

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



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Loved, Inspired, Shining

Newsletter

Term 1 Week 3 | 22.9.2023

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sept 2023

Fri 22nd – Animate Arts
Mon 25th – You Be You Day

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 – End of term one
Mon 30th – Staff development day – School closed
Tues 31st – Term 2 starts

Nov 2023

Tues 21st – Individual School Photos

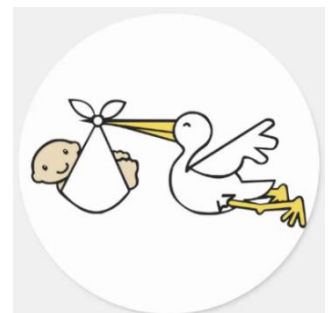
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Mon 11th – Flu vaccination (YR, 1 & 2)
Fri 15th – End of term 2

KEY EVENTS

Exciting News!

We would like to announce the wonderful news that Mrs Swindells and her husband are expecting their first baby! We are delighted for them both and cannot wait to celebrate the baby's arrival next year. This will obviously mean that Mrs Swindells will be going on maternity leave in the Spring and we will write to you all again once arrangements for this have been finalised. For now, we know that you will join with us in celebrating this wonderful news!



Another Animate Arts Triumph!

Today, Jo from Animate Arts Company returned to gather the children's work into our WAVES themed installation in the school entrance. The gasps of joy from the children as they came up to eat their lunch in the hall was such a magical moment for us all! Huge thanks as always must go to Jo for bringing her creative inspiration to the children. We are so proud of our long-standing creative partnership with Animate and all that this brings to the children and our school. We cannot wait to invite you all in to see it once it is completed.



St Alphege stands as a beacon of creativity and artistic excellence once again!

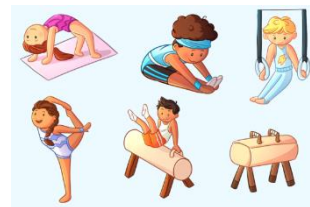
Due to the schools recognised achievements in the Arts, Mrs Spinks was approached to write a blog for Kent Music School about how we embrace the arts in all that we do so that other organisations can learn from our outstanding practice. We were honoured to be asked to write this piece. If you would like to read the full article on the Kent Music website, this can be accessed on the following link: <https://schools.kent-music.com/home/services-for-schools/kent-music-schools-blog/primary-arts-music-mark-artsmark/>

Achieve Sports Year 1 & 2

There are still spaces available for Year 1 and 2 this term. Forms are available from the school office.

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

Multi Sports
Gymnastics
Dance



Year 1 & 2 Choir

Year 1 and 2 choir will run every Tuesday from 8:20am - 8.40am in the Community Room. Children will need to be dropped off at the Community Room patio area where Mrs Memmott will meet them. Time will be limited, please make sure that the children arrive promptly at 8:20am.




You Be You Day - Monday 25th September

On Monday 25th September, we will be celebrating our uniqueness by using the beautiful text: You Be You. The book follows a little fish, Adri, who sets out to explore the ocean, with no idea how colourful the world is. He quickly discovers that there are all kinds of fish in the deep blue sea—big and tiny, smooth and spiny, colourful and plain, different and the same. We will be using this book to explore and convey the message of beauty and difference and celebrating all of the wonderful and unique characters that make up our fabulous school. All members of our school family, including parents, will be invited to create their own unique sea creature which will be added to a whole school display in our school hall. Further information about this will be sent in the coming weeks.

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.



ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL



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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Artsmark
Platinum Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England

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 toiletries/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 936406 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/>

♥♥♥♥ World Sepsis Awareness Month ♥♥♥♥♥

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

SYMPTOMS IN CHILDREN

A child may have sepsis if he or she:

- Is breathing very fast
- Has a 'fit' or convulsion
- Looks mottled, bluish, or pale
- Has a rash that does not fade when you press it
- Is very lethargic or difficult to wake
- Feels abnormally cold to touch

SYMPTOMS IN ADULTS

An adult may have sepsis if they show any of these signs:

- Slurred speech or confusion
- Extreme shivering or muscle pain
- Passing no urine (in a day)
- Severe breathlessness
- It feels like you're going to die
- Skin mottled or discoloured

Please visit the link below for more information:

<https://sepsistrust.org/about/about-the-charity/our-current-campaigns/sepsis-savvy/>

Call 111 or contact your GP if you're worried about an infection.
Call 999 or visit A&E if someone has one of the sepsis symptoms.



THE UK
SEPSIS
TRUST

JUST ASK "COULD IT BE SEPSIS?"

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 15.9.23
Pearls 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
Beau – Puffins Class



Amazing Relationships
Ivan – Shells Class



Valiant Vocabulary
Ella – Seagulls Class



Excellent Reading
Laurie – Pearls Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
Ezra – Pebbles Class



St Alphege Values
Amie – Oysters Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

From Mrs Keeble & Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have been very busy being creative for our whole school art installation for the school entrance. We have each made a gold coin for the treasure chest, drawing our faces on one side and a number on the other (3 was very popular!). We also decorated starfish with cheerios or bubble wrap and paint. We can't wait to see how they look as part of the finished project! We have been developing our listening skills throughout the week through a variety of activities. We went on listening walks and listened to the different sounds we could distinguish from the environment around us. We also played lots of different listening games which encouraged us to identify or match familiar sounds.

Year 1

From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Malley

We have had an excellent week together in Year 1. The children have loved our text 'Room on the Broom' and have used images from the story to think up adjectives to use in their writing. We are continuing this text next week, and will be thinking about the character's voices – what did they say? What tone did they speak in? We will also map out the journey using our directional language. This week in Geography, we looked at the weather and features of the seasons and did a fun sorting activity, matching the correct clothes to the weather conditions. We have also begun to create giant weather symbols. In Maths, we continue learning about numbers within 10, looking at one more and one less. The children worked hard in their practical maths activities, using different resources to show their understanding, including quite challenging models and images representing different numbers. In our Rainbow Challenges, we practised our scissor skills on different lines – straight, curved, zig-zags – and learned the rhyme 'fingers on the bottom, thumb on the top, open up the scissors and chop, chop, chop!' to help us remember a sensible scissor hold. We also watched a 'how to' video clip (How to paint a wave) and painted our own waves, thinking about the different shades of colour within a wave. Next week, we are excited to create our own undersea creature based on the text 'Only One You'. If you would like to make create your own unique creature, please look out for the art materials that will be available in the playground.

Year R

From Mrs Arnott & Mr Mead

Year R have had a fantastic week this week. We have been very busy and all the children have been amazing in keeping going the whole week, we know how tiring these first few weeks are! In English we have been reading a story called Love Makes a Family. We thought about what love means to us and all the things we love or how we might show love to others. The children created their own family photos by showing off their artistic skills and talked about all the things that they and their family love to do. In phonics the children are continuing to amaze us with their sounds. This week we have covered i, n, m and d – we're now able to read simple CVC words! This week we started our maths sessions and enjoyed playing lots of games which involved matching and sorting objects. The children were encouraged to use the correct maths vocabulary. In PE we started our OAA games where we work as teams to solve problems, our first problem that everyone solved was getting changed! Well done Reception!

Year 2

From Mrs Swindells & Mrs O'Keeffe

We have had a lovely week in Seagulls and Puffins! We loved recapping our museum visit and creating our own artefact using clay and learning how to manipulate it using our hands and different tools. We have thoroughly enjoyed reading 'Ninja Red Riding Hood' and have had such fun making our own ninja moves! We used verbs to describe them and wrote instructions for our friends so they could learn our moves too! In History, we helped to save animals who were trapped in ice using a variety of methods! We learnt about the ice age and thought about when the woolly mammoth existed and how climate change has affected the temperature. On Monday we will be participating in our whole school 'you be you' day where we will be thinking about the importance of being unique and special. We will all create our own sea creature to compliment a whole school display. In English we will be reading the alternative tale 'The Ghanian Goldilocks' and thinking about the different things the character did in the story using verbs. For Maths next week, we will be using our tens and ones knowledge and partitioning two-digit numbers in a variety of combinations. We will begin to learn about the Romans and how they used to live. We will explore their lifestyle through a variety of play-based activities while comparing the way of life to how we currently live. Have a lovely weekend 😊