

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



Love

Loved, Inspired, Shining

Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Nov 2022

Fri 5th – Applications for Reception places open
Fri 5th – Applications for Junior places open
Mon 7th – Individual School Photos
Mon 7th – Year 2 Visit to Whitstable Junior School
Sat 12th – Open Day for 2023 Reception
Fri 18th – Children in Need – Non-Uniform Day –
Monetary donations will be given to Herne Bay High
School Dance Dash dancers

Dec 2022

Weds 7th – Christmas Lunch
Thurs 8th – Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 9th – Friends Christmas Fair
Weds 14th – Sunbeams Nativity
Fri 16th – End of Term

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

KEY EVENTS

An update from our TED Team

The TED team have been working alongside Mrs Humphreys to write their own version of our School Plan. They have considered all the school priorities this year, looking at our acronym GROWTH. The TED team representatives from each class have been discussing each area with the other children in their class and have brought their ideas to present and include in their new School Plan. Next week, they will be leading an assembly with the whole school to talk about their new ideas for the playground. Each of the beach huts will be transformed into different play spaces and the TED team have been part of choosing the resources to go into them for everyone to play with. There will be a Construction Cabin, Imagination Station, filled with small world play and a Doodle Den for the children to draw and write inside with chalk. Mr Killick has also been hard at work building a new storage unit for Reading books, which will be placed by the Reading zone for the children to share and enjoy books at playtimes and lunchtimes. We are very proud of how confidently the children have led on these developments in school and we know that all the children will benefit from the new and exciting play opportunities that will be available to them at play and lunchtimes.

Lunchtime Rewards

Next week, we will be launching our new lunchtime reward system. The staff on duty at lunchtime will be awarding ping pong balls to children who are demonstrating our school values or our simple school rules of: Ready, Respectful, Safe. These will be added to a large container in the hall, similar to the class bead jars, but on a larger scale! When the container is filled, the children will be able to choose their lunchtime treat, which

may include: extra playtime, squash instead of water for the day, music being played in the hall or any other suggestions they may have! This system will be in place in the main hall and in the Nursery. In the main hall, each year group will have a different coloured ping pong ball, so we will be able to see which year has earned the most rewards each time. We know that the children will love this new system and that it will further support our outstanding behaviour and expectations across the school.

Friends Christmas Fair: 3.15pm -5pm Friday 9th December

The Friends of St Alphege are delighted to announce that they are currently planning a school Christmas Fair this year. Bring your family along for an afternoon of Christmas shopping and winter treats! If you would like to help with organising this event, run a stall or are a business that could donate a prize for the raffle please contact Pamela at friends@st-alphege.kent.sch.uk

Year 2 Visit to Whitstable Junior School

On Monday 7th November the children in Year 2 will spend the afternoon at Whitstable Junior School. This is an opportunity for them to look around the environment and meet some of the staff. School staff will accompany the children and the teachers at the Junior school will complete fun activities with the children while they are there. The children will be back in school in time for pick up.

Worship in Church Term 2

All families are invited to join us for Monday worships at St. Alphege Church, 2.30pm

In light of the Y2 visit this Monday to Whitstable Junior School, we have decided to move the joint Y1 and Y2 worship from Monday 7th Nov to Monday 21st Nov.

Worship on Monday 7th November will take place in school.

During worship, if younger brothers and sisters would like to come to the front of Church, they are very welcome to sit with their siblings wherever possible.

- Mon 14th Nov, Year R
- Mon 21st Nov Year 1 and Year 2
- Mon 28th Nov Year 2
- Mon 5th Dec whole school
- Mon 12th Dec whole School

Individual School Photos

Profiles Photography will be in school this Monday 7th November to take individual children's photos. We will also be able to take sibling photos this year for those children who have a sibling that attends our school or Sunbeams. If your Sunbeams child doesn't usually attend on a Monday morning, and you would like them to have their photo taken, please bring them via the school office at 8.30am.

Bailey Yanik Cup

In honour of a previous pupil who sadly passed away, we award the Bailey Yanik Cup once each term. This cup is awarded to a little person who has the gift of finding joy in everything, and makes a big difference to everyone around them. **Term 1 is awarded to Millie Stone in Year 2.**



Poppies

We have poppies and poppy items available in school to support this year's Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. If your child would like any items or a poppy, please send some money in an envelope with your child. There are zip pulls and reflectors (suggested donations 50p), silicon wristbands (suggested donation £1) and snap bands (suggested donation £1.50) as well as the traditional paper poppy.



Children in Need – Friday 18th November

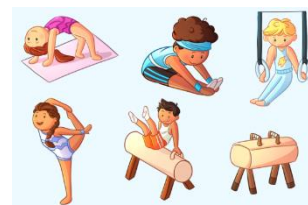


This will be a non-uniform day for the children. We are delighted to be hosting the Herne Bay High School Dance Dash dancers. Any monetary donations will be given to Herne Bay High to add to their grand total which will be donated to Children in Need. Please send in the donations with your child at the start of the school day.

Sports Clubs

We will continue to run our sports clubs this term and we are pleased to offer them to Year R children too

Monday	Year R	Multi-Sports
Wednesday	Year R & 1	Dance
Thursday	Year 1 & 2	Gymnastics
Friday	Year 1 & 2	Multi-Sports



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!

Applications are made through Kent County Council at <https://kent.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/Synergy/Admissions.aspx>. You can submit your application between 4th November 2022 and 16th January 2023. More information can be found <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places>. If you have any questions or need support with the application process, please speak to the school office.

Year 2 Parents - Junior school places for September 2023

Parents of Year 2 children will need to apply for a Junior school place for your child for September 2023. Both WJS and The Endowed have parent tours for you to book onto. Please contact the junior schools directly to book. All of our children will visit both schools next term and take part in activities and see the schools. If you do want to take your child with you onto one of the tours, please advise our school office of the date so we are aware of your child's absence.

Applications are made through Kent County Council at <https://kent.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/Synergy/Admissions.aspx>. You can submit your application between 4th November 2022 and 15th January 2023.

Year 2 - Collecting Single use carrier bags and bottle tops

Year 2 are collecting single use plastic carrier bags and bottle tops of any type for an environmental craft project at the beginning of Term 2. We would be grateful if you are able to collect these items for us over half term and bring them in to school when we return after half term. Thank you, Mrs O'Keeffe & Mrs Swindells.

Community Events

The Whitstable Umbrella Community Centre

The Whitstable Umbrella Community Centre have created a survey, with the purpose of establishing what holes in services exist and what are the areas our community need support with this Winter.

You can access the survey through the following link: [Survey](#)



Online Allergy Awareness and Auto-Injector pens course

Christmas is coming. Excited as some may feel, there is also a huge amount of anxiety. All those christmas gatherings, with food that your child is allergic to! Join Natalie and I on the 25th November for her parents and carers allergy awareness course. <https://bit.ly/Allergyawareness>

Allergy Awareness

Being a parent of a child with a severe allergy can be quite daunting. Please see the attached poster inviting you to join an online course on 25th November 2022 at 7.00pm You'll learn how to recognise symptoms of allergic reactions, types of reactions, how to administer an auto-injector, tips for daily life and watch-outs for childcare settings, plus caring for your child's mental health and wellbeing too.



ART BANK is opening again as a special pop-up shop Friday- Sunday 6th November in Gallery 2

Realising that many people want to be creative but don't always have the means to do so, Art bank created Whitstable's first ART BANK, a huge collection of donated and pre-loved art and craft materials and books that are available to all on a pay what you can basis.

The ART BANK can be accessed anytime but they have had so many generous donations of materials from the local community, that they are re-opening the pop-up shop with art materials for all ages and abilities to help manage the stock levels and create some more storage for future donations.

Items include:

Paints, brushes, sketchpads, art books, card making materials, decorative paper, pencils, easels, fabrics and so much more!

You can call in anytime to take what you need and just pay what you can.

It is very important to all at the Horsebridge that no-one is excluded from being able to access and use art materials as we know how important being creative is for people's well-being, particularly in these challenging times. If you run an art group, home school programme, offer childcare, run community groups or would simply like some different art materials for your home then please do come and pay them a visit.

Open Friday and Saturday 9 - 5 and 10 - 4 Sunday.



the national sleep helpline

Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?
Will your child not sleep in their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

03303 530 541
Sunday - Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Wednesday 9am - 11am

National Sleep Helpline -New Opening Hours

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 21.10.22
Shells Class – 98.3%

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

Marcus – Oysters Class



Risk Taking and Resilience

Quinn – Pearls Class



Outstanding Curriculum

Faith HH – Puffins Class



Wonderful Writing

Billie-Jo – Pebbles Class



Thriving Community

Cissy – Seagulls Class



Happiness, Wellbeing and Wonder

Devyn – Shells Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

From Mrs Keeble & Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have begun to explore pattern. We have been noticing patterns in both the natural and the man made world. We have noticed the patterns are sometimes similar on our clothing and have begun to sort and classify according to the patterns we see. We read the story Simon Sock, and then completed challenges to see how quickly we could use the patterns on socks to match the pairs. Mrs Memmott brought a cauldron along to our music session and we sang a song about making soup as well as acting along to some action songs. We had great fun pretending to be bats! We have been finding a little bit about why we celebrate bonfire night and using our creative resources to make fireworks.

Year R

From Mrs Arnott & Mr Mead

We have had a great first week back at school for Term 2! We were so excited to hear all about the children's half term adventures. In English this term we are going to be exploring lots of different nursery rhymes, this week was the turn of Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star. We all learnt the sign language to go with the song and enjoyed performing it to each other. The children then wrote a sentence using their sounds to say why they were all stars themselves! In maths we have been looking at how to show numbers 1, 2 and 3 in different ways. All the children showed a good understanding and enjoyed playing lots of counting games. This term we are going to be looking at celebrations from around the world. The children learnt all about Fireworks and who Guy Fawkes was. We thought about how to stay safe on Bonfire Night and what sounds fireworks make. The children got very messy and sparkly creating their own firework pictures! In phonics this week we have been learning lots of new digraphs – ff, ll, ss and a new phoneme j. Well done Reception for a great first week!

Year 1

From Mrs Jones & Mrs O'Malley

It was wonderful to welcome Year 1 back after half term. They settled back in straight away and have coped really well with the wet weather! This week the children have loved re-telling the story of the Three Little Pigs, with some children choosing to act it out together with their friends at play time! They have really challenged themselves in Maths to find and remember the number bonds to 10 (e.g. $1 + 9 = 10$; $2 + 8 = 10$). Perhaps they can test you at home? Next week we will be reading Little Red Riding Hood and writing statements. In Science we will be exploring the properties of different materials (e.g., hard, waterproof, transparent). We have begun to learn about time lines in History ('What was it like when you were young?') and we would love to share more toys that parents or grandparents played with when they were young. Perhaps you could take a photo of the person with their toy? Or maybe you have an old photo of the family member playing with it when they were young? Mrs Jones is going into her loft this weekend to look for her oldest teddy. On Monday it is school photos and also worship in Church at 2.30 (all families are welcome to join us).

Year 2

From Mrs Swindells & Mrs O'Keeffe

We have had such a wonderful first week back after half term! We kickstarted our new learning questions for them term (How can we help the world?) by reading 10 things I can do to help my world. We loved recreating our own rule book and thinking about the positive impact following our rules would have on the world. Next week we will be learning about air pollution and conducting an experiment to see how clean the air is in different locations around our school. On Monday we will be visiting Whitstable Junior School to complete different activities and look around the environment. We will be learning about animal life stages in science and thinking closely about the life stages of a butterfly and of a human. On Friday we will be thinking about the importance of Remembrance and completing lots of activities relating to it. We will be reading the story 'Greta and the Giants' in English and using descriptive adjectives to describe settings in great detail. In Maths we will be recapping our learning about money and recognising the value of coins. We will also begin adding amounts and finding different combinations.