

# SUNBEAMS NURSERY

# ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege  
Values



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## Newsletter

Term 5 Week 4 | 16.05.2025

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If online payment details are required, please contact the school office.

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

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### May 2025

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> – Sunbeams Sports Day. Gates open at 9.30am

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> – Sports Day. Gates open at 1.30pm

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> – End of Term 5

#### June 2025

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> – Staff Development Day

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> – Start of Term 6

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> – Sunbeams Stay and Play. (2.15pm-3.15pm)

Tues 17<sup>th</sup> – Non-School Uniform for Tombola Prizes

Mon 30<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 Cathedral Day (New Date)

#### July 2025

Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> – School Summer Fair

Tues 15<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 Leavers Service at Church (2.00pm)

Weds 16<sup>th</sup> – Sunbeams End of Year Performance, School Hall (9.30am) followed by end of year party.

#### Sports Day – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May

##### Sunbeams – from 9.30am

Sunbeams Sports Day will start at 9:30am in the main school playground. If your Sunbeams child would not normally be in on a Monday morning, please feel free to come along with them at 9:30am to join in with us. Please send your children to nursery in footwear/clothing that they are able to move freely in and with sun lotion applied.

##### Year R, 1 and 2

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Day will start at 1.30pm. Please enter via the front gates where you will be shown through to the Whitstable Junior School playground. Please send your children to school in their school uniform. They will have time to change into their PE kit after lunch. Please make sure your children have their PE kit in school on Monday.

##### Sunbeams Stay and Play Session

We would like to invite our Sunbeams families to join us at our stay and play sessions on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 2:15pm. Please enter via the school office.



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**Open Sessions**

Come and see our environment and speak to the teaching staff during our open sessions. Please call to book your place.

Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	3:30pm – 4:15pm
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	3:30pm – 4:15pm
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	3:30pm – 4:15pm
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	3:30pm – 4:15pm

We offer 15 hours free provision from 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday  
We have 30 hour places to offer:

Sessions are led by experienced teachers and a highly qualified staff team, in a nurturing and creative environment where children can learn, share, laugh and grow.

Open daily in term time:

Morning Session 8:30am-11:30am	Mid Day Session 11:30am-12:15pm	Afternoon Session 1:25pm-3:15pm
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**September 2025 Places Available**

St Alphege CE Infant School and Sunbeams Nursery, Oxford Street, Whitstable CT9 3DA  
01227 272977 sunbeams@st-alphege.bethel.school  
www.st-alphege.bethel.school www.sunbeams.co.uk

## September 2025 Sunbeams Nursery Spaces

We still have some spaces available for September 2025 if you are interested in your child joining our fabulous Nursery. Please phone the office to book onto one of our open sessions:

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	3.30pm-4.15pm
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	3.30pm-4.15pm
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	3.30pm-4.15pm

## Community



**My name is Sarah-Jane and I am a Family Support Worker with Spurgeons.**



### Help and advice for:

I can support you with family life, ranging from setting routines and boundaries to building a better relationship with your children. I'm happy to meet with you in school or online to have a chat with you and tell you more about the service.

Please do contact me:

☎ 01843 597777 (office)  
☎ 07816251638 (mobile)  
@ swebb@spurgeons.org



managing emotions



managing behaviour



building self-esteem and resilience in our children



building parent confidence and wellbeing

## 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 09.05.25  
Pebbles – 97.5%

## Weekly Awards

### Whole School Awards!

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



**Outstanding Writing**  
Ezra – Pearls Class



**Retrieval of Learning**  
Beatrice – Pebbles Class



**Building Connections**  
Alfie E – Shells Class



**Inspirational Curriculum**  
Annabelle – Puffins Class



**Talents and Creativity**  
Frances – Seagulls Class



**Simcha (Shared Joy)**  
Eli – Oysters Class

## Weekly Year Group Recap

### Sunbeams Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have been observing the changes to our caterpillars and sunflower seeds. On Monday we discovered that the caterpillars had begun to change into chrysalises and by Tuesday they had all become a chrysalis. We are now waiting patiently for metamorphosis to complete and for them to emerge as butterflies. We have also seen signs of germination happening among the seeds that we planted. We noticed that the hard seed case has burst open and that roots have begun to emerge. Some of the seeds have already produced seedlings which are growing quite quickly! On Tuesday, Mrs Memmott taught us a new circle song about Farmer Grey as well as singing some of our favourite action songs with us. We have been drawing our own patterns of number during our flash subitising games and have been exploring rhyme during our phonics games.

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Year R  
Mrs Keeble

This week in Reception we have been continuing with our book 'Superworm' extending our thinking about who else Superworm might help and how. We are really growing in confidence with our writing, applying our phonic knowledge with our handwriting skills and ideas to write brilliant sentences with increasing independence. In our phonics we are continuing to consolidate our skills, building words using the sounds we have already learnt. In maths we have been exploring the opposite of addition with subtraction, beginning to formulate simple number sentences practically in a range of ways. Our caterpillars have now all formed their cocoons and we have been fascinated to discover why they wiggle and move in their cocoons, maybe you could ask your child about it? This week in our RE learning we have shared another story from the Torah, Jonah and the Whale, which helps Jewish people learn about forgiveness. We are very excited about our Sports Day on Monday afternoon and look forward to seeing as many of you as are able to join us!

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Year 1  
Mr Mead and Miss Thomas-Friend

This week in Year 1 we have begun to extend our knowledge of Judaism and What is Precious to Jewish People. We did this by partaking in our own 'Shabbat' - we turned off electronic devices, and enjoyed building connections and spending time with our friends, playing board games and talking. We have continued with our wonderful diary entries in English this week detailing adventures with our teddies. Do you think we will find our teddies by Friday's entry? (We hope so!). We have carried on building connections throughout our learning this week, linking our Geography explorations of Maps, to our Computing learning around directions. I wonder if we can direct you from one place to another using Forwards, Backwards, Left and Right, this weekend! As practical Mathematicians this week we have progressed from our Arrays learning, onto finding half and quarters of quantities. We have tried not to get too hungry in Maths, cutting fruit, paper pizzas and cakes into halves and quarters. Again Year 1 have made the most of the sunny afternoons, searching for signs of summer in our green spaces, identifying more evidence that summer is on the way! Have a wonderful weekend, we look forward to hearing all about any more signs of summer you might spot!

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Year 2  
Mrs O'Keeffe and Mrs Cohen

Year 2 have had an exciting week this week! We have been learning all about time and how to tell the time to the hour, half past and quarter past. We used clocks to move the hands to make times and also had a go at drawing times on clock faces too. Next week in we will be consolidating our maths skills in a variety of practical ways including throwing beanbags and adding our scores, bouncing basketballs while counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and playing darts. In English we have been learning all about rhyming words and creating our own Spring themed poems. We performed them to our class and used rhythm while doing so! We continued to think about equality and worked in small groups to make an unfair scenario. We made a start on creating characters, including an activist and a setting before writing a speech in the style of Martin Luther King. Next week we will use our characters and setting to create a puppet show showing how our activist's speech made a difference and made our scenarios fair. In PE we have learnt many skills in both basketball and rounders and will play a game of these next week. We have a few exciting events happening next week – On Monday it is Sports Day! We look forward to seeing you and cheering us on! Puffins will be visiting Duncan Downs on Tuesday and Seagulls will be going on Thursday – Please ensure sensible shoes are worn, sun cream applied if it is hot and children have a water bottle with them on this day. We will be celebrating this term on Friday afternoon by having a whole class bead jar treat! The children would love to have an outdoor afternoon so we would welcome you to bring in your bikes or scooters on this day! Have a wonderful weekend.

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