



ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

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All Things Christmassy



Christmas Cards

If your child would like to send individual cards to their classmates, friends in other classes or staff members then our school post box will be open from Monday 5th



December. **Please ensure the recipients full name and class is clearly written on the envelope** because a group of children, from a different class each day, will be sorting and delivering the cards. Each year we end up with cards we can't deliver to the correct children because the full name and class are missing from the envelope. The post box will close on Tuesday 13th December. You can find the post box in the corridor between the two Reception classes at the bottom of the Year 2 stairs. Please note, we are unable to give out lists of children's names.

Elf on the Shelf – Thursday 1st December



Elf on the shelf will be coming to school for a very special visit on Thursday 1st December. All the children will have a chance to say hello!

Non-Uniform Day – Tuesday 6th December



Tuesday 6th December is a non-uniform day and in return we would like to ask for donations of **chocolate** for the children's chocolate tombola at the Christmas Fair. This can range from a bar of chocolate to a box of chocolates. Any chocolate item will be appreciated.

Reception Parent Christmas Craft – Wednesday 7th December

Parents and carers of children in Pebbles and Shells classes are invited to join the children for a Christmas craft morning from 9.30am to 10.45am in the school hall on Wednesday 7th December.

Children's Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 7th December



This year the children will have their Christmas lunch on **Wednesday 7th December**. This will be roast turkey, roast potatoes, stuffing, sausage, peas, carrots and gravy plus a festive treat for dessert (a choice of jelly, ice cream or festive biscuit). Please note there is a vegetarian option of roasted vegetable & cranberry slice but we are unable to offer jacket potatoes or sandwiches on this day. All meals are free to all children in years R-2. If your child would like to bring their own packed lunch from home perhaps it could include a little festive treat on this day! Sunbeams nursery children who attend on a Wednesday will also be able to have Christmas dinner at the usual cost of £1.65.

A special message from Father Christmas



We are delighted to say that we are expecting a visit from Father Christmas on **Thursday 8th December**. He will be hosting "an audience with Father Christmas" in the school hall and each class will visit him to ask questions and hear some festive stories. He has let us know that he will still be providing gifts for the children, but that these will be given to each class and will stay in school rather than children receiving individual gifts this year.



St Alphege Values



Koinonia



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Platinum Award**
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Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 8th December

This year we are again taking part in the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day. Children can wear a festive jumper instead of their school jumper (all other uniform items to be worn please.) Monetary donations will be collected for Save the Children charity.



Friends Christmas Fair – Friday 9th December 3.15pm – 5.00pm

Huge thanks to The Friends who are again organising our Christmas Fair. This year promises to be as big as before, with lots of activities, stalls, face painting, mulled cider and much more...

Raffle tickets have been sent home with the children. All the money raised will contribute towards three playground 'beach huts' which will allow for further creative play and help spark creative minds. The design of the huts has been led by the children who have chosen to create a Construction Cabin, Imagination Station, Reading Stop and Doodle Den for creative writing and drawing. These areas will be open for play throughout the school day, to be used in different ways to support and encourage creative play and support children's wellbeing.

Christmas Nativities to Parents – Week commencing 12th December



All year groups will be performing for parents in the hall this year. If there are two performances, please attend **one**, whichever is most convenient for you, as space in the hall is limited. All family members welcome.

Monday 12th December at 9.30am

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Wednesday 14th December at 9.30am

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Thursday 15th December at 9.30am

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Year 2 Nativity – Born in a Barn

Year 1 Christmas Concert

Year R Nativity – It's a Baby

Sunbeams Nativity – (written themselves!)

Year 1 Christmas Concert

Year R Nativity – It's a Baby

Year 2 Nativity - Born in a Barn

Whole School Worship - Monday 12th December

All parents are warmly invited to attend our church service on **Monday 12th December at 2.30pm** at St Alphege Church. We will be thinking about preparing for Christmas. We will return to school afterwards so you can collect your child from school at 3.15pm as usual.



Christmas Year Group Parties

Each year group will have a Christmas party. Please bring party clothes to change into after lunch. Uniform should be worn to school in the morning. No food items are required.



Tuesday 13th December

Thursday 15th December

Friday 16th December

Year 1 Party

Year R Party

Year 2 Party

Christmas Party – Sunbeams

We would like to invite all of our Sunbeams into nursery on **Wednesday 14th December** for the morning session 8.30am – 11.30am even if this is not their usual session to come in. We will perform our nativity to parents and then have some Christmas party fun. If your child does not usually attend on Wednesday, please let Mrs Keeble or Mrs Humphreys know if your child will join us for this session.

The last day of term is **Friday 16th December** and we will finish at the normal time of 3.15pm.

We will return to school on **Tuesday 3rd January 2023**.



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Church Events at Christmastime

St Alphege Church Christmas Fair – Saturday 26th November from 2.00pm to 5.00pm

Start your Christmas festivities this weekend by visiting the Christmas Fair at St Alphege Church. There will be stalls including crafts, books, tombola's, cakes, mulled wine and carols round the tree at 5.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

St Alphege Church Services

Everyone is welcome to attend the services at St Alphege Church over the Christmas period.

Sunday 11th December – 5.00pm Blue Christmas Service (quiet service for those bereaved or finding Christmas hard)

Sunday 18th December – 4.30pm Candlelit Service Readings and Carols

Tuesday 24th December – 4.00pm Crib Service, 11.30pm Midnight Communion

Wednesday 25th December - 10.00am Holy Communion



Visit the church website for more service information <https://stalphege.org.uk/services/>



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