



ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

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All Things Christmassy



Christmas Cards

If your child would like to send individual cards to their classmates, friends in other classes or staff members then our school post box will be open from Monday 2nd December. **Please ensure the recipients full name and class is clearly written on the envelope** because a group of children, from a different class each day, will be sorting and delivering the cards. We don't want to end up with cards we can't deliver to the correct children because the full name and class are missing from the envelope. The post box will close on Tuesday 17th December. You can find the post box in the corridor between the two Reception classes at the bottom of the Year 2 stairs. Please note, we are unable to give out lists of children's names.



Reception Parent Christmas Craft – Wednesday 4th December

Parents and carers of children in Pebbles and Shells classes are invited to join the children for a Christmas craft morning from 9.30am to 10.30am in the school hall on Wednesday 4th December.

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 6th December



Friday 6th December is a non-uniform day and in return we would like to ask for donations of **chocolate or bring a bottle** for the tombola at the Christmas Fair. This can range from a bar of chocolate to a bottle of wine. Any chocolate/ bottle item will be appreciated.

Whole School Christmas Church Service - Monday 9th December

All parents are warmly invited to attend our Christmas church service on **Monday 9th December at 2.30pm** at St Alphege Church, where we will be thinking about Advent. We will return to school afterwards and you can collect your child from school at 3.15pm as usual.



Children's Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 11th December



This year the children will have their Christmas lunch on **Wednesday 11th December**. This will be roast turkey, roast potatoes, stuffing, mini sausage, peas, carrots and gravy plus a festive treat for dessert. Please note there is a vegetarian option available 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 £1.85.

Friends Christmas Fair – Thursday 12th December 3.15pm – 5.00pm

Huge thanks to The Friends who are again organising our Christmas Fair with lots of festive fun for all the family. Please get in touch with the school office if you would like to book a stall at the cost of £10.

Raffle tickets will be sent home with the children with further information. All the money raised will contribute towards the refurbishment of the school playground.



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Cakes for the Christmas Fair

We are asking for contributions of homemade cake/biscuits/sweet treats to sell at our Christmas fair this year. All money raised will contribute towards the refurbishment of the school playground.



Christmas Jumper Day –Thursday 12th 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. All monetary donations can be paid directly to the JustGiving page via the following link: [Save the Children JustGiving Page](#)



A Special Visit from Father Christmas – Thursday 12th December

We are delighted to say that we are expecting a visit from Father Christmas and his elf on **Thursday 12th December**. He will be hosting “an audience with Father Christmas” in the school hall and each class will visit him to ask questions and hear some festive stories. He has let us know that he may be bringing a special present for each class to enjoy in school.



Christmas Nativities to Parents

All year groups will be performing for parents in the hall. If there are two performances, please attend **one**, whichever is most convenient for you, as space in the hall is limited. All family members welcome.

Tuesday 10 th December at 9.30am	Year R Nativity
Wednesday 11 th December at 9.30am	Year R Nativity
Monday 16 th December at 2.30pm	Year 2 Nativity
Tuesday 17 th December at 2.30pm	Year 2 Nativity
Wednesday 18 th December at 9.30am	Year 1 Concert
Wednesday 18 th December at 2.30pm	Year 1 Concert
Thursday 19 th December at 9.30am	Sunbeams Nativity – (written themselves!)

Christmas Year Group Parties

Each year group will have a Christmas party. Please send your child to school in their party clothes on that day. Please ensure these are appropriate for outdoor play! No food items are required.

Thursday 19 th December	Year 1 Party
Thursday 19 th December	Year R Party
Friday 20 th December	Year 2 Party



Christmas Party – Sunbeams

We would like to invite all of our Sunbeams into nursery on **Thursday 19th December** for the morning session 8.30am – 11.30am even if this is not their usual session to come in. We will perform our nativity to parents and then have some Christmas party fun. If your child does not usually attend on Thursday, please Mrs Humphreys know if your child will join us for this session.

The last day of term is Friday 20th December and we will finish at the normal time of 3.15pm.
We will return to school on Monday 6th January 2025.



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Church Events at Christmastime

St Alphege Church Christmas Fair – Saturday 30th November from 1.00pm to 4.00pm

Start your Christmas festivities this weekend by visiting the Christmas Fair at St Alphege Church. Everyone is welcome.

St Alphege Church Services

Everyone is welcome to attend the services at St Alphege Church over the Christmas period.

Sunday 1st December – 5pm Advent Carol Service

Sunday 8th December – 5.00pm Blue Christmas Service (quiet service for those bereaved or finding Christmas hard) Trees of love

Sunday 22nd December – 5.00pm Candlelit Service Readings and Carols followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Tuesday 24th December – 4.00pm Crib Service, 11.30pm Midnight Communion

Wednesday 25th December - 10.00am Holy Communion

Tuesday 31st December – 2 - 4pm Church open for private prayer



Visit the church website for more service information <https://stalphege.org.uk/services/>



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