

# SUNBEAMS NURSERY

# ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege  
Values



Love

Loved, Inspired, Shining

## Newsletter

Term 4 Week 1 | 24.02.23

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### March 2023

Weds 1<sup>st</sup> – Dress up in PJs for World Book Week

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> - World Book Day

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> – Comic Relief

Tues 28<sup>th</sup> – Sharing the Learning Opportunity 2.45pm

Weds 29<sup>th</sup> – Parents Evening

Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> – Parents Evening

Fri 31<sup>st</sup> - End of Term 4

#### April 2023

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> – Start of Term 5

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> - Year R Hearing Screening

[Click here for our School & Nursery Term Dates](#)

### KEY EVENTS

#### National Strike Action – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

You will be aware from media coverage, that the NEU have agreed further strike action for teachers on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. St Alphege Infants and Sunbeams Nursery will be closed to all children in Nursery, Year 1 and Year 2 on this day. Reception classes will be open as usual.

If your child is in Reception and requires wrap around care on this day, please let us know in advance so that this can be provided.

If your child is in Years 1 and 2 and in receipt of Free School Meals funding at school, we will be contacting you separately about collecting a school lunch on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

#### Parents Evenings – Video Appointments

We will be holding our mid-year parent meetings at the end of next term. These will be between 3:30pm and 7:30pm on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March.

All appointments will be accessed through our Parent Evening booking system which has the facility for video calls. A parent guide is attached to help you book your appointment.

If you would prefer a telephone appointment, please speak to your child's teacher directly and they will arrange a suitable time to call on an alternative day.

Please use the guides below which explain how to access the video appointment.

<https://support.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/category/823-video-parents-evenings>

<https://support.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/article/862-video-appointments-parents-how-to-invite-another-parent-guardian-to-join-your-appointments>

### Worship this term

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March joint school worship to explore Holy Week with the Endowed school, earlier time of 2.15pm

### Year 1 & 2 Choir

Year 1 and 2 choir will run every Tuesday from 8:20am - 8.40am in the Community Room. Children will need to be dropped off at the Community Room patio area where Mrs Memmott will meet them. Time will be limited, please make sure that the children arrive promptly at 8:20am.

### Red Nose Day - Friday 17th March

Red Nose Day is back on Friday 17th March and we will be having a non-uniform day in school. Please wear something red if you are able to. All donations to support the Comic Relief charity will be gratefully received. This year we have set up a Just giving page where donations will go directly to Comic Relief.



## Comic Relief Red Nose Day JustGiving Page

### World Book Week

This year we will be extending World Book Day into Book Week to promote reading for pleasure and allow the children to explore a range of stories throughout the week. Great Reading is part of our School Development plan: GROWTH and we want to use this opportunity to enrich the children's reading opportunities



**Dressing up:** On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023, the children will be invited to come to school in their pyjamas for our book week dressing up day. We have been promoting a love of reading within school and the children often talk about their love of bedtime stories at home, therefore we will have a 'bedtime stories' theme for dressing up. Please send your child to school in their pyjamas / nightwear on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 and bring a favourite bedtime story book to share with friends! We have carefully considered the current financial climate when considering whether to ask children to dress up this year and hope that by having a bedtime story theme, this reduces the pressures on parents to purchase a new outfit. Please make sure your child is warm and dressed appropriately for all weathers when wearing their nightwear!

## 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 10.2.23  
Puffins Class – 94.1%

## 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

Eli – Shells Class



Risk Taking and Resilience

Lily – Pearls Class



Outstanding Curriculum

Beau - Seagulls Class



Wonderful Writing

Odette – Pebbles Class



Thriving Community

Chloe – Puffins Class



Happiness, Wellbeing and  
Wonder

Lewis – Oysters Class

## Weekly Year Group Recap

### Sunbeams

#### From Mrs Keeble & Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have been exploring size and developing our vocabulary for comparison. We have acted out the story Goldilocks and the Three Bears together, using our whole bodies to demonstrate our understanding of size vocabulary. On Monday afternoon and Friday morning we visited Whitstable library. Barry talked to us about all the services the library offers to help the people in our community and to bring them together. We enjoyed looking through the books and sharing them with our friends. Barry also explained how the library can help us to find information and had found some books for us about wild birds. With that in mind we made some bird feeders this week for the wild birds in our garden. Mrs Memmott sang a pancake song with us on Tuesday and we held pancake races with cardboard pancakes that we made.

### Year R

#### From Mrs Arnott & Mr Mead

Reception have had a wonderful first week back at school. We have kicked off Term 4 by exploring our new theme of nature. We all enjoyed a walk through Whitstable and by the beach to look for signs of nature. We have been reading a book called 'Finding Wild' where the children have been thinking about lots of lovely descriptive language to describe their local environment. We were very impressed with some of their sentences! In maths this week we have been looking at the composition of numbers 9 and 10. The children have been creating their own number sentences using numicon and have even been showing how you can make 9 or 10 using more than 2 numbers. We enjoyed pancake day on Tuesday where we spoke about what our favourite toppings are and the true Christian meaning of the day. Well done Reception for a great first week back!

### Year 1

#### From Mrs Jones & Mrs O'Malley

Hello families,  
Welcome back to a new term, and our new topic 'What happened in Whitstable?'  
Our week had an exciting and fun beginning as we took a walk through the alleys of Whitstable, finding out about some of the history of our town. Did you know that Collar's Alley is named after a kind gentleman, who gave cocoa and a warm place to sit for poor families during a bitterly cold winter in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century? We explored the beach, the harbour and looked at the oyster beds and oyster stalls and walked back along Island Wall. We took photographs of The Favourite, a restored oyster yawl that now rests in a garden in Starboard Light alley. We walked over two miles, and our walk has started our learning in English and History.  
In Art, we are learning about a new artist, Yayoi Kusama. She is 93 years old, from Japan, and still actively making art in many forms; sculpture, textiles, video art and installations. In our first lesson, we made a very simple but effective mat made from paper weaving. It was trickier than it looked and we all worked very hard!  
Next week, we will be delving into Whitstable's exciting past and learning about smugglers!  
Wishing everyone a fantastic weekend,  
Mrs Jones and Mrs O'Malley

### Year 2

#### From Mrs Swindells & Mrs O'Keeffe

Year 2 have had a brilliant week back. We have loved thinking about our new learning question 'Where on Earth am I?' and learning the names of the 7 Continents. In Maths, we have been working extremely hard on finding fractions of numbers! We learnt all about poetry this week and wrote two of our own poems – one used rhyming couplets and one included repetition!  
Next week is Book Week. On Monday we will be sharing stories from our school with children in other classes and reading to the younger children in school. We will also visit our school library and read some of our favourite books with our friends. On Wednesday will share our favourite story from home with class and have a special visit from Harbour Books to have story time with! Please don't forget to wear your 'bedtime stories' outfit this day! We will also be writing a persuasive letter all about our book and explain why everyone should read it! On Friday the children in Year 2 from Herne Infant school will be visiting us to complete an art activity based on the picture book 'Professional Crocodile'. In art we will continue to work on our sculpture skills and begin to manipulate clay to create a clay wave.