

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

# ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

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Values



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## Newsletter

Term 2 Week 1 | 03.11.2023

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

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Nov 2023

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> – Applications for Reception places open  
Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> – Applications for Junior places open  
Sat 4<sup>th</sup> – Open Day for 2024 Reception  
Mon 6<sup>th</sup> – Whole school Worship at Church 2.30pm – Parents welcome  
Fri 17<sup>th</sup> – Children in Need – Non-Uniform Day – Monetary donations will be given to Herne Bay High School Dance Dash dancers  
Tues 21<sup>st</sup> – Individual School Photos

#### Dec 2023

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> – Reception NCMP  
Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> – Festive Fun day for 2024 Reception  
Weds 6<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Dinner  
Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Jumper Day  
Mon 11<sup>th</sup> – Flu vaccination (YR, 1 & 2)  
Fri 15<sup>th</sup> – End of term 2

### KEY EVENTS

#### Poppies

We have poppies and poppy items available in school to support this year's Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. If your child would like any items or a poppy, please send some money in an envelope with your child. There are zip pulls and reflectors (suggested donations 50p), silicon wristbands and snap bands (suggested donations £1) as well as the traditional paper poppy.



#### Sports Clubs

We will continue to run our sports clubs this term and we are pleased to offer them to Year R children too

Monday Year 1 & 2  
Wednesday Year 1 & 2  
Thursday Year R

Multi-Sports  
Gymnastics FULL  
Multi-Sports



## School Lunch – Change to Menu – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Bonfire Themed Lunch



### Mains

Hot Dogs  
Vegetarian Hot Dogs

### Sides

Chips, Beans, Salad Bar

### Dessert

Firecracker Biscuit



## Friends (PTA) Drop in – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November – 2.30pm

You are warmly invited to come along on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm to a Friends information afternoon, where we will provide information about what the Friends do for the school and how you as a parent can get involved. We are currently recruiting new volunteers and would like some help organising this year's Christmas fair, whether that be through organising and participating or by donating prizes for our raffle. We welcome as little or as much time as you can offer. Please see the attached flyer for further information on the Friends.



## Children in Need – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November



This will be a non-uniform day for the children. We are delighted to be hosting the Herne Bay High School Dance Dash dancers. Any monetary donations will be given to Herne Bay High to add to their grand total which will be donated to Children in Need. Please send in the donations with your child at the start of the school day.

## Individual School Photos – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November

Profiles Photography will be in school on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November to take individual children's photos. We will also be able to take sibling photos this year for those children who have a sibling that attends our school or Sunbeams. If your Sunbeams child doesn't usually attend on a Tuesday morning, and you would like them to have their photo taken, please bring them via the school office at 8.30am.

## Year 1 Trip to RNLI Lifeboat Station – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November

We are delighted to have been invited to the Whitstable Lifeboat Station on the morning of Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November. We are going to find out what they do for Whitstable to help keep us safe and why we need a lifeboat. Please send your children in sensible footwear and a waterproof coat. If you would like to join us as a parent helper, we would be delighted to have you. Please let us know if you would like to come along.

## Year 1 Trip to Whitstable Museum – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

We are happy to tell you that, as part of our history topic 'What was it like when you were young?' we have organised a trip to the Whitstable Museum. The children will have an opportunity to look at some old toys, discuss a timeline and take part in an observation game, to develop their skills of historical enquiry. The visit takes place on the morning of Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November in the morning. One class will visit at 9.15am and the other at 10.30am.

If you would like to join us as a parent helper, we would be delighted to have you. Please let us know if you would like to come along.

## School admissions for September 2024

If you have a child who will be starting school in September 2024, 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 4<sup>th</sup> November 2023 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 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 and 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. 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 2024

Parents of Year 2 children will need to apply for a Junior school place for your child for September 2024. 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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## Community

### Community Clothes Bank - Pop-up Preloved Sale



## King Alphege Attendance Lion

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

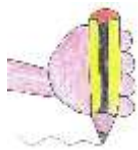


King Alphege Attendance Lion  
W/E 20.10.23  
**Pebbles & Seagulls Class – 99.2%**

## 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**  
Finley - Pebbles Class



**Amazing Relationships**  
Marcus – Puffins Class



**Valiant Vocabulary**  
Isaac G– Oysters Class



**Excellent Reading**  
Atlas – Shells Class



**Simcha (Shared Joy)**  
Mariam –Seagulls Class



**St Alphege Values**  
Leo – Pearls Class

## Weekly Year Group Recap

### Sunbeams

#### From Mrs Humphreys & Mrs Keeble

This week in Sunbeams we have been thinking about bonfire night. We have watched firework displays on the big screen and thought of lots of 'valiant vocabulary' to describe them. We used paints and chalks to create our firework pictures and used some new techniques to achieve them. On Tuesday we had a music session with Mrs Memmott. We sang songs with rhyme such as, cat, bat and hat. We also responded to the music by starting and stopping, or jumping and changing direction. Game like this help to develop our listening skills. We read the story Can you see Sassoon? We noticed that the illustrations show lots of different patterns. We then looked for patterns in our environment and created some of our own.

### Year R

#### From Mrs Arnott and Mr Mead

We have had a great first week back at school for Term 2! We were so excited to hear all about the children's half term adventures. In English this term we are going to be exploring lots of different nursery rhymes, this week was the turn of Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star. We all learnt the sign language to go with the song and enjoyed performing it to each other. In maths we have been looking at how to show numbers 1, 2 and 3 in different ways. All the children showed a good understanding and enjoyed playing lots of counting games. This term we are going to be looking at celebrations from around the world. The children learnt all about Fireworks and who Guy Fawkes was. We thought about how to stay safe on Bonfire Night and what sounds fireworks make. The children got very messy and sparkly creating their own firework pictures! In phonics this week we have been learning lots of new digraphs – ff, ll, ss and a new phoneme j. Well done Reception for a great first week!

### Year 1

#### From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Malley

A warm welcome back to Term 2 – we have such an exciting term of play and learning planned! This week, in English we looked at Traditional Tales – what are the features of a traditional tale? How do they start, and finish? What about characters and settings? We then revisited a favourite Traditional Tale, The Three Little Pigs. For the next two weeks, we will be looking at another traditional tale, Little Red Riding Hood. We will explore the story using art, music, role-play, small world and drama before moving on to writing in week 2. In maths, we recapped addition and number bonds to 10. The children have worked very hard, and have begun to record lovely number sentences as well as demonstrating their understanding using Numicon and ten-frames. Next week, we will move on to representation, and adding two amounts using a number line. In PE, we began our Dance unit with a very lively line dancing lesson in the hall – we will look at different genres of dance over a few weeks, and then create our own dance at the end of term. In Science, we will be looking at materials and their properties. The children explored different everyday materials and then sorted them into wood, metal, paper, card and glass. Next week, we start our new topics in History and in Design and Technology. Our learning question is "What was it like when you were young?" We will be learning how to use a timeline, exploring old toys, visiting Whitstable Museum and the RNLI Lifeboat Station, and designing a simple old-fashioned toy – a beach windmill.

### Year 2

#### From Mrs Swindells & Mrs O'Keeffe

What a fantastic week back after half term we have had in Year 2! We began to think about our learning question for the term 'How can we help the world?' and thought about what climate change and pollution is. Each week we will look closely into the different types of pollution and think about how it affects our world and what we can do to help. Next week we will be learning about air pollution and setting up a clean air experiment around the school! In Science this week we learnt all about the offspring of animals and matched them to their adult. Next week we will be thinking about the basic needs for survival for all living things. We have been reading the books '10 things I can do to help my world' and creating our own rule books in English. Next week we will be reading 'Greta and the Giants' and completing a variety of engagement activities including drama, role play, construction and drawing to help us immerse ourselves in the text and gather a range of vocabulary. We have impressed our teachers so much with our subtraction knowledge this week and will continue to build on these skills next week by subtracting 2-digit numbers from 2-digit numbers. On Friday we will mark Remembrance Day in class and think about what and where we feel peaceful. Have a lovely weekend 😊