

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



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Newsletter

Term 2 Week 6 | 08.12.2023

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dec 2023

Mon 11th - Flu vaccination (YR, 1 & 2)
Mon 11th - Year 1 Christmas Concert 2.15pm
Tues 12th - Year 2 Cinema Trip
Tues 12th - Reception Nativity 9.30am
Tues 12th - Whole School Worship at Church 2.30pm
Weds 13th - Sunbeams Nativity 9.30am
Weds 13th - Reception Nativity 2.15pm
Fri 15th - End of term 2

Jan 2024

Tues 2nd - Staff Development Day
Weds 3rd - Start of Term 3

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KEY EVENTS

Fun at the fair!

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Christmas fair yesterday. Knowing the financial pressures at this time of year, we pared back to just a few stalls and judging by the feedback from families, we feel that this was very successful. We had so many amazing donations for the raffle and would like to extend our thanks to the local businesses that so generously supported us. For those that won, we hope that you enjoy your prizes! We would also like to say a big thank you to two of our parents: Ruth and Phil who volunteered their time to run the stalls on the day. A huge thanks must also go to the staff for their time yesterday and a special thank you to Mrs Smith and Mrs Wratten, who worked very hard on the lead up to the event and secured many of our fabulous raffle prizes! Thanks to your generosity and support, we raised a massive £1,059.89 which will go towards the purchase of some new Reading for Pleasure books to be enjoyed in all year groups.



Spreading a little Christmas joy!

We have been overwhelmed by the feedback about our costumes each day on the school gates. We are so glad that such a simple act can bring so much joy to you all during the morning school run. It has been a pleasure to see the smiles and dancing and the excitement of children (and grown ups!) when they try to guess what we will be dressed as each day! One of our St Alphege graduates who has now moved on to junior school still comes to see us each morning and told me that "You are my favourite Christmas advent calendar" There will be more festive fun each morning next week, so make sure you come and say hello!



Whole School Worship - Tuesday 12th December

All parents are warmly invited to attend our church service on **Tuesday 12th December at 2.30pm** at St Alphege Church, where we will be thinking about Advent. We will return to school afterwards and you can collect your child from school at 3.15pm as usual.



A Special Visit from Father Christmas

We are delighted to say that we are expecting a visit from Father Christmas and his elf on **Thursday 14th 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.

Change of Menu w/c 11th December

The menu for the following days is:

Wednesday 14th December – Beef Bolognese

Thursday 15th December – Roast Chicken

Christmas Nativities to Parents – Week commencing 11th 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 11th December at 2.15pm

Tuesday 12th December at 9.30am

Wednesday 13th December at 9.30am

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Year 1 Christmas Concert

Year R Nativity – The Sleepy Shepherd

Sunbeams Nativity – (written themselves!)

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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.



Wednesday 13th December

Year 1 Party

Thursday 14th December

Year R Party

Thursday 14th December

Year 2 Party

Christmas Party – Sunbeams

We would like to invite all of our Sunbeams into nursery on **Wednesday 13th 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.

Community



TEAMTHEME KENT
Make it memorable

CHRISTMAS CAMP

this school holiday

- Theme Days •
- Forest School •
- Fun-based activities •
- Arts & Crafts •
- Medals & Prizes Daily •

Childcare Vouchers accepted

20% SIBLING DISCOUNT

9am - 4pm

St Mary's
Northwood Road
Widmore
CT5 2EY

07938 575 124
teamthemkent.co.uk

*NEW: Glow in the Dark Dodgeball!

Ofsted
registered no: 105500

Wednesday 20th - Friday 22nd December
Book now online or via mobile with our QR code

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Team Theme Kent Christmas Holiday Camp

<https://booking.teamthemkent.co.uk/project/49409>

King Alphege Attendance Lion

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

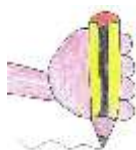


King Alphege Attendance Lion
W/E 01.12.23
Shells Class – 99.2%

Weekly Awards

Whole School Awards

Our awards this year represent our School Development priorities: WAVES. During our Celebration Worship on a Thursday, each class will nominate one child to celebrate their achievements.



Wonderful Writing
Morgan - Puffins Class



Amazing Relationships
Lily – Pearls Class



Valiant Vocabulary
Ela - Pebbles Class



Excellent Reading
Alice – Oysters Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
Daisy – Seagulls Class



St Alphege Values
Eli – Shells

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

From Mrs Humphreys & Mrs Keeble

This week in Sunbeams we pulled our Nativity story together and have been rehearsing our performance in full. We have visited the main school hall where we will be performing, not only to practice our performance but also to watch Reception's Nativity! We joined some visiting nurseries for hot chocolate and biscuits after Reception's performance on Friday which we thoroughly enjoyed! We have been a hive of industry this week as we have been using our printing and mark making skills to create Christmas cards and we have finished off our calendars, all of which will be coming home next week. Just a reminder that next Wednesday morning is when we will be performing in the school hall to you all. After our performance we will be having a Christmas party for the children back in the nursery. Please drop your child off at 8:30 and collect them at 11:30, unless they would normally stay in nursery for the day. We have plenty of Nativity costumes so there is no need for you to buy anything, but if your child has a suitable costume they would like to wear for our performance, please let us know.

Year R

From Mrs Arnott and Mr Mead

Christmas has arrived in Reception this week! We are all very excited! Pebbles and Shells have both had some very cheeky elves in their classrooms playing lots of tricks on everyone. In English we have been exploring Stick Man and the signs of Christmas. The children all wrote their own lists to Father Christmas, we had some wonderful present ideas! On Wednesday we had a fantastic day wearing our party hats for our delicious Christmas dinner. We loved chatting to the Firefighters who came to share our Christmas lunch. We hope they return! We also took part in a craft morning where we got to make lots of festive crafts with our adults from home, it was so much fun! On Thursday we all got to see each other's amazing Christmas jumpers, it made us all get very excited for the big day! We ended the week performing our first dress rehearsal to nurseries from around Whitstable. We are so proud of how well everyone is doing! Have a lovely weekend, we can't wait for more festive fun next week!

Year 1

From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Malley

Oysters and Pearls have had a very exciting week in the run-up to Christmas. Our week got off to a fabulous start with the first of our Christmas performances on Tuesday morning. The children were in wonderful voice, thanks to all of you for supporting us and being such a great audience – the hall was packed! Our second and final performance is on Monday afternoon at 2.15. On Tuesday afternoon, as part of our English learning, we had a baking session. We made puff pastry biscoff bakes (completely delicious and very easy to make at home) and later in the week we wrote a list of instructions using 'bossy' verbs. Next week, one of our lovely parents will be coming in to teach a second baking session to see how much we have remembered. In Maths, we are continuing our learning of addition fact families, and our challenge was to see if we could work out all of the eight operations for one fact family – much trickier than we thought, but everyone worked really hard to problem-solve. We then enjoyed a visit to a new bookshop in Whitstable, Tales on Moon Lane in Canterbury Road where we enjoyed a lovely storytelling session with Tamara and Victoria. Please do call in if you haven't visited yet, it is a truly magical place! Everyone is looking forward to the last week of term – some reminders for you: Christmas performance Monday at 2.15, Whole school worship in Church on Tuesday at 2.30 and Christmas party Thursday afternoon.

Year 2

From Mrs Swindells & Mrs O'Keeffe

Year 2 have had a fun-filled week! Thank you for coming to see our Nativity – we hope you enjoyed watching it as much as we enjoyed performing it! We visited the Endowed Junior School on Tuesday and had a fantastic time creating a variety of Christmas crafts. On Wednesday we made party hats and enjoyed our whole school Christmas lunch – it was delicious! We had a great time writing our own poems based on the story 'The Blue Giant'. We used onomatopoeia to create effect and thought about the sounds and feelings we experienced at the beach. Next week will be full of Christmas fun! We will be making a mod rock Christmas decoration to bring home and a 2024 calendar! We will also be watching the Endowed's year 3 Nativity at the Church which we are very much looking forward to. On Tuesday we will be getting the bus to Herne Bay and walking to the cinema to watch Arthur Christmas – we will eat our lunch there before returning back to school. On Tuesday afternoon we have our whole school Christmas service at the Church – we hope to see you all there at 2.30pm! On Thursday we will be having a visit from somebody very special which will be an exciting surprise! We will also bake some Christmas themed biscuits and look forward to our Christmas party on Thursday afternoon! Please bring in party clothes in a named bag for us to change into for the afternoon! Have a lovely weekend!