

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



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Newsletter

Term 1 Week 4 | 29.9.2023

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If online payment details are required, please contact the school office.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Oct 2023

Mon 16th - Harvest Service in church
Weds 18th - Parents Evening video appointment
3.30pm-7.30pm
Thurs 19th - Parents Evening video appointment
3.30pm-7.00pm
Fri 20th - Non-Uniform Day
Fri 20th - End of term one
Mon 30th - Staff development day - School closed
Tues 31st - Term 2 starts

Nov 2023

Fri 3rd - Applications for Reception places open
Fri 3rd - Applications for Junior places open
Sat 4th - Open Day for 2024 Reception
Tues 21st - Individual School Photos


Dec 2023

Mon 11th - Flu vaccination (YR, 1 & 2)
Fri 15th - End of term 2

KEY EVENTS

School Tour Dates and Open Morning

Is your child due to start school in September 2024? We warmly invite you to come along to our Saturday Open Day on 4th November or book onto one of our school tours during the day to meet our incredible children and staff. We cannot wait to show you everything that our school has to offer. Please ring the school office on 01227 272977 to book on a tour.



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


Tours with Mrs Spinks our Head of School and Mrs Thomas-Friend our Executive Headteacher

Day	Date	Time
Friday	29 th September 2023	9.30am
Monday	2 nd October 2023	9.30am
Wednesday	4 th October 2023	9.30am
Wednesday	11 th October 2023	1.30pm
Tuesday	17 th October 2023	9.30am
Tuesday	31 st October 2023	9.30am
Tuesday	31 st October 2023	1.30pm
Friday	3 rd November 2023	9.30am
Friday	3 rd November 2023	1.30pm
Tuesday	7 th November 2023	9.30am
Friday	10 th November 2023	9.30am
Tuesday	14 th November 2023	9.30am
Thursday	16 th November 2023	9.30am
Thursday	16 th November 2023	1.30pm
Monday	20 th November 2023	9.30am
Saturday	4 th November 2023	10.00am-12.00pm

Please call the office to book onto one of the tours listed. There are limited places on each tour.

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Uniform Reminders

Thank you for sending your child to school in the correct uniform each day. Uniform is an important part of being in school as it helps to give children a sense of belonging and community. Please make sure your child's uniform is named so that we can return any misplaced items to the correct owner! We fully appreciate the financial challenges that we are all facing at the moment with the rising cost of living and how providing uniform can be another expense for families. At the end of last academic year, if the children had outgrown their school shoes, we allowed them to come into school wearing their trainers to save parents added expense at the end of the summer term. Now that we are in a new school year, we would like to ask that children now have the correct school shoes and do not come to school wearing their trainers. Shoes should be all black and appropriate for the variety of activities that we do during the day. Uniform does not have to bear the school logo and can be picked up at supermarkets as long as the colours are correct. There are also many great initiatives, such as the Whitstable Community Wardrobe, where good quality uniform can be donated or collected free of charge. Recycling uniform once your child has grown out of it is also good for the planet, so we would encourage you all to take a look and donate anything you no longer need.

You can contact them on Facebook using the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/WhitstableWardrobe/>

or email the organiser Jane Myhill on: jane.myhill@btinternet.com



All Wrapped Up

All Wrapped Up is a project of Riverside Church working with our local schools and partners to provide Christmas presents and food hampers to families in need.

In 2022 the parents and carers of over 320 referred children came to Riverside and chose presents at our free Winter Wonderland (scan the QR code to see how we did this). A huge team of volunteers also packed and distributed 280 hamper bags, each providing everything for a Christmas dinner for four.

How can you help All Wrapped Up 2023?

By donating a new gift: for someone aged between 0 to 17 years (up to £20). All donations can be dropped off at Riverside Monday to Friday between 9am & 4pm - see our address below.

By donating financially online:

At bit.ly/allwrappedupriverside through this QR code

We would be very grateful for any donation you feel able to make, but as an indication, each Christmas dinner hamper for a family of 4 costs in the region of £40 each. If you are a business and would like to discuss how you could support this project, please contact us. Thank you for helping us help families in need this Christmas.

Riverside Church, Thanet Way, Whitstable CT5 3JQ

www.riversideuk.org

RIVERSIDE CHURCH

Non-Uniform day Friday 20th October

We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 20th October with all donations going to the Riverside project. Any donations big or small are welcome.

Exciting News!

Congratulations to Mrs Arnott and wife Katie on the birth of their beautiful baby boy who was born yesterday. Mrs Keeble will be in Pebbles class whilst Mrs Arnott enjoys a wonderful time with her family!



Community

Food Bank

As the needs of the people within our community continue to grow, we are once again asking for your support this autumn with donations of non-perishable food items, toiletries, household cleaning supplies and sanitary items. Donations can be given to St Alphege church at any time, but we would like to request donations of the following for the harvest service on Monday 16th October. These can be brought to school anytime from 9th October onwards.



HARVEST

This Harvest we would appreciate:

- Baked beans
- Tinned pasta
- Tinned peas & carrots
- Shampoo
- Tinned tomatoes
- Showergel
- Tinned tuna
- Washing powder
- Tinned meatballs
- Cat / dog food
- Soup
- Washing up liquid
- Cleaning products
- Jam / peanut butter
- Pasta sauce
- Tinned rice pudding
- Long life milk
- Tinned fruit
- Long life fruit juice
- Dried pasta 500g

Donations can be left in our supermarket collections bins - see our website for a full list of locations.

We all struggle financially at times

...but food has been donated by your local community, so that you can still eat when things get tough

If you live in Canterbury, Whitstable, Herne Bay or the surrounding area, call or email us. Our friendly team will make sure that you don't go hungry and signpost you to further help. If you know of someone who might need support please pass on this leaflet

We always try to cater for dietary and religious needs, or if you have limited cooking facilities. We may also be able to help with pet food, baby items and laundry/cleaning products to help reduce the cost of the weekly shop

Find out more on our website, including information on how you could donate to your community when you're back on your feet

If you need support, please call 01227 894438 or email info@canterburyfoodbank.org

canterburyfoodbank.org

FOOD BANK

Would a food parcel help you to make ends meet or relieve some of the financial pressure? Please don't leave it until your cupboard is bare before asking for help. Canterbury Food Bank can provide a food parcel that would last you (and your family) for at least three days and can cater for special dietary requirements.

<https://canterburyfoodbank.org/need-food/>

SEND Drop in Centres

Canterbury District Children's Centres
In partnership with
Kent PACT

Registered Charity No. 1194016

SEND
Special Educational Needs + Disabilities
Information, Advice and Support Drop In
for **All** children diagnosed or undiagnosed.

We can help you with:

- Understanding your child's needs
- Tips and strategies to help at home
- Signposting to local SEND support services
- Getting the best from your child's education

You'll also be able to:

- Meet other parents/carers
- Make your views about SEND known at a strategic level to help improve services.

Poppy Children's Centre
1st Thursday of the month
10:00am - 11:30am
Parklife, Memorial Park, Kings Road, Herne Bay, CT6 5RG

Joy Lane Children's Centre
2nd Friday of the month
9:30am - 11:00am
Joy Lane Primary School, Joy Lane, Whitstable, CT5 4LT

Riverside Children's Centre
3rd Friday of the month
9:30am - 11:00am
Kingsmead Road, Canterbury, CT2 7PH

Kent County Council
kent.gov.uk

Kent PACT Website:
kentpactnew2022.co.uk

Find us on Facebook:
[@KentPACT](https://www.facebook.com/KentPACT)

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 22.9.23
Puffins Class – 99.3%

Weekly Awards

Introducing Our New Whole School Awards!

Our awards this year represent our School Development priorities: WAVES. The children have been busy designing our new stickers to accompany each of the areas of our School Plan. It was a very difficult choice, as their drawings were all brilliant, but we have settled on the final six below. Next week we will start awarding the stickers to the children each time they demonstrate their achievements in each area. During our Celebration Worship on a Thursday, each class will then nominate one child to celebrate their achievements and their names will be added to the weekly newsletter.



Wonderful Writing
Aurabella – Pebbles Class



Amazing Relationships
Callum – Puffins Class



Valiant Vocabulary
Dylan – Pearls Class



Excellent Reading
Willow – Shells Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
Chloe – Seagulls Class



St Alphege Values
Rudi – Oysters Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

From Mrs Keeble & Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have been busy creating our own unique fish for 'You Be You' day. We have used lots of different media and materials when creating our fish. Some of the children chose to paint or draw their fish, while others used transient arts materials, such as buttons, stones, nuts and bolts to make theirs. We talked about how we all share some things in common but are also different from each other and that makes each of us unique and special! In HeartSmart we are learning about Boris the Robot who was made of junk from the scrapyard, but who is also unique and special and we have begun making our own Boris from junk modelling. We have been developing our subitising skills this week. Subitising is being able to see what the quantity is without counting. We have played games to encourage the children to spot groups of one, two or three. During our welcome time, we use counters with 10 frames to help develop our subitising skills and number sense further.

Year 1

From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Malley

Here we are at the end of another busy week in Oysters and Pearls. In our English lessons, we have continued with our text 'Room on the Broom' with a focus on the characters voices and sounds. The children noticed many tiny details in the illustrations, too, pointing out links to other Julia Donaldson stories. In Maths, we continue learning about numbers within 10, looking at one more and one less and introducing equalities symbols for greater than/less than, using the rhyme 'Mrs Gator eats what's greater!' to help the children remember which symbol represents which. Next week, we will be introducing number lines and how to use them effectively. We linked Geography and Science with a lovely, blustery walk to the park at Cornwallis Circle. The children used their emerging mapping skills to go left, right and straight ahead as we looked for signs of Autumn, and we also had a cheeky play in the swing park! This continues next with a visit to Duncan Downs, led by our Forest School teacher, Mr Thomas-Friend. We will be learning about what happens to trees in Autumn, and how to tell if a tree is deciduous or evergreen. This week we also selected our reps for T.E.D team – Together Everyone Decides.
Oysters: - Woody and Xanthe
Pearls: - Laurie and Lily
We know these children will make fantastic reps for Y1. Have a happy and safe weekend, everyone!

Year R

From Mrs Arnott & Mr Mead

Reception have had a lovely week. In English we read a story call This is our House by Michael Rosen. We thought about the importance of sharing with our friends and playing nicely. We then thought more deeply about houses and what our own homes are like. The children used new vocabulary to describe their house and collaged their own houses to fill them up with lots of furniture. In maths we have continued to explore lots of matching and sorting activities, this week we sorted by size, shape and colour. In Phonics this week we have covered g, o, c and k! These new sounds have really helped us reading our CVC words. In PE this week we continued our OAA learning. We had lots of challenges that we had to solve together including a fun hula-hoop traveling game! Finally, we worked really hard to create our own underwater creatures for our new school display. All the children created amazing and colourful creatures. They're going to look amazing in the hall. Well done Reception!

Year 2

From Mrs Swindells & Mrs O'Keeffe

Seagulls and Puffins have had a week full of fun! We started the week taking part in 'you be you' day and created our own unique sea creature using a range of resources. We can't wait to see them all on display in the hall! In art we have been learning to use drawing techniques to create tone by using a variety of pencils and exploring using different pressure to create effect. We absolutely loved reading 'The Ghanian Goldilocks' and had great fun pretending to be Goldilocks by doing a variety of cheeky things around the school. We did get caught gobbling some biscuits and playing on the reception patio though so we will be writing letters to the teachers next week to say sorry. We learnt about the Romans this week and completed a variety of activities to introduce us to their way of life. Next week we will be looking in more detail at their lives and comparing them to present day life. In Maths we will be adding 2-digit numbers to 1-digit numbers and using out number knowledge to make links between number facts to help us (if we know that $2 + 3 = 5$, then $12 + 3 = 15$). We hope you have a lovely weekend 😊