

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



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Newsletter

Term 2 Week 2 | 15.11.2024

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December 2024

Weds 4th – Reception Parent Christmas Craft 9.30am (School Hall)
Fri 6th – Non-Uniform Day (Chocolate/Bottle) for the School Tombola.
Mon 9th – Whole School Christmas Church Service (2.30pm)
Tues 10th – Year R Nativity 9.30am (School Hall)
Tues 10th – Sunbeams Stay and Play 2pm-3.15pm
Weds 11th – Year R Nativity 9.30am (School Hall)
Weds 11th – Christmas Lunch
Thurs 12th – Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children
Thurs 12th – Christmas Fair (School Hall) from 3.15pm
Mon 16th – Year 2 Nativity 2.30pm (School Hall)
Tues 17th – Year 2 Nativity 2.30pm (School Hall)
Weds 18th – Year 1 Concert 9.30am (School Hall)
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Thurs 19th – Sunbeams Nativity 9.30am (School Hall)
Fri 20th – End of Term 2

All Wrapped Up - Non-Uniform Day

Thank you for all of your generous donations in aid of the Riverside 'All Wrapped Up' Project. **All Wrapped Up** is a project of Riverside Church working with our local schools and partners to provide Christmas presents and food hampers to families in need. We have raised a total of £268.80



Children in Need – No-Uniform Day

Thank you for all of your generous donations today in aid of Children in Need. We have raised a total of £155.

Whole School Christmas Church Service - Monday 9th December

All parents and carers are warmly invited to attend our 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.





<https://www.rafmanston.co.uk/events/>

ND Harbour
 Peer Support Group
 For Parents of Children with
 Autism or ADHD
 Tuesdays, 12:30-1:30pm, Canterbury
 5th November 2024 – 4th February 2025
 Free to attend. Over 18s only. Your child does not need a formal diagnosis for you to attend.

These group sessions aim to help you meet like minded people locally, and to improve your mental health by providing a safe space to talk about all things related to parenting a neurodivergent child.

- ⇒ Talk about whatever is on your mind, or be guided by our weekly prompts
- ⇒ Only talk if you want to – no pressure
- ⇒ Attend as many/few sessions as you like
- ⇒ Fidget toys and pens and paper available during the session

Email jo@ndharbour.org.uk for more details & to book your place.

Visit ndharbour.org.uk or [Facebook.com/theNDharbour](https://www.facebook.com/theNDharbour)
 The ND Harbour is a registered charity (1008867)
 This event is supported by funding from Kent County Council and NHS Kent & Medway

Reverse Advent calendar

Help us get ready to help people this Christmas!

Simply add one item each day to a Bag For Life during the month of November, and please consider sharing the list with your colleagues and friends

1 box of cereal* CORN FLAKE	2 long life milk* LONG LIFE MILK	3 tuna TUNA	4 tin of ham CURED MEAT	5 dried pasta (500g)* PASTA	6 Christmas chocolates* CHRISTMAS CHOCOLATES
7 baked beans BAKED BEANS	8 tooth paste TOOTH PASTE	9 tin of fruit FRUIT	10 washing up liquid WASHING UP LIQUID	11 biscuits BISCUITS	12 peanut butter PEANUT BUTTER
13 tin of carrots CARROTS	14 crisps CRISPS	15 coffee COFFEE	16 shower gel SHOWER GEL	17 tin of peas PEAS	18 deodorant DEODORANT
19 pasta sauce PASTA SAUCE	20 tin of soup SOUP	21 shampoo SHAMPOO	22 tea bags TEA BAGS	23 mince pies* MINCE PIES	24 Christmas pudding* CHRISTMAS PUDDING

We will have collection points in early December, so keep an eye on our social media. If you have collected a lot with your school/group/workplace and would like us to collect, call our Operations Manager on 01227 936450 (option 4) or email warehouse@canterburyfoodbank.org.

If you need support, please call 01227 936450, WhatsApp 01227 501944 or email info@canterburyfoodbank.org
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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 08.11.24
Shells Class 99.1%

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

Noah – Shells Class



Retrieval of Learning

Ela – Pearls Class



Building Connections

Irakli – Pebbles Class



Inspirational Curriculum

Evie – Oysters Class



Talents and Creativity

Isaac – Puffins Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)

Amaia – Seagulls Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have been thinking about why we wear poppies at this time of year. We have talked about the brave men and women who have committed to keeping us safe and then tried to remember times when we have been brave or when others have helped us to be brave. We then used transient art, collage materials and paint to create our own poppies. We have continued to think more about pattern this week and have used our concentration and noticing skills to complete and recreate simple repeating patterns. Mrs Memmott played musical circle games with us on Tuesday, with lots of rhyme and movement. We have thoroughly enjoyed playing in our outside area this week, with all the fallen leaves providing a great deal of entertainment which has been lovely to see!

Year R
Mrs Keeble and Mrs Jones

We started our week thinking about 'remembering', by joining in with the two minutes silence using the BBC children's remembrance film *Poppies*. Many children enjoyed painting and making their own poppies during learning through play. There has been a lot of excitement this week as we began 'Drawing Club'. Drawing club is not just about drawing – it is when all the children get to develop their vocabulary, speaking and writing skills through the joy and magic of story. This week, our focus was 'Room on a Broom.' The children were really motivated and enthusiastic as they brought their characters and adventures to life! Our phonics reading book this week was 'Pat a Pan', which you can access online at home. In Maths, we have been exploring how the number 3 can be made and have been learning that the total stays the same. We have spoken about the importance of brushing our teeth twice every day and to help at home you will find a toothbrush and toothpaste in your child's book bag. In music, we started practising songs for our nativity.

Year 1
Miss Hughes and Mr Mead

What a wonderfully busy week we have had in Year 1! We practised our best smiles when we had our school photos taken, and loved coming to school in our own clothes to celebrate 'Children In Need'. Thank you so much for the donations! We have been continuing to use verbs in our English lessons to describe how toys move. Can you practise using some verbs that end in -ing at home, to help us with our vocabulary? Maybe you could do some walking, reading, painting or playing at the weekend! In Maths we have been writing number sentences using a + and = sign. We have been amazing at remembering our number bonds to 10. Maybe you could quiz us on these on your way to school! We started learning about materials this week in Science, and found some in our classroom and on the patio. The materials we are identifying are: glass, plastic, metal, wood and paper. Can you find any of these materials at home? We loved learning some break-dancing moves in our P.E dance lesson this week, and had a great time practising our over-arm throws outside in our Games P.E. lesson. Well done for another wonderful week of learning! We are very proud!

Year 2
Mrs O'Keeffe and Mrs Cook

It's been another wonderful, busy week of learning in Year 2! In English it was Creation Week, and we used all the rich vocabulary we generated last week in Imagination Week to write a setting description of a polluted ocean. The children used powerful adjectives, verbs and even adverbs in their writing! Next week in Production Week we will be using our setting descriptions to write a narrative, imagining what a deep-sea diver would see when exploring the ocean. In Maths this week we turned our attention to subtraction, using a variety of methods to solve subtraction problems. We focused on taking away single digits from other single digit numbers, and then progressed to taking a one-digit number away from a two-digit number. Next week we will be subtracting multiples of 10 from two-digit numbers, and then subtracting two-digit numbers. In Science this week we looked at the properties of wood, paper and cardboard, and considered which material would be most suitable for uses such as a table or writing a letter. Next week we will be looking at the properties and uses of glass, plastic, metal, fabrics, brick and rock. In PE, as part of our Dance topic this term, the children impressed us with some amazing breakdancing moves! Next week we will be trying some ballet. We will also be learning about why Christmas is so important to Christians, and doing an experiment in Geography to find out how clean the air is in school! Over the weekend please could you have a chat with your child about why they were given their name and what it means? This is for a PSHE lesson next week. Have a lovely weekend!
