

# SUNBEAMS NURSERY

# ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege  
Values



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Loved, Inspired, Shining

## Newsletter

Term 1 Week 7 | 14.10.22

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Oct 2022

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 Harbour Visit  
Mon 17<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 Puffins Visit to Duncan Downs  
Tue 18<sup>th</sup> – Sunbeams trip to Stream Walk  
Wed 19<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 Seagulls Visit to Duncan Downs (see list outside Year 2 door for further info)  
Wed 19<sup>th</sup> - Flu vaccination (Year R, 1 & 2)  
Wed 19<sup>th</sup> - Parents Evening video appointment  
3.30pm-7.30pm  
Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> - Year 2 Seagulls Visit to Duncan Downs (see list outside Year 2 door for further info)  
Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> - Parents Evening video appointment  
3.30pm-7.30pm  
Fri 21<sup>st</sup> – End of term one  
Mon 31<sup>st</sup> - Staff development day – School closed

#### Nov 2022

Tue 1<sup>st</sup> – Term 2 starts  
Mon 7<sup>th</sup> – Individual School Photos

#### Dec 2022

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> – End of term 2

### KEY EVENTS

#### Fantastic Fred

On Wednesday, the children had workshops with Fantastic Fred. This workshop linked beautifully with our "Happiness, Wellbeing and Wonder" priority this year. Led by the actors, the children learned ways to look after their own mental health and wellbeing, including: eating the right foods, getting plenty of rest, exercising and limiting time on electronic devices. If you would like to find out more, Fantastic Fred have produced a video summary of what the children have learnt which helps to communicate the messages in a fun and engaging way, so that the children's learning can carry on at home too. You can watch the video here: [www.thefantasticfredexperience.com/for-parents-guardians](http://www.thefantasticfredexperience.com/for-parents-guardians)

#### Brita Water Filter recycling point.

We are pleased to announce that we have been selected as a Brita Water Filter recycling point. These will be collected to then be sent off and made into new filters and other recycled plastic materials. The recycling box is located in the foyer by the double doors. Please bring in your used filters to add to the box.

#### Parent Consultations

On the 19th and 20th October, we will be holding our parent consultations to speak with your child's teacher to find out how well they have settled into their new class. We will offer these consultations virtually using our video appointment parent evening system and you will be able to book a 10-minute appointment slot. Full details

explaining how to book your appointment can be found on the guide sheet sent by separate email. The purpose of these appointments is to see how well your child has settled into their new year group. There will be further events throughout the year where you will have chance to come into the class to see your child's work and discuss their learning and progress. If you have any specific concerns that you wish to discuss in more depth, please speak to child's teacher to make a face-to-face appointment.

### 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022 and 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### Year 1 Harbour Visit

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October:** we will continue learning more about our home town and it's coast by walking to the harbour and meeting David Hayward and team of the RNLI, who will talk to us about the fantastic service provided by our lifeboat teams. Weather permitting, we will briefly explore the harbour and walk back to school via Harbour Street and the High Street, taking note of the local shops along the way. If you are available and would like to join us, please let us know; we have space for three volunteers each (six in total) and would love you to join us! Please let Mrs Jones or Mrs O'Malley know and we will give you more details.

We will be ready to depart from school at 9.15 and will return at approximately 11.45.

### Supermarket vouchers for the half term holiday

If you are in receipt of benefits and entitled to pupil premium free school meals you will receive a supermarket voucher for the half term period. This will be for £10.00 and issued for use in Tesco unless you have previously advised us of an alternative option. If you think you should be entitled and haven't received a voucher, please call the school office and speak to Mrs Cullen.

## Community Events



The camp will be a week of enrichment activities and sports in a safe, fun and inclusive environment.

Places can be booked through the Inclusive Sport Website:

<https://inclusive-sport.class4kids.co.uk/camp/20>

Baytastic Events – events in and around the bay.

Community Clothing Bank - Autumn dates.



See attached Flyers for further information

## King Alphege Attendance Lion

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

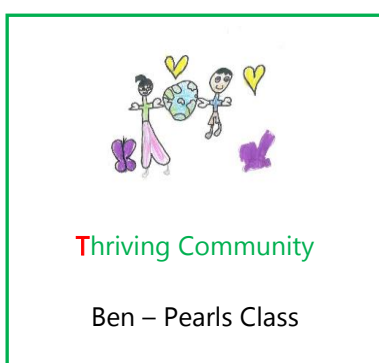
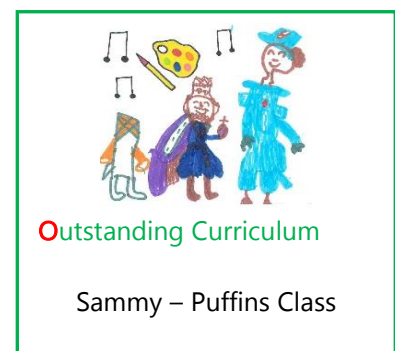
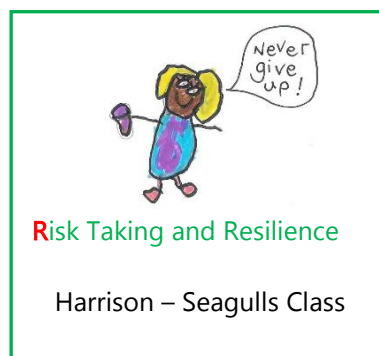
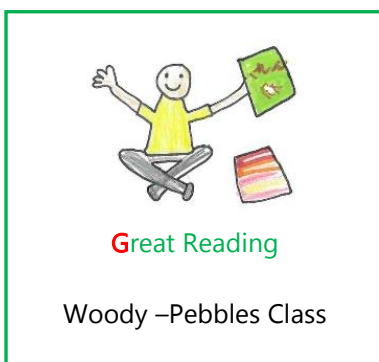


King Alphege Attendance Lion  
W/E 07.10.22  
Shells Class – 98.2%

## 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.



## Weekly Year Group Recap

### Sunbeams

**From Mrs Keeble & Mrs Humphreys**

This week in Sunbeams we have begun exploring size. We read the story Lazy Ozzie and noticed how Lazy Ozzie used the other farm animals in decreasing order of size to get down from his perch. We went on to compare size using natural objects around us including a variety of pumpkins which were all very different! We used our noticing skills to discover the differences in how they look as well as in their size. We have been practicing our scissor skills too and have been learning how to hold our scissors correctly and effectively when snipping or cutting into paper and other materials. Don't forget that on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October, Sunbeams will be walking to Stream Walk Community Gardens. The trip will include the Sunbeams that are attending the morning session that day. Please ensure that your child wears a puddle suit and welly boots for our trip (we will put them on the children if they are kept in Sunbeams).

### Year R

**From Mrs Arnott & Mr Mead**

We have had a great week in Reception this week. In English we have been reading The Little Red Hen. We retold the story by drawing story maps and remembering the repeated phrases. On Wednesday we made our own bread and thought carefully about each step just like little red hen. It was delicious! The children then created their own set of instructions using photographs, labels and even some amazing writing! In maths we have been exploring repeated patterns. We have had a lovely time getting creative and creating our own repeated patterns using colour, shapes, objects and even natural autumnal resources. This week the children have been learning about Harvest and how we celebrate Harvest festival, we are excited to visit church for the first time next Monday to see some of the signs of Harvest. This week it was Pebble's turn to visit Stream Walk. The children had a wonderful time smelling, touching and tasting different vegetables and learning all about the process of planting seeds, ploughing and harvesting. Everyone is very thankful for our farmers! On Friday the children did some very grown up thinking around Black History Month. We learnt about some very important people including Martin Luther King and Rosa Parks and even listened to some incredible guitar skills from Jimi Hendrix! Well done for a fab week!

### Year 1

**From Mrs Jones & Mrs O'Malley**

Thanks for another brilliant week, Year 1! We were so impressed with the children's enthusiasm when writing about their visit to Duncan Downs. It was wonderful to see them so motivated. In Maths this week we will be learning that when we add two numbers, we can swap the parts (e.g.  $3 + 4$  is the same as  $4 + 3$ ) and we will use this knowledge to help us learn and write addition facts. We will read 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' – a story about a seagull who eats a mustard sandwich! We will be designing and describing our own sandwich using exciting adjectives. We hope to see lots of seagulls on Monday morning when we visit the beach, harbour and lifeboat station. We will be learning more about the special features of Whitstable and developing our map skills. Don't forget a waterproof coat in case of rain! We will continue to mark Black History Month by learning about Marcus Rashford and Martin Luther King and in PE will use a map to orienteer in the playground.

### Year 2

**From Mrs Swindells & Mrs O'Keeffe**

It has been another great week in Year 2 this week! We have been learning to use adjectives and verbs to describe food and the way in which we eat. We then wrote a persuasive menu based on the story 'A cooked up Fairy tale.' Next week we will be continuing with the story and writing instructions for how to make a pizza using imperative verbs (put, add, chop) and fronted adverbials (first, next, then). In Maths we will be building on our knowledge of adding 2-digit and 2-digit numbers and learning how to add using column addition. We will continue to learn about Black History Month and focus on Harriet Tubman and the impact she had. We will also be completing a 'Flashback Friday' quiz where we will recap our learning throughout the term to help us to remember our knowledge! Next week we will be visiting Duncan Downs. Puffins will be going on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and Seagulls will be going on either Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>. Please see the list of names outside the Year 2 door which outlines the day your child will be going. Children will need to bring a warm, waterproof coat and wellies/sensible shoes to change in to.