

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



Koinonia

Loved, Inspired, Shining

Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Feb 2024

Mon 5th - Whole School Worship at Church 2.30pm
(Parents Invited)
Fri 9th – End of Term 3
Mon 19th – Start of Term 4

March 2024

Thurs 28th – End of Term 4

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

KEY EVENTS

Pre-loved Book Donations

Do you have any books at home that your children no longer read? These can be either fiction or non-fiction and suitable for children aged 3 years to 7 years. We are looking to refresh the stock of books that our children access on the playground during playtimes and lunchtimes and would love any donations that you may be able to bring in. We have a selection of books that are stored outside in a little purpose built bookshelf, but due to these being used outside, they sadly do not last forever! If you have any books at home that are in good condition and suitable for infant aged children, we would be very grateful! Please bring any donations to the school office and we will ensure these are put outside for the children to enjoy! Thank you.



KIC Theatre

This week we welcomed Ian from KIC Theatre to deliver some drama workshops across the school and Sunbeams Nursery. The children took part in different sessions, exploring their curriculum learning through the use of drama techniques. Ian is one of our long-standing arts partners and has been visiting the school for many years. He always brings such energy, joy and inspiration to the children. Thank you, as always, for delivering these workshops for our children!

Police Visit

Today, we had a visit from PC Jordon Powell. He brought his Police van and the children asked lots of questions about his job and how he helps to support our community and keep us safe. The children loved climbing into the police van and trying on the police equipment (including the handcuffs!) Jordon also joined the children for lunch, which they were delighted about. We would like to thank him for his time this morning and for being so brilliant with the children. They have had an amazing morning and it is so nice to have made another strong community link!



Start of the school day

We are aware that there are lots of local diversions and roadworks which may affect your journey into school. We would ask that you please allow extra time for this in the mornings as our lovely office ladies are finding that we are having increasing numbers of children arriving late for school each day. Whilst we appreciate that sometimes this is unavoidable, we do not want the children to miss out on the early morning learning and the opportunity to come into class with their friends each day.

Community

RAF Manston History Museum

RAF Manston History Museum are hosting a Lego event on the 10th to the 18th of February over the half term. Booking isn't required. <https://www.rafmanston.co.uk/>



BRICKS AT THE MUSEUM

NO BOOKING REQUIRED

Are **you** a LEGO enthusiast? If so then join us for the **ultimate family friendly** LEGO exhibition week this half term. Our museum are proud owners of LEGO models, so why not pop on down and enjoy the fun with like-minded LEGO lovers this February half term.
(Normal museum entrance fees apply)

Lego figure hunt Search around the museum, find the hidden Lego figures & win a prize...only £1.50	Dates: 10 th - 18 th February (Half Term) Located: RAF Manston History Museum Times: 10 am - 3pm Daily
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If you have any questions, contact our events committee
events@rafmanston.co.uk

BIGGER & EVEN BETTER THAN LAST YEAR



King Alphege Attendance Lion

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

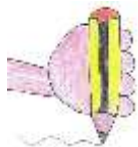


King Alphege Attendance Lion
W/E 12.01.24
Oysters Class - 98 %

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
Thea – Shells Class



Amazing Relationships
Indigo – Puffins Class



Valiant Vocabulary
Harry – Pearls Class



Excellent Reading
Lily – Seagulls Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
Ella – Pebbles Class



St Alphege Values
Alice, Isak and Sylvia –
Oysters Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

From Mrs Humphreys & Mrs Keeble

This week in Sunbeams we have begun to explore positional vocabulary. We played a game of Simon Says, where the children had to position themselves in relation to their chair, we had a lot of fun! We also went outside onto the main playground to use our positional vocabulary when moving around, through or over our equipment. On Thursday Ian from KiC Theatre came and did a 'space' themed drama activity in the school hall with us. We absolutely loved this! We pretended we were rockets blasting off to the moon and astronauts walking on the moon. We thought about how we would move and sound when pretending to be the different elements of the story. We have also been singing a lot of rhymes and reading rhyming books to help develop our listening and phonics skills.

Year R

From Mrs Arnott and Mr Mead

This week we carried on exploring our English text - Mr Gumpy's Outing. We all learnt about what speech bubbles are and when we use them. The children did a wonderful job in thinking about what Mr Gumpy would say to a new animal and completed our own speech bubbles to carry on the story. The children also did a great job writing CVC words to label animals on their boats. In maths we have been exploring the concept of subtraction within numbers 1-5 and have been completing lots of tricky word problems. The children thought carefully about what happens to our numbers when we take away and worked hard using the correct vocabulary. We have had lots of fun this week becoming scientists and conducting floating and sinking experiments. We predicted what we thought would float or sink and then concluded what our findings were! On Wednesday the children had a great time with KiC Theatre acting out different types of transport. Everyone also had an amazing experience on Friday meeting a real-life police officer, the children got to try on uniform, listen to the siren and even got to sit in the back of the van!

Year 1

From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Malley

Oysters and Pearls have been working so hard this week. In English, we deepened our understanding of our focus text 'Lost and Found' by listening to some stunning music recommended by Mrs Memmott, enjoying a drama and movement session with Ian from KIC theatre, watching drone footage of Antarctica and creating paintings using cool colours. If you would like to listen to some of the music at home with your child, the pieces are: 'Cantus Arcticus' – Rautavaara; Sibelius Violin Concerto in D Minor. (Opening minute); and 'The Snow is Dancing' – Debussy. Next week, we will be editing and up-levelling our writing by adding adjectives and verbs to extend our sentences. We linked our English learning to Science by exploring ice, talking about the cold weather changes we have seen recently, and next week we will discuss winter further by looking at how animals, (including humans!) and plants behave in winter. Do they hibernate, adapt or migrate? We are enjoying our focus artist Kandinsky, and this week used our knowledge of colour mixing, tints and shades to reproduce his famous piece Concentric Circles. Over the next two weeks we will be producing our own pieces inspired by Kandinsky. In Music with Mrs Memmott, we explored tempo, listening to a drumbeat and then moving fast or slow. In Maths, we reinforced our understanding of using a number line and introduced number lines that start at different numbers. The children were given some number problems and had to identify the most useful and sensible number line to use. Next week, we revisit Greater than/Less than using inequality symbols, and learn how to work out ordering numbers using a number line to help us.

Year 2

From Mrs Swindells & Mrs O'Keeffe

Year 2 have enjoyed this week at school and it has been another fun-filled week of learning! In English we began to write short sentences for our own diary entry based on events during WW11. We have wowed our teachers with the use of commas, verbs and adverbs and contractions and we are looking forward to expanding these sentences next week to create a more detailed diary entry. In maths we have continued to learn all about multiplication and division and practically used resources to create arrays to make equal groups and to share equally. Next week we will use our knowledge and skills to work solve word problems involving multiplication and division. We had an amazing time with Ian from KIC theatre! He inspired us during the drama workshop and it helped us to engage more with our learning about WW11 this term! In Science we focussed on the suitability of materials and created our own shoes. We tested them on the playground to see which materials were the most suitable for shoes and discussed why – paper definitely wasn't the most suitable and some of us got wet feet when we walked through a puddle! Next week we will look at the properties of wood and explore how it can be used and what it is used for. In history this week we learnt how families protected themselves during the war. We created our own shelters, practised blackouts and evacuated to a safer place! Next week we will learn about Winston Churchill and the significance of his speeches during the war. We will use his speeches as a foundation to write our own Churchill inspired speech and perform these to the class! For reading for pleasure next week, we would love to share our favourite stories from home. **Please bring in a book to share with your friends on Friday.**