

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



Koinonia

Loved, Inspired, Shining

Newsletter

Term 3 Week 2 | 1.01.2025

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please contact the school office.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February 2025

Thurs 13th – Reception Hearing Screening

Fri 14th – End of Term 3

Mon 24th – Start of Term 4

March 2025

Weds 26th – Parents Consultations (Times TBC)

Thurs 27th – Parents Consultations (Times TBC)

April 2025

Fri 4th – End of Term 4

Tues 22nd – Start of Term 5

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

KIC Theatre

This week we welcomed Ian from KIC Theatre to deliver some drama workshops across the school and Sunbeams Nursery. The children took part in different sessions, exploring their curriculum learning through the use of drama techniques. Ian is one of our long-standing arts partners and has been visiting the school for many years. He always brings such energy, joy and inspiration to the children. Thank you, as always, for delivering these workshops for our children!

Reminder of School Hours

Gates will be open at **8.20am**

Class doors open at **8.35am** and children should be in school when the register is taken at **8.45am**

Gates will open again at 3pm ready for a **3.15pm** finish.

Punctuality Really Counts

A late mark in the register after 9.15am will count as an unauthorised absence. If your child is late they will miss key learning and instructions at the start of the day. This may cause your child to fall behind, feel anxious or emotional and can be disruptive for the rest of the class.





Wheel In

A big thank you to Wheel In who generously donated 24 tyres to Sunbeams Nursery for the development of our outdoor area.

Community

BRICKS AT THE MUSEUM

RAF MANSTON HISTORY MUSEUM

DATES: 15TH TO 23RD FEBRUARY (HALF TERM)
LOCATED: RAF MANSTON HISTORY MUSEUM
TIMES: 10 AM – 4PM DAILY

ARE YOU A LEGO ENTHUSIAST? IF SO THEN POP ON DOWN AND ENJOY THE FUN WITH LIKE-MINDED LEGO LOVERS AT OUR ULTIMATE FAMILY FRIENDLY EXHIBITION WEEK! (NORMAL MUSEUM ENTRANCE FEES APPLY)

LEGO FIGURE HUNT
SEARCH AROUND THE MUSEUM, FIND THE HIDDEN LEGO FIGURES & WIN A PRIZE... ONLY £1.50

PLEASE CONTACT US ON:
INFO@RAFMANSTON.CO.UK OR
WWW.RAFMANSTON.CO.UK FOR MORE INFORMATION!

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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.

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 10.01.25
Pebbles Class – 100 %

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

Wren – Pebbles Class



Retrieval of Learning

Ayrton – Seagulls Class



Building Connections

Lewy-Jack -Pearls Class



Inspirational Curriculum

Zander – Puffins Class



Talents and Creativity

Adesewa – Shells Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)

Thalia & Arthur
Oysters Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams **Mrs Humphreys**

This week in Sunbeams we have been finding lots of opportunities to mark make. We have introduced our new contingent of Sunbeams to Squiggle While You Wiggle, where we make gross motor movements with scarves in the air before transferring the movement to a mark making activity. All this is done to music! We have been recalling our experiences over Christmas and mark making in response, drawing some fabulous pictures and making attempts at writing our names. On Thursday we joined Ian from KiC Theatre in the hall for a drama workshop based on dinosaurs. We used our bodies and voices (as well as our listening skills) to pretend to be a variety of dinosaurs and thoroughly enjoyed it. Mrs Memmott brought her ukulele in for Tuesday's music session and some of our Sunbeams had the opportunity to play it while we sang familiar nursery rhymes.

Year R
Mrs Keeble and Mrs Jones

Well done children on a fantastic second week of term in Reception! The children really enjoyed our phonics book about monsters, 'Tick Tock and Mick'. You can access this at home through the Collins Hub online to support your child's confidence and fluency with reading. In music this week we continued to explore tempo and dynamics through transport – I wonder if your child can sing you the song, 'How do we get to Grandma's house?' The children absolutely loved exploring transport in our drama workshop with KIC theatre – pretending to travel on a horse, in a rowing boat, a canoe, a sailing boat, a train, aeroplane and space rocket. It was so much fun and the children worked so well together. In Maths this week we have been comparing the length and height of different objects. Perhaps your child could show you at home e.g. 'This is longer/shorter/taller than this.' In *Drawing Club*, we heard a story from Wacky Races (you can find it on youtube: See Saw to Arkansas) and learnt the words 'vehicle', 'demolish', 'chuckle' and 'accelerate'. In Heartsmart we talked about the special people in our lives and what special things we like to do with them. This term in PE we are doing gymnastics. Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school every day.

Year 1
Miss Hughes and Mr Mead

We have had a wonderful week in Year 1, full of learning! We particularly loved having a visit from Ian from KIC Theatre. We had a drama workshop where we enjoyed pretending to be different animals, and thought about what we would need to wear and use in different climates around the world. We are also really enjoying our Gymnastics P.E topic; we loved practising different balances this week on the different equipment in the hall. Some of us were even brave enough to walk along the balance bar on the big apparatus! Our English this week has included thinking about adventures we have been on, drawing them and writing a list of things we remember about them. We loved thinking about some of the trips and holidays we have been on. We are going to use these lists to help us write a diary entry about our adventures around the world next week, just like the penguins in our book: 'Poles Apart'. We are practising numbers to 20 in Maths, and have been representing teen numbers in different ways this week. Practising recognising and saying numbers to 20 when you are out and about would be a great way to help us remember them! We have also been using the language 'tens and ones' to help us understand place value. Well done to all of the Oysters and Pearls! Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

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

We have had another a lovely week in Year 2 this week! The highlight was a visit from Ian from KIC theatre on Wednesday. We had a wonderful drama session inspired by our World War 2 topic which the children thoroughly enjoyed! In English it was Creation Week and, using all the touch vocabulary we generated in Imagination Week, we have been writing a diary entry inspired by our text *My Secret War Diary*. We described our feelings when war broke out, our sadness at our father going off to war, the cramped conditions in the air raid shelters and the disappointment at being given ration books. The children's writing was really impressive and we will continue this next week. In Maths we have wrapped up our shape topic by looking at the properties of 3D shapes. We also did a shape hunt around school. Next week we move on to multiplication and division. In Science this week we investigated how much we knew about plants, considering the different types and parts. Next week we will be conducting an investigation into what plants need to grow, planting seeds and placing parts in different parts of the classroom. Have a lovely weekend.
