

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



Love

Loved, Inspired, Shining

Newsletter

Term 1 Week 2 | 09.09.22

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sept 2022

Thurs 25th – Dot day

Oct 2022

Weds 12th - Bean Machine in the playground from 8.20am

Weds 19th - Flu vaccination (YR, 1 & 2)

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

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

KEY EVENTS

Queen Elizabeth II

Today we mourn the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. We draw together as the St Alphege family in times of great joy and deep sadness and today we have shared time in Worship remembering the Queen. We remember that she demonstrated many of our school Christian values and Characteristics and that we can aspire to have these attributes. The Jubilee celebrations last year were so special and children have talked about this celebration of the Queen and how incredible it was to reign for seven decades. We thank God for her 70 years of service, love, commitment and duty to our nation and pray for King Charles III as he ascends the throne.

God Bless HRH Queen Elizabeth II

Dot Day

On Thursday 15th September, we will be celebrating Dot Day. Please see the attached letter which explains what the children will be doing on this day and ways that you can also get involved!

Breakfast Club and After School Club

If your child attends Breakfast Club or After School Club please can you return the registration forms and signed agreement forms which have been sent home. After School Club invoices for the term are in the

process of being sent home and are due for payment within 2 weeks. Breakfast Club invoices continue to be sent home weekly and are due for immediate payment.

No vaping on site

It has been mentioned to us that some adults are vaping on the school site. We would like to remind you all that smoking and vaping is not permitted anywhere on the school grounds. Thank you for working with us to uphold these government requirements.

Year 1 & 2 Choir

Year 1 and 2 choir will run every Tuesday from 8:20am - 8.40am in the Community Room, starting Tuesday 13th September. 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.

Music Mark

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded the Music Mark again this year. This award is given in recognition of our outstanding music curriculum and the teaching and learning provided for our children. It also recognises our contributions to influencing the teaching and learning in other schools through our frequent outreach work and training. Huge thanks goes to Mrs Memmott for the vital role she has played in securing this award for another year.

King Alphege Attendance Lion

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



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W/E 09.09.22
Seagulls Class – 99.3 %

Community Events

Canterbury Food Bank – Harvest

Over the past year Canterbury food bank have seen an alarming increase in the number of local people reaching out to them in need of food and, with the cost of living and the price of fuel set to increase further and further beyond people's means, it seems unlikely that there will be an end to this worrying trend any time soon. As we look towards September, October and the darker months beyond, they would be immensely grateful for any help you can offer them with food donations over the Harvest Festival period.

The Harvest would appreciate:

- Instant mash
- Canned potatoes, canned ham, rice pudding, beans, soup.
- Cup soup
- Long life juice
- Long life milk
- Instant coffee
- Large nappies (sizes 5, 5+, 6, 6+)
- Cleaning sprays, washing up liquid, Toiletries (all)
- Tinned fish
- Tinned or powdered potato

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

From Mrs Keeble & Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have welcomed our returning and new members of our Sunbeams community. We have been learning our new routines and expectations and we have been very impressed at how quickly our new Sunbeams are embracing them. Mrs Memmott joined us on Tuesday for a musical session and introduced herself to our new Sunbeams. She played her guitar while we sang some familiar nursery rhymes and moved to some action songs. Thank you to all of you that have already provided us with a puddle suit and wellies for your child to keep here at Sunbeams so that they can enjoy all weather play. If you still need to bring in a puddle suit and wellies for your child, please remember to name them and bring them when your child next attends Sunbeams. Please can all children bring several sets of spare clothes and don't forget that includes spare socks!

Year R

From Mrs Arnott & Mr Mead

What an amazing first week at school year R have had! Starting school is such a special event and it has been lovely to see all their beautiful smiles in the morning. It is a great way to start the day! We have had fun exploring our new school. We now know where the big playground, the Nest and the hall is. We loved staying for lunch, eating with our friends and trying new food. Our favourite learning areas, at the moment are the mud kitchen, construction areas and the dance zone. We can't wait to see you again on Monday morning!

Year 1

From Mrs Jones & Mrs O'Malley

Welcome to parents, carers and families of Year 1 children! We have had a fantastic, happy week together and are settling well into our new environments. Our teachers are super-proud of how well we have all adapted, and how we have made friends with some new children. This term, in Geography, we are learning about our locality and the homes we live in. Next week on Monday 12th September, we will be doing a short local walk to identify the features of our town. In Art, we will be meeting our focus artist Hundertwasser. Over the term, we will be developing our mark-making skills with different media (pencil, pastel, charcoal and thin pen). This week in Maths we will be focussing on finding one more and one less than given numbers. In our English lessons, we will be reading non-fiction texts related to homes and streets, and writing statements about our findings following our walk. We will be starting our Phonics reading books this week in school. These e-books will be available at home from Monday 19th September. Year 1 PE is on Mondays and Fridays. Looking forward to another busy and creative week.

Year 2

From Mrs Swindells & Mrs O'Keeffe

We have had a fantastic first week in Year 2! We love being in our new classrooms and getting to know our new adults. This week we started our new History topic where we will be learning about how Whitstable and the surrounding area has changed over time. We plotted significant periods of time on our own time line and are looking forward to learning more about them! Next week, we will all be visiting Whitstable Museum on Wednesday to look at and handle important artefacts and fossils from our local history. In English, we began to look at alternative traditional tales and wrote newspaper reports for the True Story of the Three Little Pigs. Did you know the Big Bad Wolf was actually framed?! Next week, we will be reading Ninja Red Riding Hood and learning how to retell the story in detail. Year 2 are also extremely excited to start our swimming lessons next Thursday! Please make sure you are on time as we will be leaving promptly at 8.45am. What a brilliant start to our new term!