

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

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Values



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Newsletter

Term 1 Week 7 | 20.10.2023

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Oct 2023

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

Weds 6th – Christmas Dinner

Mon 11th - Flu vaccination (YR, 1 & 2)

Fri 15th – End of term 2

KEY EVENTS

Non-Uniform Day

Thank you for all of your generous donations today in aid of the Riverside 'All Wrapped Up' Project. This will go towards supporting local families on the lead up to the festive period. We have raised a total of £156.81.

Year 2 Trip – Rescheduled date – Thursday 2nd November

The Year 2 trip to the Roman Museum has been rescheduled to Thursday 2nd November. We were unfortunately unable to attend on the scheduled date this term due to an accident in Canterbury preventing the buses from running. We will use the previous consent forms and lunch orders provided

School Tour Dates and Open Morning

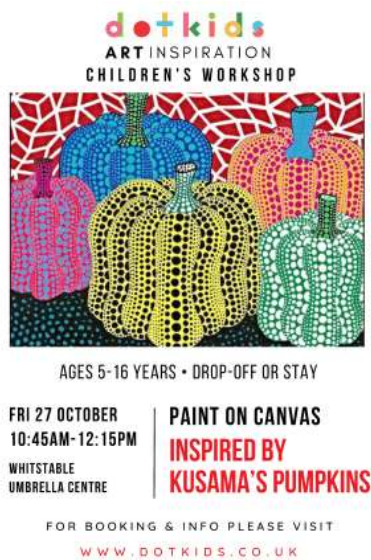
Is your child due to start school in September 2024? We warmly invite you to come along to our Saturday Open Day on 4th November or book onto one of our school tours during the day to meet our incredible children and staff. We cannot wait to show you everything that our school has to offer. Please ring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

Community



Restart a Heart Campaign – 21st October.

Whitstable fire station will be running Restart a heart Campaign on 21st October. The aim of the campaign is to deliver sessions on performing CPR, help with understanding and using a defibrillator and basic life saving training to the public. Please book via the QR code on the flyer attached. Alternatively, the fire station will be open to the public throughout the day, except between 13.00 and 14.00, for anyone that would just like to drop in and chat with the crew.



Dot Kids Half Term Art Workshop

Dot Kids will be running an Art Workshop at the Umbrella Centre during half term.

For further information and to book online please visit

<https://dotkids.co.uk/>



Baytastic Halloween Disco

Baytastic Halloween disco at The Vibe in Herne Bay.

[Book tickets here](#)

King Alphege Attendance Lion

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



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W/E 13.10.23

Shells Class – 98.8%

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
Quinn - Seagulls Class



Amazing Relationships
George – Shells Class



Valiant Vocabulary
Connie – Pebbles Class



Excellent Reading
Gabriel – Puffins Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
Maggie – Pearls Class



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Woody - Oysters Class

Bailey 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 1 is awarded to Chloe in Year 2.**



Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

From Mrs Humphreys & Mrs Keeble

This week in Sunbeams we have been exploring pumpkins. We have used our noticing skills to describe what we see and feel and have used various tools on them; scraping and mashing them inside and out. We used mallets to hammer in golf tees which has supported our fine motor and hand-eye co-ordination. We have continued to think about size this week and compared the different pumpkins we had in the setting to each other, thinking about how we would describe their size and what vocabulary we use when comparing their size. We made our own pumpkins of different sizes out of orange playdough so we could talk about them and compare their sizes. On Tuesday we enjoyed a music session in the main school hall with Mrs Memmott. We moved in different ways in response to the music and played some musical instruments ourselves.

Year R

From Mrs Arnott and Mr Mead

We made it! Reception have finished off the term with a jam-packed week! This week we have been reading The Little Red Hen and learning all about Harvest. The children had lots of fun making their own bread just like the little red hen. We learnt about where the ingredients come from and thought about how much hard work farmers have to do. The children created their own set of instructions using visual pictures to show how to make a loaf of bread. In phonics this week Reception have been showing off how many sounds they know, we are so proud of how far they have come this term and how hard they have all worked. In PE this week we went on an exciting scavenger hunt through Whitstable town. The children had to find different things and look out for landmarks. In RE we learnt about how Christians celebrate Harvest and what they believe in around this time of year. All the children did some careful thinking about what food they are most thankful for. On Friday we celebrated the end of term with a party for filling our marble jars, it was so much fun and the children have some serious dance moves! Well done Reception for an incredible first term at school, we can't wait for all the adventures in term 2. Have a lovely well deserved break!

Year 1

From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Malley

We have had a wonderful last week of Term in Year 1! This week we drew some amazing self-portraits with oil pastels in the style of American Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat. We then completed some independent writes about our pictures in our English lessons. We used adjectives to list the colours that we used, and wrote verbs with the -ing suffix to describe what we were doing in our drawings. We did a fantastic job of remembering full stops, capital letters and finger spaces and made our teachers incredibly proud! In Maths we have learnt about fact families and how addition sentences can be reversed and swapped and still make sense! Next term we will start looking at all of the different ways we can make ten. We had a fabulous treat morning sharing our toys from home with our friends. We had some lovely fruit and biscuit snacks too! A refresher poster of our learning this term is coming home for us to have a little look at over half term, but our teachers hope we have a lovely and well-deserved break!

Year 2

From Mrs Swindells & Mrs O'Keeffe

Year 2 have had a wonderful last week of Term! Although our trip to the Roman Museum was cancelled, we had a fun filled day and used this opportunity as our bead jar treat. We spent the morning at the park and when we got back to school, we chose a variety of activities including a disco, a film, playing outside and playing inside. **We have rearranged our trip to the Roman Museum for Thursday 2nd November.** We had such fun in English creating our own menu based on 'A Cooked up Fairy Tale!' We used persuasive language to tempt our readers into choosing our starter, main and dessert. In Maths we continued to learn how to use column addition and began carrying over tens when there were more than 10 ones!

Next Term, our learning question is 'How can we help the world?'. We will be learning all about climate change, deforestation and pollution and thinking about small changes we can all make that will have a positive impact on our future world. We will be learning about animals and humans in science and thinking about our basic needs.

We hope you have a restful and enjoyable break and look forward to welcoming you back on the 31st October 😊