

# SUNBEAMS NURSERY

# ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege  
Values



Love

Loved, Inspired, Shining

## Newsletter

Term 3 Week 6 | 10.02.23

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Feb 2023

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> – End of Term 3

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> - Start of Term 4

#### March 2023

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

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

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

### KEY EVENTS



#### Lunchtime Rewards

The staff on duty at lunchtime have been awarding ping pong balls to children who are demonstrating our school values or our simple school rules of: Ready, Respectful, Safe. The container is now full and the whole school balls will be getting their lunchtime treat after half term. The balls have been counted and Year 2 have 33, followed by Year 1 with 24 and Year R with 21. 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!

#### [Reception trip through Whitstable town – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February](#)

In Term 4 Reception will be focussing on Nature. On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February, Reception will be going on a trip through Whitstable town and along the beach to explore our local environment and think about what sort of nature we can see.

#### [Year 1 trip through Whitstable town - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February](#)

On Monday February 20<sup>th</sup>, the first day back of the new term, Y1 will be going for a local walk as part of our History topic on the history of Whitstable. We will be exploring the famous alleys, Middle Wall and the Harbour area. We will be departing school promptly in the morning, so please ensure your child is wearing sensible shoes and a warm, waterproof coat.

If any of you would like to join us, you will be most welcome! Please give your names to Mrs Jones or Mrs O'Malley, we will be glad of your company and support. Thank you.

## 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.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/category/823-video-parents-evenings>

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

## St Alphege Art Council

Art Council representatives from each class at St Alphege have been busy helping Mrs O'Keeffe and with their first creative project, inspired by the Climate Coalition Organisation's 'Share the Love' campaign. Each class has been busy exploring different creative skills to produce green hearts to decorate our school and local community. Our green hearts are a powerful symbol to raise awareness of climate change and the wider economic crisis. Children have created their own hearts to display at home and enough to 'show the love' throughout our local community. There are lots of green hearts hidden in the windows of local businesses, so if you are out and about in the town this week do look out for them. The Arts Council will also be working together to write a letter to our local MP to champion action on climate change and nature. If you want to know more about the 'Share the Love' campaign more information can be found on the Climate Coalition website. You can support our role in this campaign by taking a photo of your green heart and share it online using the hashtag #ShowTheLove.

## Worship next term

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February whole school worship in Church 2.30pm

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

## 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 3 is awarded to Theo J in Year 1.**



## **Community**

### Team Theme Kent - Half Term Sports & Holiday Camps

Action-packed, high-energy, fun-fuelled multi sports camp for children aged 4-14 at the St Mary's school site. Boasting a wide range of expertly delivered physical activities, its aim is accessibility and inclusivity; allowing all children the opportunity for a happy, healthy holiday.

[book-a-camp](#)



### East Kent Coast Photography Competition

Bird Wise are always looking for ways to engage the local coastal communities about the plight of our coast and its wildlife. They are currently accepting under 12's entrants for their FREE <https://eastkent.birdwise.org.uk/photography-competition/>

**FEBRUARY HALF TERM**

**WILD CLASSROOM OUTDOOR COOKING WORKSHOP**  
Monday 13th February

10:30 - 12:00 | 12:30 - 1:00

£12.50

**SHARK TEETH & FOSSIL HUNTING**  
Tuesday 14th February

10:30 - 12:00

£12.50

**SLIME WORKSHOP**  
Wednesday 15th February

10:00 - 11:00 | 11:00 - 12:00

£7.50

**SHARK TEETH & FOSSIL HUNTING**  
Friday 17th February

10:30 - 12:00

£12.50

[HatHats February Half Term](https://hathats.co.uk/collections/events) - Please see the below link in regards to upcoming events <https://hathats.co.uk/collections/events>

**Pop up Preloved Clothes Sale.**

COMMUNITY CLOTHES BANK

**POP UP PRELOVED CLOTHES SALE**  
MENS, KIDS & WOMENS CLOTHES AND SHOES

Are you struggling to afford the clothes and shoes that you need this winter?  
Come along to our pop up clothes sale, where most items will be £1 each

10am - 1pm  
Saturday 18th February 2023

Light refreshments will also be on sale from Lily's Social Kitchen CIC

**At The Hub Cafe,  
St George's Place, Canterbury  
CT1 1UT (opposite Waitrose)**

For more details:  
[communityclothesbank.org.uk](http://communityclothesbank.org.uk)  
or on facebook and IG - Community Clothes Bank

**CANTERBURY cathedral**

**FREE\***

**LEGO® brick builders wanted!**

**FREE\* LEGO® brick model building workshops**  
Tues 14, Wed 15, & Thur 16 February 2023  
45-minute workshops between 10.00-16.00

Join professional LEGO® Brick Artists and Designers, Kevin Hall and Emily Cort - seen on TV's Celebrity Lego Masters at Christmas - for Cathedral-inspired LEGO-brick building workshops.

Suitable for ages 4+. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

These workshops are free and are subject to availability. Workshop tickets are free and are subject to availability. A small number of pre-bookable places are available on a first-come, first-served basis. A small number of pre-bookable places are available on a first-come, first-served basis. A small number of pre-bookable places are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

[www.canterbury-cathedral.org](http://www.canterbury-cathedral.org)  
@CoburyCathedral

**Lego brick builders wanted!**

For all our young Lego enthusiasts, this might be a lovely half term activity to do as a family. Please book via the email on the poster as spaces are limited. They do have a small number of tickets put aside for those with additional needs if this is required. You will need to pay for entrance to the cathedral but the Lego workshop is free!

**The Magic Wardrobe**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February**  
10:00-12:30

**The Magic Wardrobe**

**SALE**  
New Clothes  
Nearly New JoJo Maman Bebe other branded clothes  
**PLUS**  
**FREE**  
**NEW BABY BUNDLES**  
(everything you will need for the first 6 months)  
St Andrews Church, Grimshill Rd, Whitstable. CT5 4LH

## 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 3.2.23  
Seagulls Class – 97.5%

## 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

Albie – Pebbles Class



Risk Taking and Resilience

Zac – Seagulls Class  
Ned – Pebbles Class  
Flora – Seagulls Class



Outstanding Curriculum

Bo – Oysters Class



Wonderful Writing

Leo – Shells Class



Thriving Community

Timur – Pearls Class



Happiness, Wellbeing and Wonder

Demmi – Puffins Class



## Weekly Year Group Recap

### Sunbeams

From Mrs Keeble & Mrs Humphreys

This week, in Sunbeams we have been thinking about global warming and how our planet needs to be looked after. We discovered that the weather is something that can change day to day, season to season, but that our climate remains fairly steady. Through our use of some energies our planet is getting poorly and has developed a temperature which will get higher and higher if we don't look after it properly. We found out that there are lots of things we can do to help make our planet better. We can turn off the light when we leave a room, turn the tap off when not using water and recycle or reuse waste where we can. We decorated green hearts to remind ourselves that we need to love and look after our planet so that our planet can keep looking after us. We wish all our families a restful half term break and look forward to seeing you in a weeks time.

### Year R

From Mrs Arnott & Mr Mead

We have had a fun packed last week of term. We have continued our space themed learning from last week. In English we have been reading Whatever Next. The children have been writing lists of what they would take to space, thinking carefully about the difference between what they would want and what they would need. In phonics, the children have been showing off all they have learnt this term. We are so proud of how hard all the children have worked this term, learning all their tricky sounds and words. Reception have also enjoyed a week of special celebrations. We had 2 wonderful parties, one on Wednesday celebrating the hard work all the children showed during our Ofsted inspection and one of Friday to celebrate a full marble jar. We baked cakes, had a disco, played party games and shared our very moments from this term. Well done for fabulous term Reception, you are all superstars! Have a lovely well deserved half term break and we can't wait to see you back for more fun in Term 4.

### Year 1

From Mrs Jones & Mrs O'Malley

We have had an amazing couple of weeks together! The children absolutely loved our text 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley' – it was a great way to introduce the children, in a gentle and accessible way, to the problems of plastic pollution in our seas. It inspired some descriptive writing about whales, turtles and seagulls! On Monday we were delighted to welcome John Halladay from Greenpeace – the children learnt all about deforestation, plastic pollution and what we can do to reduce, reuse, repair and recycle. We would love to know what you are doing at home to help look after our common home. Our art ambassadors also helped us all to make some brilliant green hearts to #show the love for the environment, alongside the Climate Coalition. Have you seen them in the windows along the high street? In Maths we have been learning to double numbers, subtract back from 20 and have practised quick recall of number bonds to 20 (e.g. knowing that  $2 + 18 = 20$  or  $5 + 15 = 20$ ). We have all really enjoyed our abstract art inspired by Kandinsky – the children created some stunning paintings using hot and cold colours and different tools.

On the first Monday after half term we will be going for a walk through Whitstable as part of our new learning in history – please remember to wrap up warm. We hope you have a lovely half term. Take care.

### Year 2

From Mrs Swindells & Mrs O'Keeffe

What a fantastic last week of Term 3 we have had in Year 2! We were all lucky enough to start the week with a marble jar treat for our hard work and enthusiasm throughout the term. We absolutely loved learning how to defend in hockey and how to roll safely in different ways in gymnastics. We wrote an incredible and informative non-chronological report containing facts and information all about World War 2. We have absolutely loved our history learning this Term!

Next term, our learning question is 'Where on Earth are we?' We will be learning about Continents and the surrounding seas and comparing the climate, environment and terrain. For our first week back after half term, we will continue our Maths learning about fractions and begin to halve and quarter quantities. We will be having a poetry week and will explore a range of different poems and writing our own using rhyme and rhythm. For Geography, we will learn what a continent is and focus on the weather, environment and animals in Europe. Next term's focus artist is Tony Cragg so we will find out who he is before exploring clay and ways in which we can manipulate it.

We hope you have a wonderful half term and look forward to seeing you again on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February.