



# ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

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## All Things Christmassy



### Christmas Cards

If your child would like to send individual cards to their classmates, friends in other classes or staff members then our school post box will be open from Monday 4<sup>th</sup>

December. **Please ensure the recipients full name and class is clearly written on the envelope** because a group of children, from a different class each day, will be sorting and delivering the cards. We don't want to end up with cards we can't deliver to the correct children because the full name and class are missing from the envelope. The post box will close on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. You can find the post box in the corridor between the two Reception classes at the bottom of the Year 2 stairs. Please note, we are unable to give out lists of children's names.



### Non-Uniform Day – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December



Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December is a non-uniform day and in return we would like to ask for donations of **chocolate** for the children's chocolate tombola at the Christmas Fair. This can range from a bar of chocolate to a box of chocolates. Any chocolate item will be appreciated.

### Reception Parent Christmas Craft – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December

Parents and carers of children in Pebbles and Shells classes are invited to join the children for a Christmas craft morning from 9.30am to 11am in the school hall on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

### Children's Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December



This year the children will have their Christmas lunch on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December**. This will be roast turkey, roast potatoes, stuffing, mini sausage, peas, carrots and gravy plus a festive treat for dessert (a choice of chocolate and vanilla ice cream pot or a shortbread biscuit). Please note there is a vegetarian option of roasted vegetable & cranberry slice but we are unable to offer jacket potatoes or sandwiches on this day. All meals are free to all children in years R-2. If your child would like to bring their own packed lunch from home perhaps it could include a little festive treat on this day! Sunbeams nursery children who attend on a Wednesday will also be able to have Christmas dinner at the usual cost of £1.75.

### Friends Christmas Fair – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 3.15pm – 5.00pm

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 will be sent home with the children with further information. All the money raised will contribute towards reading for pleasure books, which will be used in all year groups.

### Cakes for the Christmas Fair

We are asking for contributions of homemade cake/biscuits/sweet treats to sell at our Christmas fair this year. All money raised will contribute towards reading for pleasure books.



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### Christmas Jumper Day –Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December

This year we are again taking part in the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day. Children can wear a festive jumper instead of their school jumper (all other uniform items to be worn please.) Please do not feel that you have to buy a jumper. You could always add some festive sparkle to a jumper that you already own. Monetary donations will be collected for Save the Children charity.



### Whole School Worship - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

All parents are warmly invited to attend our church service on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm** at St Alphege Church, where we will be thinking about Advent. We will return to school afterwards and you can collect your child from school at 3.15pm as usual.



### A Special Visit from Father Christmas

We are delighted to say that we are expecting a visit from Father Christmas and his elf on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**. He will be hosting "an audience with Father Christmas" in the school hall and each class will visit him to ask questions and hear some festive stories. He has let us know that he will still be providing gifts for the children, but that these will be given to each class and will stay in school rather than children receiving individual gifts.



### Christmas Nativities to Parents

All year groups will be performing for parents in the hall. If there are two performances, please attend **one**, whichever is most convenient for you, as space in the hall is limited. All family members welcome.

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm**

**Year 1 Christmas Concert**

**Year 2 Nativity – Hey Ewe**

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**Year R Nativity – The Sleepy Shepherd**

**Sunbeams Nativity – (written themselves!)**

**Year R Nativity – The Sleepy Shepherd**

### Christmas Year Group Parties

Each year group will have a Christmas party. Please bring party clothes to change into after lunch. Uniform should be worn to school in the morning. No food items are required.

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

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**Year 1 Party**

**Year R Party**

**Year 2 Party**



### Christmas Party – Sunbeams

We would like to invite all of our Sunbeams into nursery on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** for the morning session 8.30am – 11.30am even if this is not their usual session to come in. We will perform our nativity to parents and then have some Christmas party fun. If your child does not usually attend on Wednesday, please let Mrs Keeble or Mrs Humphreys know if your child will join us for this session.

The last day of term is **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** and we will finish at the normal time of 3.15pm. We will return to school on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023**.



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## Church Events at Christmastime

### St Alphege Church Christmas Fair – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 2.00pm to 5.00pm

Start your Christmas festivities this weekend by visiting the Christmas Fair at St Alphege Church. There will be stalls including crafts, books, tombola's, cakes, mulled wine and carols round the tree. Everyone is welcome.

### St Alphege Church Services

Everyone is welcome to attend the services at St Alphege Church over the Christmas period.

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** – 5pm Advent Carol Service

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – 5.00pm Blue Christmas Service (quiet service for those bereaved or finding Christmas hard)

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – 5.00pm Candlelit Service Readings and Carols followed by mulled wine and mince pies

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December** – 4.00pm Crib Service, 11.30pm Midnight Communion

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December** - 10.00am Holy Communion

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December** - 9.30am Holy Communion 2 - 4pm Church open for private prayer



Visit the church website for more service information <https://stalphege.org.uk/services/>



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