Mon 10th – Year 1 and 2 Harvest Worship with families at St Alphege Church 2.30pm
Tues 12th – Year R – Pebbles visiting Stream Walk
Weds 12th – Bean Machine in the playground 8.20am
Weds 12th – Oysters trip to Duncan Downs
Mon 17th – Year 1 Harbour Visit
Weds 19th – Flu vaccination (YR, 1 & 2)
Weds 19th – Parents Evening video appointment 3.30pm-7.30pm
Thurs 20th – Parents Evening video appointment 3.30pm-7.30pm
Fri 21st – End of term one
Mon 31st – Staff development day – School closed

Nov 2022

Tues 1st – Term 2 starts
Mon 7th – Individual School Photos

Dec 2022

Fri 16th – End of term 2

KEY EVENTS

Parent Consultations

On the 19th and 20th October, we will be holding our parent consultations to speak with your child's teacher to find out how well they have settled into their new class. We will offer these consultations virtually using our video appointment parent evening system and you will be able to book a 10-minute appointment slot. Full details explaining how to book your appointment can be found on the guide sheet sent by separate email. The purpose of these appointments is to see how well your child has settled into their new year group. There will be further events throughout the year where you will have chance to come into the class to see your child's work and discuss their learning and progress. If you have any specific concerns that you wish to discuss in more depth, please speak to child's teacher to make a face-to-face appointment.

School admissions for September 2023

If you have a child who will be starting school in September 2023, or you know of families within the community who are looking for places for their child, please come along to our Open Day on Saturday 12th November 2022 between 10:00am and 12:00pm. There is no need to book in for the Saturday event. We are also offering school tours at set times during the day and these can be booked through the school office. Please see the attached flier for dates and further information. We are incredibly proud of our amazing school

and all that we have to offer and know how important it is for families to see this for themselves. Please spread the word if you know of anyone who may be interested and of course tell them how fabulous we are!

Art Installations

As you all know, we celebrated Dot Day on the 15th September. We are also in the process of completing our new entrance themed art installation, alongside Jo an artist from Animate Arts. Jo will be working with the children over a few days to complete a new giant installation in the entrance hall. This will be themed around our new School Plan acronym, GROWTH and will feature art work from all year groups, including Nursery. Jo will deliver workshops in each class, setting creative challenges for the children which will then come together to form our new display. **We would like to invite you all in to view the Dot display in the hall and the completed entrance installation on Friday 14th October from 2:30pm.** You are welcome to collect your child after you have viewed the art exhibit, but it will also be open after school at 3:15pm if you would like to view it together then. Photographs will also be posted on our Facebook page to allow working parents to see our latest creations if you are unable to come in person! Hall doors will be open from 2:30pm on this day, so that you can enter via the main gates as normal. We look forward to seeing you all then!

Harvest time charity collection

In worship this term, we have been reflecting on our school value 'Koinonia' (community). At this time of harvest, we will be supporting our local and global community through St. Alphege Church's collections for the Riverside Food Pantry and Red Cross Ukraine work. Huge thanks to everyone who has given so generously already. If you feel able to help, any food items or monetary donations can be given in to classrooms by Monday 10th October. We will take donations together to Church so please don't worry if you're not able to give at this time.

Stream Walk – Year R

We are delighted to inform you that Reception will be visiting Stream Walk this term. The children will get to see the process of how plants and vegetables are planted and where their food comes from. This will link into their learning about Harvest and knowing the hard work that goes into producing their food. The children will have the opportunity to take part in planting seeds and will walk around the garden to see a variety of vegetables that are already being grown. Children will not be required to bring anything extra on the day. However, if it is raining, please send your child in with their usual wet weather clothes.

Pebbles class will visit on the 11th October.

Year 1 - Upcoming local visits, linked to Geography, Science and History topics in terms 1 and 2.

Duncan Downs

Wednesday 12th October: As part of our topic 'Where do we live?' we will visit Duncan Downs in small groups, accompanied by our Forest School lead Mr Thomas-Friend, to observe the seasonal changes now that Autumn is here. **Oyster Class** will visit on 12th October. Please ensure your child is wearing wellington boots or sturdy shoes and a warm, waterproof coat. If the weather is chilly, please also provide a hat and gloves. One group will visit in the morning session and another group will visit in the afternoon.

Harbour Visit

Monday 17th October: we will continue learning more about our home town and it's coast by walking to the harbour and meeting David Hayward and team of the RNLI, who will talk to us about the fantastic service provided by our lifeboat teams. Weather permitting, we will briefly explore the harbour and walk back to school via Harbour Street and the High Street, taking note of the local shops along the way. If you are available and would like to join us, please let us know; we have space for three volunteers each (six in total) and would love you to join us! Please let Mrs Jones or Mrs O'Malley know and we will give you more details.

We will be ready to depart from school at 9.15 and will return at approximately 11.45.

Community Events



Monday 24th October 2022 at Beach Creative in Herne Bay
10am-12pm and 1pm-3pm

This fun, freeform art workshop is for children of all ages. Bring them along to use our beach combed & other found goodies to make Halloween Art to take home. It's just £3.50 and there are limited places.

Places can be booked through the Beach Creative website:

<https://www.beachcreative.org/what-s-on>

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King Alphege is awarded to the class with the highest percentage attendance each week.



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Weekly Awards

Whole School Awards

Our awards this year represent our School Development priorities: GROWTH. Each class will nominate a child to receive an award each week.



Great Reading

Jacob – Pebbles Class



Risk Taking and Resilience

Olivia – Oysters Class



Outstanding Curriculum

Theo – Seagulls Class



Wonderful Writing

Millie – Puffins Class



Thriving Community

Jasper – Shells Class



Happiness, Wellbeing and
Wonder

Edie – Pearls Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

From Mrs Keeble & Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have continued to develop our understanding of and skills in subtitising. We also introduced the children to Helicopter Stories this week. Helicopter stories give children the opportunity to make up and tell their own stories which an adult writes out for them word for word. We then create a stage on which we perform the story, with the children taking turns to act out all the different elements of the story – even inanimate objects. One of our children pretended to be a blackberry bush and used their fingers to represent the spiky thorns! We have spent a lot of time this week making the flowers for the new art installation in the main school entrance. Sunbeams had to follow instructions carefully and we were able to explore the difference between light and dark colours. Don't forget that on Tuesday 18th October, Sunbeams will be walking to Stream Walk Community Gardens. The trip will only be able to include the Sunbeams that are attending the morning session that day. Don't worry if you think you are missing out, we will visit again on other days over the year, and we have other trips planned throughout the year.

Year R

From Mrs Arnott & Mr Mead

Reception have had a lovely week this week. Shells enjoyed a visit to stream walk where they learnt all about planting seeds, growing crops and how they are harvested! We were even able to try lots of different fruit and vegetables! Pebbles will visit Stream Walk on Tuesday next week, how exciting! In English, we read a story call The Little Acorn. We thought about how the acorn grew into a huge Oak tree and decided what we would like to be when we grow up. Some of us want to be fire fighters, pilots, footballers and even princesses. In maths we have been exploring the vocabulary of more than and less than. The children used different manipulatives to practically show more then and less than and had lots of fun completing timed challenges. In Phonics we have been learning some new sounds ck,e,u,r. The children have been amazing with writing these letters this week. All week we have been focussing on the season of Autumn. We had a lovely time going on an Autumn hunt searching for crunchy colourful leaves, berries, concurs, acorns and even squirrels. Everyone has created some beautiful autumn themed crafts and art work. Next week, we will be learning about Harvest.

Year 1

From Mrs Jones & Mrs O'Malley

We have had another fantastic week of learning in year 1. Inspired by our book, 'Autumn is here' and by our time in The Nest, the children became experts at recognising and using the -ing suffix to describe autumn: leaves falling, dancing and changing colour; squirrels climbing and eating nuts. In maths we used number lines to help compare and talk about numbers and in geography used different maps to help us learn about the countries and capitals of the UK. Pearls class (and some friends from Oysters class) had a wonderful visit to Duncan Downs. This Wed 12th Oct the rest of Oysters class will go to Duncan Downs – don't forget to dress for the weather with shoes, waterproof coat and warm clothes! In Maths we will be learning to partition (or split) numbers using part whole models and in English will continue to think about verbs as we write a recount of our time at Duncan Downs. In RE we will explore how Christians show their love for God and in art will learn to use line, shape and colour to draw the patterns we saw at Duncan Downs. Thank you for your generous donations to our Harvest Festival Food Bank Collection. Donations can still be given in until Monday. All are welcome to join us at Church on Monday 10th Oct for worship, 2.30pm.

Year 2

From Mrs Swindells & Mrs O'Keeffe

We have had another fabulous week of learning in Year 2! The children loved their trip to the Canterbury Roman Museum and exploring the Roman history throughout the city. Their brilliant behaviour throughout the trip made all their teachers very proud. Next week they will be using all their new knowledge to compare and describe how Whitstable has changed over time. In Maths, they have been learning how to add 2-digit and single digit numbers together. Next week, they will be using their knowledge of place value and addition to add 2, 2-digit numbers together. In English this week they have finished their own alternative tales inspired by Goldilocks. Their wonderful writing includes tales of a Chinese, Indian, Whitstable and Italian Goldilocks, getting up to all sorts of mischief! Next week we will be reading our final alternative traditional tale; 'A Cooked Up Fairy Tale' and using the story to design and describe our own fairy tale menu. We're getting hungry just thinking about all the delicious dinners that will be created! We wish all our children and their families a lovely weekend and look forward to our new week ahead.