

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



Koinonia

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Newsletter

Term 3 Week 1 | 10.01.2025

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January 2025

Mon 6th – Start of Term 3
Weds 15th - K.I.C. Theatre Company
Thurs 16th - K.I.C. Theatre Company

February 2025

Thurs 13th – Reception Hearing Screening
Fri 14th – End of Term 3
Mon 24th – Start of Term 4

April 2025

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

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

Happy New Year!

It has been wonderful to welcome our children and families back to school after the Christmas break. We have loved hearing about all of the fun things they have experienced during your precious family time. We want to wish you all lots of joy for the coming year and are looking forward to another fun-packed term at school.

Sunbeams Parents - Reception school places for September 2025

Year 2 Parents - Junior school places for September 2025

The deadline to apply for a school place for Reception and Year 3 is **WEDNESDAY 15TH JANUARY 2025**. Applications are made through Kent County Council at www.kent.gov.uk/ola. More information can be found at www.kent.gov.uk If you have any questions or need support with the application process please speak to the school office.

Year 1 & 2 Choir

Year 1 and 2 choir will run every Tuesday from 8:20am - 8.40am in the Community Room. Children will need to be dropped off at the Community Room patio area where Mrs Memmott will meet them. Time will be limited, please make sure that the children arrive promptly at 8:20am.



bonjour comment ça va à bientôt au revoir

St Alphege French Club

Fun classes filled with songs, stories, games and laughter

for children in years 1 and 2

Wednesdays after school

French club costs £7 per session, plus £18 for a full-colour activity book lasting a year, inc MP3 audio

Contact Vicki

lajolierondevicki@gmail.com

07889 495577



[French Club for Year 1 & 2 at St Alphege with La Jolie Ronde](#)

Please email La Jolie Ronde directly to book your child's place.

<https://www.lajolieronde.co.uk/>

[Census Day Menu – Thursday 16th January](#)

Wraps, Jacket Potatoes and Tomato Pasta will be still be on offer.

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MAINS

Pick a slice of your favourite

- Cheese and Tomato
- "Big Foot" Veggie Supreme
- BBQ Chicken
- Chicken and Sweetcorn

SIDES

- Potato Wedges
- Cucumber and Tomato Salad

DESSERT

- Vanilla or Chocolate Ice Cream

Menus may be subject to change

Community

Please see details of The Maypole Project art groups for siblings of children with complex medical needs or SEND from the Whitstable area.

These sessions will be taking place at The Horsebridge Arts and Community Centre on a Monday. For further information and to sign up please email phillipprice@themaypoleproject.co.uk



Our new and exciting Maypole Art groups for siblings of children with complex medical need or SEND from Whitstable area.

When: Mondays after school
Timings: Age 5-11 timing 4pm-4.45pm

Age 11-15 timing 5.05pm to 6.00pm

Where: The Horsebridge Arts and Community Centre, CT5 1AF

The sessions are designed for siblings to engage in art, in a fun and friendly environment also for children to socialise and make friendships and create peer support in an informal setting.

For more info on the art sessions and to sign your child up, please let us know you will be attending or for more information for the ongoing siblings' art sessions/for your child or children please email: phillipprice@themaypoleproject.co.uk

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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 20.12.24
Shells Class – 99.3 %

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

Zephyr – Shells Class



Retrieval of Learning

Leo – Oysters Class



Building Connections

Ela – Pearls Class



Inspirational Curriculum

Bluebell – Puffins Class



Talents and Creativity

Kobi M – Pebbles Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)

Valentine - Seagulls Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

Mrs Humphreys

We have enjoyed welcoming back our Sunbeams after the Christmas break and hearing about the exciting things they all got up to! Next week we will be mark making in response to our Christmas experiences. We have also welcomed several new Sunbeams to our community which has been lovely. We have been teaching them our routines which they are joining in with splendidly! On Tuesday Mrs Memmott led a music session where we sang familiar nursery rhymes and learned an American version of 'Wind the bobbin up', which involved us joining hands and moving in a spiral – which was great fun and led to much laughter! We have been learning a new poem called 'Popcorn' for our Poetry Basket and have enjoyed reading a variety of dinosaur themed story books.

Year R
Mrs Keeble and Mrs Jones

We are so proud of how the children have settled back into school since our Christmas break. It really was a delight to see them again! You may have noticed that in the morning, the children are now coming in through their own class door to begin directed early morning activities. The children are enjoying the extra challenge of completing a task that might not be of their choosing and are practising specific skills that we have already learnt in class. Our overall learning question for this term is 'Are we nearly there yet?' – exploring transport. In music the children sang, moved and played games involving different modes of transport – listening out for loud/soft, fast/slow. In drawing club we read 'Mr Gumpy's Outing' and explored the vocabulary 'topple, 'accident' 'tease' and 'plunge.' In phonics we are moving on to learn more digraphs (e.g. 'ai' in 'rain' and 'ee' in 'feet) and in maths we have been learning number bonds to 5 (e.g '5 can be made up of 2 and 3). Our phonics book for this week was 'Nip it! Dig it!', which you can access at home through Big Cat Books. Next week, we will be exploring transport in a drama workshop with KIC theatre – this is always a really fun and creative experience – we can't wait!

Year 1
Miss Hughes and Mr Mead

The Christmas break is always such a lovely time, it is always tricky to come back to school and work after such an exciting time of year – but the children have absolutely amazed us with their joy, excitement and enthusiasm this first week of term! It has been lovely to be reunited, and we have had a wonderful week of activities, learning and fun! In Maths we recapped 3D shapes. We are trying to learn to identify: cones, cubes, cuboids, cylinders, spheres and pyramids. It would be wonderful if you could help us to find and name these shapes at home and when out and about! In English we have read a wonderful text called 'Poles Apart'. It links together our new topics of 'animals' in Science, and 'hot and cold places' in Geography perfectly. We loved being penguins in our imagination week just like in the story! Gymnastics is our new P.E topic and we absolutely loved getting out the big apparatus in the hall and practising climbing, jumping, rolling and balancing. We also loved practising our catching and throwing skills in Games. Myself and Mr Mead are incredibly proud of our attitudes and achievements for the first week back, well done everyone!

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

It was lovely to see all the children after the Christmas break, and we have had a busy first week back in Year 2! Our learning question for this term is What Happened Before I was Born? In English it was Imagination Week, and using the text My Secret War Diary for inspiration we drew our own family coat of arms, created shelters and hid in them during an air raid attack, baked a 'Depression Cake' using the limited ingredients that would have been available during rationing in World War 2 (it tasted surprisingly good!) and played typical games that children would have played during the war, such as hopscotch. It was great fun! Next week in Creation Week we will be writing a diary from the perspective of a child during the war. In Maths we recapped all the 2D shapes and identified how many sides and vertices they had. We also found lines of symmetry on shapes. Next week we will be looking at the properties of 3D shapes. In PE we started our Hockey topic, where the children learnt to dribble a ball with precision and skill. In Gymnastics we explored lots of different equipment which the children really enjoyed! Next week we will be practising balancing on different parts of the body. Next week we have KIC theatre visiting us for a drama session on Wednesday. In Science this term we will be looking at plants and would be grateful for any donations of plants for a practical lesson next Friday (the 17th) please! Have a wonderful weekend!
