

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
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Newsletter

Term 2 Week 5 | 01.12.2023

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dec 2023

Sat 2nd – Festive Fun day for 2024 Reception
Tues 5th – Year 1 Christmas Concert 9.30am
Weds 6th – Reception Parent Christmas Craft 9.30am
Weds 6th – Christmas Dinner
Weds 6th – Year 2 Nativity 2.15pm
Thurs 7th – Christmas Jumper Day
Thurs 7th – Year 2 Nativity 9.30am
Mon 11th – Flu vaccination (YR, 1 & 2)
Mon 11th – Year 1 Christmas Concert 2.15pm
Tues 12th – Year 2 Cinema Trip
Tues 12th – Reception Nativity 9.30am
Tues 12th – Whole School Worship at Church 2.30pm
Weds 13th – Sunbeams Nativity 9.30am
Weds 13th – Reception Nativity 2.15pm
Fri 15th – End of term 2

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KEY EVENTS

Festive Fun Day

We would like to invite all children who are due to start school in Year R in September 2024, to a fun filled festive activity morning on Saturday 2nd December 2023 from 10.00am – 12.00pm. There is no need to book, just come along on the day. Please note that this is not for current St Alphege children. There will be plenty of other festive opportunities for them to enjoy in school.



Non-Uniform Day – Tuesday 5th December



Tuesday 5th 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.

Children's Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 6th 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.

Cakes for the Christmas Fair

We are asking for contributions of homemade cake/biscuits/sweet treats to sell at our Christmas fair this year. Please can you let the office know if you are planning on providing a cake/ baked good.

All money raised will contribute towards reading for pleasure books.



Christmas Jumper Day –Thursday 7th 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.



Friends Christmas Fair –Thursday 7th December 3.15pm

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 have been sent home with the children. All the money raised will contribute towards reading for pleasure books, which will be used in all year groups. Prizes include £50 dining voucher for the Hotel Continental, £50 voucher for Bears Ice Cream, Voucher for Revolution Skate Park and many more amazing prizes.

Community



Team Theme Kent Christmas Holiday Camp

<https://booking.teamthemekent.co.uk/project/49409>

King Alphege Attendance Lion

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

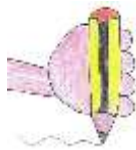


King Alphege Attendance Lion
W/E 24.11.23
Seagulls Class – 97.7%

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 – Oysters Class



Amazing Relationships
Rafe – Pebbles Class



Valiant Vocabulary
Etta – Shells Class



Excellent Reading
Frances – Pearls Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
Mariam – Seagulls Class



St Alphege Values
Emily – Puffins Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

From Mrs Humphreys & Mrs Keeble

This week in Sunbeams we have been retelling the Christmas Story in our own words, as well as adding a few embellishments for the Nativity Story we will be sharing with our families on the 14th. We have been practising our songs and would be very grateful if you can encourage your child to practice them at home too. We have plenty of Nativity costumes so there is no need for you to buy anything, but if your child has a suitable costume they would like to wear for our performance, please let us know. On Friday we really started to get into the festive spirit as we decorated our tree and started our countdown to Christmas using five frames and the monthly calendar that we use during our welcome time each morning. This will support our children to visually see how the time will pass and how much more time there is to go until Christmas Day.

Year 1

From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Malley

We have had a super time in Year 1 this week! We have been practising singing our songs for our first Christmas concert next week. We can't wait to sing for you and show you what we have been practising! Don't forget we need some Christmas/sparkly/party clothes brought to school in a named bag by Monday 4th December for us to wear during both of our Christmas Concerts. We have learnt about the 8 number facts in a fact family in our Maths lessons, and we have been writing about the story of Jesus' birth in our English. Next week is very exciting! We have non-uniform day Tuesday alongside our Christmas concert. We have a Christmas dinner for lunch on Wednesday and Thursday is Christmas Jumper Day! We are also visiting 'Tales on Moon Lane' for a story session. Oysters will be walking there for an afternoon story on Wednesday, and Pearls on Thursday. There is a lot in our school calendar at the moment to remember! Please see us on the door in the morning or afternoon if you have any questions! Happy December and have a wonderful weekend! Miss Hughes and Mrs O'Malley

Year R

From Mrs Arnott and Mr Mead

What a busy week we have had in Reception! In English this week our nursery rhyme has been 'Humpty Dumpty'. The children experimented with how to stop an egg cracking when it fell off a wall. They also used their imaginations to think of different reasons why the egg fell off the wall. We had fun exploring different elements of the nursery rhyme such as castles and knights. In maths we have been looking at the number 5 and even started working on our number bonds to 5. This week our celebration focus has been Hanukkah. We learnt all about how people celebrate and what the festival is all about. The children made their own menorah candles, dreidel paintings and stars of David. Everyone has been rehearsing their nativity songs lots and lots and we are so proud of how well they are all getting on. Friday was a very exciting day as we got to decorate our classrooms ready for Christmas! We even got a very special visit from an elf! We can't wait to start all our festive fun next week!

Year 2

From Mrs Swindells & Mrs O'Keeffe

We have had a busy week in Year 2 practising for our Nativity! We can't wait to perform it to you next week – our performance dates are Wednesday 6th December at 2.15pm and Thursday 7th December at 9.30am. We also enjoyed our last swimming sessions and had a fun time swim to end them! In maths we have been learning all about money! We are learning to recognise the value of coins and how much they are worth. We also began to add coins together to find the total value. Next week, we will continue to focus on money and begin to use our knowledge to find different combinations of coins to total the same value. In English we have been reading the story 'The Blue Giant'. We went to the beach on Tuesday and thought of onomatopoeia words to represent what we saw and heard while we were there. As well as this, we helped by picking up litter while we were there and were shocked by the amount we found in such a short amount of time! We used the litter we found during the week to create a blue giant by adding the litter to water and discussing how it has an impact on our seas. Next week we will be using our onomatopoeia words to create a poem based on the focus text. We will be visiting the Endowed Junior school on Tuesday to complete Christmas activities there! We will begin lots of festive activities next week including enjoying a Christmas lunch on Wednesday, walking through the town to spot signs of Christmas and thinking about how some of these are linked to RE and the Nativity story, making Christmas cards and having Christmas jumper day on Thursday – don't forget to wear a jumper over school uniform! Have a wonderful weekend!