

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



Koinonia

Loved, Inspired, Shining

Newsletter

Term 3 Week 4 | 31.01.2025

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February 2025

Fri 7th – Reception Parent Drop-in 2.15pm
Fri 7th – Year 1 Parent Drop-in 8.45am
Mon 10th – Year 2 Parent Drop-in 8.45am
Thurs 13th – Reception Hearing Screening
Thurs 13th – Sharing the learning 2.30pm
Fri 14th – End of Term 3
Mon 24th – Start of Term 4

March 2025

Thurs 6th – World Book Day
Fri 14th – Sharing the Learning 2.45pm
Fri 21st – Comic Relief
Weds 26th – Parents Consultations (3.30pm-7pm)
Thurs 27th – Parents Consultations (2.00pm-4.30pm)

April 2025

Fri 4th – End of Term 4
Tues 22nd – Start of Term 5

Year 2 – Empty Glass Jars Needed

Year 2 will be making lava lamps in Science this week and are looking for donations of small, clean, empty glass jars with lids. If you have any spare at home please can you bring to school early next week? Thank you.

Parents Consultations

We will be holding our mid-year parents consultations at the end of next term. These will be between **3:30pm and 7:00pm on Wednesday 26th and between 2.00pm and 4.30pm Thursday 27th March**. Further details of these will be sent out next term, including information about how to book your appointment slot. We have listened carefully to your feedback regarding parent's evenings and the vast majority have stated that a virtual meeting is their preferred method, as it enables appointments to be booked around other commitments. We appreciate that not everyone will love meeting online rather than face to face and are therefore also offering a sharing the learning opportunity where you will be invited into class to share your child's work with them and look through the wonderful learning that has taken place. This will be on **Thursday 13th February at 2:30pm**. We hope that by offering both of these sessions, this will enable our parent community to feel fully informed and connected to the school. Please remember, that you do not need to wait until parent's evenings if you have something you wish to discuss with us. We are always here and happy to help at any time!

Would you like to join our Governing Body?

We are looking for a parent to join our enthusiastic and friendly Governing Body as part of the Finance and Resources Team. We are looking for someone with specific skills in, or a willingness to learn about Buildings, Maintenance or Health and Safety. If you are interested in finding out more, please see the attached flyer or speak to the school office.



September 2025 Sunbeams Nursery Spaces

We have spaces available for September 2025

Please phone the office to book onto one of our open sessions:

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| Friday 10 th May | 3.30pm-4.15pm |
| Monday 9 th June | 3.30pm-4.15pm |
| Thursday 26 th June | 3.30pm-4.15pm |
| Thursday 8 th July | 3.30pm-4.15pm |



**MAKE A DIFFERENCE
IN YOUR COMMUNITY**



ENGAGING CRAFT WORKSHOPS
FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES



MAKING EXTRAORDINARY
THINGS FROM CARDBOARD



TOURING SCHOOLS WITH
'THE PAPER ALLOTMENT'
INSTALLATION

JOIN THE BOARD

We are planning big things in 2025 and we are looking for 2-3 professionals to join our friendly and committed Board to help make this happen. We are particularly looking for expertise in these areas:

- Education (including SEN)
- Business/charity strategy
- Financial management
- Fundraising and income generation

We have 4/5 meetings per year, and we ask support from Board members for regular input/feedback on strategic direction plus hands-on support for things like networking and bid-writing.

For more information contact us by email, or visit our website (link below).

CONTACT US WITH YOUR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO
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VOLUNTEER 2024

Community



RAF Manston History Museum

Over the February half term, from the 15th to the 23rd, the museum will be hosting the Bricks at the Museum event. For this event the museum will house several Lego displays of all different types.

There is no need to pre-book for this event, simply show up on the day and pay for entry.

Pokémon Craft Event

Whitstable Library is running a craft event on Saturday 22 February, free of charge. The event will run for one hour and we will be making Pokémon characters



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 24.01.25
Pebbles Class - 93.6%

Weekly Awards

Whole School Awards!

Our awards this year represent our School Development priorities: ORBITS. 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. Each class nominate one child to celebrate their achievements each week.



Outstanding Writing

Grayson – Pebbles Class



Retrieval of Learning

Ron – Shells Class



Building Connections

Harry -Oysters Class



Inspirational Curriculum

Maia – Puffins Class



Talents and Creativity

Lily – Seagulls Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)

Amber – Pearls Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have been thinking about forces. We have learned that the wind is a force that we can replicate with our breath using straws. We have created pull and push forces when blowing or sucking through straws and observed how we can move things such as ping pong balls and paper caterpillars. During our music session with Mrs Memmott we explored pace and volume while accompanying the music Mrs Memmott played on her guitar with our own instruments. We used our listening skills well to take our cues from the music she played. We have continued to explore positional language when creating and travelling around an obstacle course. In HeartSmart we talked about the things that make us happy. There was a definite theme of pancake and cake! Interestingly, we all liked different toppings on our pancakes!

Year R
Mrs Keeble and Mrs Jones

Thank you children for a great week of fun and learning. We enjoyed our *Drawing Club* book 'Mrs Armitage on Wheels' using our vocabulary 'engineer' 'frustrated' 'adaptation' and 'whoopee!' – the children are applying what they have learnt in phonics and maths to bring their adventures to life in such creative ways. In maths we found the different ways of making 6, 7 and 8 using our stem sentence e.g. 'I have 3, I have 4, altogether there is 7.' In music the children continued to practise playing the wooden blocks, tambourines and chimes to compose music for them to fly their own pretend aeroplanes. In *Heartsmart* we talked about the importance of saying hello to people that we trust and how we might choose to do this differently e.g. wave, high five, fist bump or hug. We are so proud of how the children are being respectful at worship time, when we gather together as a whole school in the hall. In PE the children created their own floor routine in gymnastics, showing off their balancing and travelling skills - please make sure PE kits are in school every day so that they can take part safely.

Year 1
Miss Hughes and Mr Mead

Another wonderfully busy week in Year 1! It has been lovely to welcome back the children who have been poorly! The children have been extra excited to be reunited with their friends, and our classrooms have been positively buzzing! Our English Imagination Week has been centred around the story 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers. We loved watching the film adaptation (which is available on YouTube for free, if you would like to watch again at home!) We also enjoyed creating boats, just like the boy and penguin in the story and testing to see if they were waterproof. This was a great chance to recap some of our previous learning about materials from Science last term. In Maths, we have ordered numbers to 20 from biggest to smallest and smallest to biggest, we have also practised adding two numbers together; forming our numbers correctly and writing number sentences with a + and = sign. We have also been using our < > symbols to compare numbers. In Gymnastics this week, we loved learning about different types of rolls: including the teddy bear roll, egg roll, pencil roll and forward and backward rolls! Maybe we could show you these at home! We have been learning about reptiles and amphibians in Science this week, making our own paintbrushes and using them to make marks in Art, and we also learnt about the word peace, and what it means to be peaceful (as you can imagine, peace is quite hard to come by in a classroom!) in our R.E. Well done for another week everyone! Have a super weekend.

Year 2
Mrs O'Keeffe, Mrs Cohen and Mrs Cook

It's been another busy week in Year 2; this term is flying by! In English it was Imagination Week, and we have been thinking about what life would have been like for evacuees that came down to Whitstable. We became roving reporters and interviewed children and staff at St Alphege to find out what life is like at the school to help us write an information leaflet for evacuees next week. We also made our own evacuee suitcases, name tags and had a walk around Whitstable to look at key landmarks (although Seagulls did this virtually because of the weather using Google Maps!). Next week we will use all our learning to put together a detailed information leaflet about Whitstable for evacuees. In Maths this week we have continued to look at multiplication, focusing on arrays and using concrete materials to understand key concepts and solving word problems. Next week we will be moving on to division, with lots of practical activities to help the children understand this tricky topic. In Science this week we have great fun conducting an experiment into whether we could blow a bubble within a bubble! Next week we will be creating our very own lava lamps, and would really appreciate any jam jars for this – please bring in on Monday. In Art we created some wonderful symmetry paintings and will be exploring printing techniques next week. In Hockey we practised our passing and will learn about defending next week. In Gymnastics we will be looking at different ways that we can jump! Have a wonderful weekend!
