

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

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Newsletter

Term 2 Week 4 | 24.11.2023

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Nov 2023

Mon 27th – Year R Parents Maths Session 1.30pm

Dec 2023

Fri 1st – Reception NCMP

Sat 2nd – Festive Fun day for 2024 Reception

Tues 5th – Year 1 Christmas Concert 9.30am

Weds 6th – Reception Parent Christmas Craft 9.30am

Weds 6th – Christmas Dinner

Weds 6th – Year 2 Nativity 2.15pm

Thurs 7th – Christmas Jumper Day

Thurs 7th – Year 2 Nativity 9.30am

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

KEY EVENTS

Festive Fun Day

We would like to invite all children who are due to start school in Year R in September 2024, to a fun filled festive activity morning on Saturday 2nd December 2023 from 10.00am – 12.00pm. There is no need to book, just come along on the day. Please note that this is not for current St Alphege children. There will be plenty of other festive opportunities for them to enjoy in school.

Christmas Tree Decorations Donations

We are looking for donations of Christmas tree decorations/baubles for our communal tree in the school hall. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.



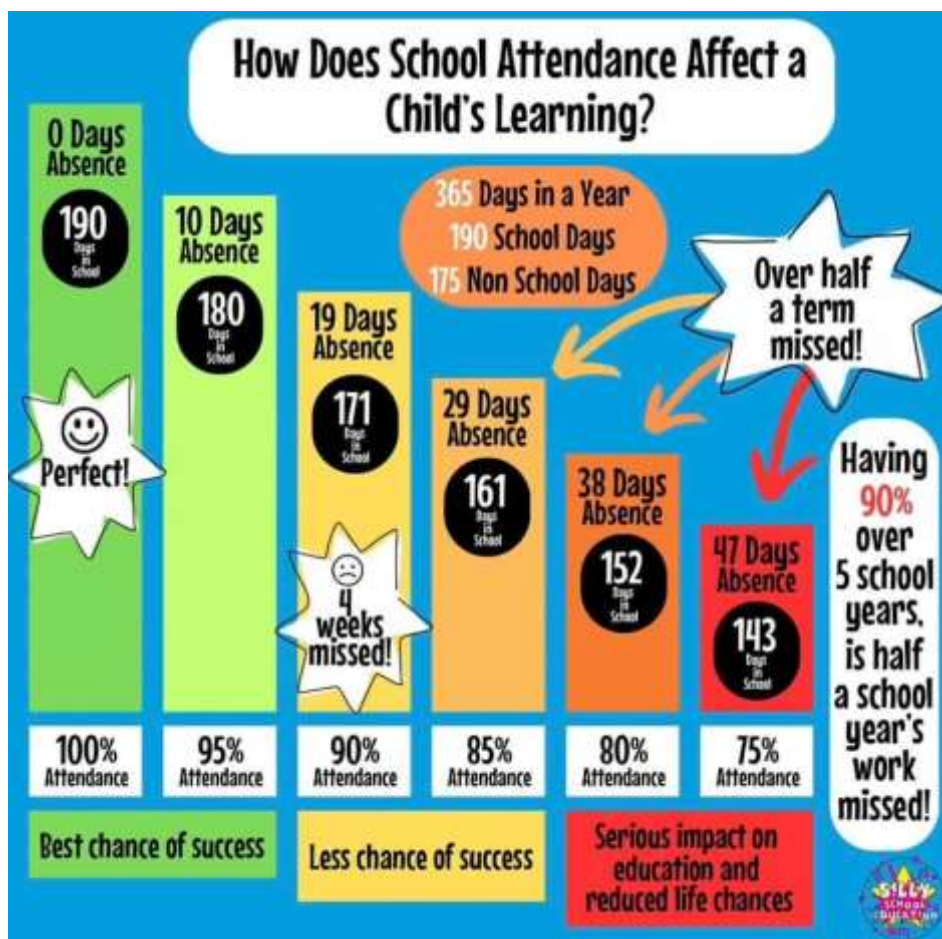
Friends Christmas Fair –Thursday 7th December 3.15pm

Huge thanks to The Friends who are again organising our Christmas Fair. We are very aware of the financial pressures that everyone is facing especially during the festive period, so we are organising a paired down fair this year that will include a raffle, cake stall, tombola, hot chocolate and mince pies.

Raffle tickets have been sent home with the children. All the money raised will contribute towards reading for pleasure books, which will be used in all year groups. Prizes include £50 dining voucher for the Hotel Continental, £50 voucher for Bears Ice Cream, Voucher for Revolution Skate Park and many more amazing prizes.

Outstanding Attendance

We would like to thank you all for working with us to make sure your child attends school regularly. We thought this graphic may be a visual reminder about the importance of coming to school every day. As you may be aware, we are held accountable for our attendance figures by the Local Authority and value your support in making sure that your child does not miss out on their education. Our whole school attendance figures are currently strong and we value the part you have played in that. We fully appreciate that we are entering into the colder months, where coughs and colds tend to increase and of course, we would not want your child to come to school if they are not well. This is the most magical term in an Infant School and we do not want them to miss out on the sparkle and joy on the lead up to Christmas!



King Alphege Attendance Lion

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

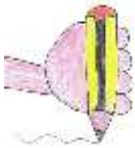


King Alphege Attendance Lion
W/E 10.11.23
Oysters Class – 97.6%

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
Sirak – Seagulls Class



Amazing Relationships
Dylan, Polly & Delilah
- Pearls Class



Valiant Vocabulary
Rosie – Pebbles Class



Excellent Reading
Kachi – Puffins Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
Louis – Oysters Class



St Alphege Values
Polly – Shells Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

From Mrs Humphreys & Mrs Keeble

This week in Sunbeams we have been role playing aspects of the Christmas Story as we get to know it better in preparation for our Christmas performance. Many of our Sunbeams are already singing the songs we want to sing to you really well and we have learned a few more this week. We have been practising our scissor skills by cutting out pictures of toys from a catalogue that we would like Father Christmas to bring us at Christmas. We then stuck these images onto a letter and signed it. We will be popping out to the post box next week to post our letters to Father Christmas and we look forward to hearing if our Sunbeams receive replies from him! Mrs Memmott joined us in the nursery this week for our music session and she told us a musical story with a book and her violin. On each page there was a different image to inspire our movements and Mrs Memmott played a different tune to accompany them.

Year R

From Mrs Arnott and Mr Mead

What a busy week we have had in Reception! In English this week our nursery rhyme has been '12345 once I caught a fish alive'. We have been exploring rhyming words and looking at what makes a word rhyme. It was very tricky but all the children have worked really hard. In maths the children have been exploring the numbers 4 and 5. The children enjoyed going on number hunts around the school and looking at different ways of arranging objects to show 4 and 5. Reception have continued to practice their nativity songs and we can't wait for you to hear them soon! In phonics we have been learning some very tricky digraphs – sh, th, ng and nk. We are so proud of how hard the children are working with their phonics and reading. This week we have also been exploring the celebration of Thanksgiving – we all thought about things we are thankful for and even got to taste some pumpkin pie! Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Year 1

From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Malley

Oysters and Pearls have enjoyed a busy and interesting week.

As part of our History learning, we enjoyed a fantastic visit to the Whitstable Museum, where we took part in a carousel of activities, learning about old clothes and toys, the Whitstable floods, and beach finds over the centuries. The children took part so well that Mr Banbury emailed the teachers to say what a wonderful group we were.

Well done, Oysters and Pearls!

In Maths, we continue learning how to use a number line, but this week we are learning to subtract on a number line. This continues next week, when we use our knowledge of number fact families to improve our skills.

In English and RE we are learning the story of Jesus's birth, and finding nouns to help us learn about the different people and places in that story. We are also having daily practice of the songs we are learning for our Christmas production. Our singing is progressing beautifully.

Wishing you all a lovely restful weekend.

Year 2

From Mrs Swindells & Mrs O'Keeffe

Year 2's week started with a 'How can I help?' day where we focussed on our Geography learning. We discussed different types of pollution including air, land and water as well as thinking about deforestation. We thought about the impact they all have on our world and completed a variety of activities representing each type to help us to see first hand the effect they have. We then thought about how we can make small changes to our daily lives to help the wonderful world we live in. In English we used our writing from last week about Greta and the Giants and expanded our sentences to make a narrative describing the setting. We immersed ourselves in the story and created our own characters who watched as giants chopped down trees and build houses in the nest! We used this experience to write a detailed narrative of a setting description and used valiant vocabulary throughout! Next week will be focussing on the text 'The blue giant'. We will be visiting the beach to use our senses and use onomatopoeia to describe the sounds in the environment. We will also be thinking about the impact of litter on our beach and help by litter picking while we are there. In maths next week we will be learning all about money and how to add coins to make a total. We will also be taking part in lots of Nativity practise so we are ready for our big performances!