

SUNBEAMS NURSERY ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

July 2025

Mon 7th - **School Summer Fair**
Tues 8th – **Year R End of Year Show in the hall (9.30am)**
Tues 8th – **Year 1 End of Year Show in the hall (2pm)**
Weds 9th – **Parent Coffee Afternoon (2.15pm)**
Tues 15th – **Year 2 Leavers Service at Church (2.00pm)**
Weds 16th – **Sunbeams End of Year Performance, School Hall (9.30am) followed by end of year party.**
Weds 16th – **Year R Trip to Margate**
Thurs 17th - **Year 2 Trip Quex Park**
Fri 18th – **End of Term**

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Big News!

We have been sitting on some BIG news, and today we can finally share it with you!

In partnership with [Animate Arts Company](#), we have been awarded the Teacher Development Fund for the next two years by Paul Hamlyn Foundation ! We are so thrilled. This is a massive endorsement for our incredible school and a testament to our strength in delivering high quality arts in education, but importantly, the funding is going to benefit 100s of children and staff who will be taking part in this programme over the coming months.

The funding enables us to work with teachers from six primary schools in Kent to help develop a creative programme within their maths curriculum. Professional visual artists and dancers and teachers will work together to explore Maths + Creativity = ?

Perhaps we will see symmetry and angles lessons being taught by using the movement of our bodies, or counting with colours, or constructing and tessellating shapes through sculpture... the possibilities are endless (maybe should we say the possibilities are ∞ infinite). We want to engage all types of learners, from the visual learners to the kinaesthetic learners, to find confidence and understanding of concepts in this essential core curriculum subject.

As long-standing, working partners in arts education, both ourselves and [Animate Arts Company](#) believe passionately in the power of creativity as a tool to learning, engagement and wellbeing for young people. We are so grateful to be selected as one of eight national projects on this programme and we hope to make a real difference in local schools.





Cakes for the Summer Fair – Monday 7th July

Our fabulous Friends of the school are organising a cake stall for the summer fair this year. We are asking for any contributions of cake/biscuits/sweet treats to sell. Please could you send these into school on Monday 7th July. We thank you for all donations made.

Summer School Fair – Monday 7th July 3.15pm-4.30pm

Our fabulous Friends Association are organising summer school fair in the playground after school. We are looking for parent helpers to run some of the stalls. If you would like to help on the day, please get in touch with the school office.



Year R End of Year Show – Tuesday 8th July

Parents are warmly invited to attend Reception's end of year show on Tuesday 8th July 9.30am in the school hall. Entrance will be via the front gates.

Year 1 End of Year Show– Tuesday 8th July

Parents are warmly invited to attend Year 1's end of year show on Tuesday 8th July 2pm in the school hall. Entrance will be via the front gates.



Parent Coffee AFTERNOON - Wednesday 9th July at 2:15pm

Come and join us for a coffee and catch up at our next parent group meeting, which will take place on Wednesday 9th of July at **2:15pm**. We will be joined by Sarah-Jane Webb from the national charity, Spurgeons.

Spurgeons supports families across the country to manage the ups and downs, stresses and strains of family life. They offer direct support to families, as well as having a bank of online resources to help all families thrive. The session will be informal, so do come along with questions at the ready.

Sarah is looking forward to meeting you all in July:

Hello! I am Sarah, and I work for Spurgeons as a parent support worker. I offer general parenting advice, as well as one-to-one support to families who may need a bit of extra help to best support their families needs. My aim is to build confidence and relationships within the home, which will in turn allow families to be able to work together to make family life less stressful. I have worked in parent support for a number of years now, also volunteering in a school and a preschool setting. I have 2 children (14 and 9) both of whom have got SEN needs, so I bring personal experience to the role too.

Year 2 – T-Shirt Signing – Monday 14th July

To celebrate the end of their journey with us, we are asking for all Year 2 children to bring in a spare school T-shirt by Monday 14th of July. The children will be visiting classes and school adults throughout the week to sign their shirts and write special messages.

Year 2 Leavers Service at Church - Tuesday 15th July 2pm

Leavers Celebration at Church. Year 2 parents are welcome to attend. Doors open at 1.45pm



Sunbeams - End of year performance and party – Wednesday 16th July

Parents are invited to watch our performance which starts at 9.30am in the main school hall. After the performance the children will return to the nursery for our end of year party. Please collect your children from Sunbeams at 11.30am unless your child would normally attend the lunch and afternoon sessions. We hope you are able to join us.

Year R Trip to Margate – Wednesday 16th July

On Wednesday 16th July we would like to take all of our Reception children on an End of Year trip to Margate Beach. We will be travelling by train and will spend the day there together exploring the beach. We will enjoy an ice cream/lolly on our return to school.





Year 2 Trip to Quex Park – Thursday 17th July

Year 2 we will be visiting **Quex Activity Centre in Birchington-On-Sea** on **Thursday 17th July 2025** for our end of year trip. The adventure park has lots to offer including giant bouncy pillows, a sand pit, a climbing frame & swings and animal encounters.

King Alphege Attendance Lion

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King Alphege is awarded to the class with the highest percentage attendance each week



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W/E 27.06.25
Shells – 98.7%

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
Ava– Oysters Class



Retrieval of Learning
Hugo – Shells Class



Building Connections
Alessia & Laurie
Seagulls Class



Inspirational Curriculum
Rosie- Pearls Class



Talents and Creativity
Aurora – Pebbles Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
Alice – Puffins Class

Marvellous Milkshake Meeting

Children are chosen for consistently going above and beyond when demonstrating our school expectations: Ready, Respectful, Safe. What brilliant members of the St Alphege family they are!

Harley – Shells
Orla – Pebbles
Thalia – Oysters
Ela – Pearls
Maggie – Seagulls
Sylvia – Puffins



Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams Mrs Humphreys

We have had a very busy week in Sunbeams this week. We really enjoyed welcoming our families in on Tuesday for the whole school art show. We hope you enjoyed seeing our version of Andy Warhol's '32 cans of soup' as much as we did making it! Not surprisingly, given the heat we have had this week, we have been engaged in lots of water play and on the hottest days we have sat with our feet in tubs of cold water to cool ourselves down, while eating snack – which was a novel and much enjoyed past time. We have begun practising for our end of term performance and you should be receiving an invitation via email soon. We are asking that all our children come into nursery on the day of the performance in either a green, black or brown top. Also, that all children wear trousers or leggings for their own modesty when on the stage. As we begin to wrap up the year, can we please ask that any of our story books that the children have borrowed, be returned as soon as possible. We will continue lending them in the new year for those who are returning in September. So please have a rummage and see if there are any hiding at home.

Year R Mrs Keeble & Mrs Slater

What a hot week we have had this week! The children have coped brilliantly in the heat, the highlight was being able to take their shoes and socks off inside to keep cool! We have been consolidating our number knowledge this week and practicing our number formation in our maths books, as well as continuing with our phonic word building. We have been spending time this week rehearsing our songs and prepping ready for you End of Year Show ready to perform to you next Tuesday morning, we can't wait to see as many of you there as can make it. We had a fantastic morning on Thursday morning spending time with our new Teachers, Mr Mead and Mrs O'Keeffe and coped well with the change in routine. We are enjoying our learning through playtimes together, especially outside on the patio. Please could we ask that all children have a water bottle in school with them each day, thank you.

Year 1
Mr Mead and Miss Thomas-Friend

It has been a wonderfully busy (and hot) week of celebrations this week in Year 1. We absolutely loved sharing our beautiful Art Week creations with you all and have been very excited when reading back through your thoughtful feedback! In our Maths learning this week we have been revisiting our learning on Money and coins with a value up to £1! We put our knowledge to the test in walking past the gift shop at Wildwood on Wednesday, calculating how many pennies we might need (or would like)! Wednesday was brilliant day, your fabulous children displayed wonderful behaviour on the bus to and from Wildwood, again demonstrating their St Alphege spirit with some sing along songs on the bus! We built connections across our learning this week, our English exploration of non-fiction fact files came in to great use when exploring Wildwood and all of the fabulous creatures that are living there. We can't wait to show you the outcome of our History learning, continuing to be inspired by David Attenborough, in combination with our English Fact-Files (yes there are grey wigs and microphones involved). Further creative connections were built in our Science and Art learning this week with Year 1 creating beautiful artworks to show seasonal differences! The heat at beginning of the week allowed for our PE learning to focus on Yoga and being calm and cool, we thoroughly enjoyed the time being mindful and calm... but are very much looking forward to getting back to Tag Rugby soon! As the final weeks of Term 6 begin, it is hard not to notice how ready your lovely children are for Year 2 and the new excitement that it brings. We are so looking forward to making the most of these next two weeks of celebration before the end of the year.

Year 2
Mrs O'Keeffe and Mrs Cohen

What a jam packed, exciting and very hot week we have had in Year 2! We started our week with a very special trip to Canterbury Cathedral to join with Year 2 children from Herne Infants in a special leavers worship, led by Bishop Rose. The children were incredibly well behaved and sang beautifully in the crypt. Speaking of singing beautifully... this week we have been practicing songs and readings for our Leavers Service at St Alphege Church on Tuesday 15th July. We can't wait to celebrate our amazing experiences, memories and learning that we have had throughout our time at school. In English this week, the children have been using their imaginations to create settings, scenarios and descriptions for a glue stick character, who has lost its lid. Inspired by our key text, The Day the Crayons Came Home, next week they will be writing letters for their glue stick, to its lid to describe the wild journey it's been on before they reunited again. It was lovely to see our children return on Thursday from wonderful transition mornings at their new schools. They were all so full of joy and excitement! Next week, we will continue to be thinking about the changes during this special time in our PSHE lessons, whilst celebrating the journey we have been on together at school. There is lots of wonderful learning to look forward to next week too. Children will be completing their DT food tech project this term, preparing a picnic before enjoying it all together in Cornwallis Park and going to the beach for PE and sports activities. Wishing our lovely families a joyful weekend.
