

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



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Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May 2025

Mon 12th – Year R Vision Screening
Weds 14th – Parent Coffee Morning, Octopus Room.
Thurs 15th – Class Photos
Mon 19th – Sunbeams Sports Day. Gates open at 9.30am
Mon 19th – Sports Day. Gates open at 1.30pm
Fri 23rd – End of Term 5

June 2025

Mon 2nd – Staff Development Day
Tues 3rd – Start of Term 6
Mon 16th – Sunbeams Stay and Play. (2.15pm-3.15pm)
Tues 17th – Non-School Uniform for Tombola Prizes
Mon 30th – Year 2 Cathedral Day (New Date)

July 2025

Weds 2nd – School Summer Fair
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.

Nut Free School

We have several children and staff in school who suffer from severe nut allergies. Please could I remind everyone that our school and Nursery are "Nut Free Zones". Those children and staff, if they come in contact with a nut product, can suffer life threatening consequences. A child with a nut allergy does not have to eat nuts themselves to react, it sometimes only needs to be a touch from someone who has eaten them. **I cannot stress how important it is for everyone to work with us to ensure the safety of all our children.**

This means that the following items cannot be bought into school or nursery;

- Packs of nuts/any nuts
- Peanut butter sandwiches
- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts
- Cakes made with nuts
- Nutella and chocolate spreads
- Chocolates
- Baklava
- Nougat
- Biscuits (Check all biscuit labels and if you are not sure please leave it out).



Many foods will contain the wording:

- *May contain traces of nuts*
- *We cannot guarantee that this product does not contain nuts*
- *Produced in a factory which handles nut ingredients*

We do not expect you to avoid all of these foods, just those which directly contain nuts or nut products. Please help us in providing a nut free school, minimising the risk for children as much as possible and assisting those parents who have children who may have a life threatening reaction.

Bikes and Scooters

Please can we remind everyone that bikes and scooters must not be ridden on school grounds. Sadly, one of our community members was injured following a collision with a scooter last week and we need to ensure everyone's safety whilst on site. We ask that you please ensure your children dismount at the school gates and walk their bike or scooter into school. Please can you ensure that if your child is super speedy in the mornings and arrives at the gates before you do, that they wait there for you so that you can accompany them on to the site. Thank you.

Could we please request the following from each child in Year 2 for next week:

Monday: Can children please bring in a white or plain coloured t-shirt which can be used to tie dye.

Tues: Children can bring in a special object that has sentimental meaning to them to share in RE.

Parent Coffee Morning

The next parent coffee morning will be on **Wednesday 14th of May**, where we will be joined by our designated Speech and Language Therapist, Lara Dalton and Hannah Dando, our Speech and Language Teaching Assistant. Lara will be able to explain the new Balanced System approach and together they will answer any general questions you may have relating to speech and language provision, in and out of the school setting. They will also be able to give advice and strategies on how you can support your child's speech and language development at home.



Sunbeams Sports Day – Monday 19th May – 9.30am

We would like to invite our Sunbeams parents and families to join us for our Sports Day on Monday 19th May at 9:30am in the main school playground. If your Sunbeams child would not normally be in on a Monday morning, please feel free to come along with them at 9:30am to join in with us.

Whole School Sports Day Monday 19th May - Gates open at 1:30pm

This is always a lovely occasion where you can watch your child participate in sports and games. Come and enjoy this afternoon with us!

Sunbeams Stay and Play Session

We would like to invite our Sunbeams families to join us at our stay and play sessions on Monday 16th June at 2:15pm. Please enter via the school office.



September 2025 Sunbeams Nursery Spaces

We still have some spaces available for September 2025 if you are interested in your child joining our fabulous Nursery. Please phone the office to book onto one of our open sessions:

Friday 16 th May	3.30pm-4.15pm
Monday 9 th June	3.30pm-4.15pm
Thursday 26 th June	3.30pm-4.15pm
Thursday 8 th July	3.30pm-4.15pm

Community

MYTH
Counselling is only for big problems

FACT
A short chat with a qualified counsellor can help with everyday parenting worries.

This Mental Health Week, our qualified counsellors are offering free 20 minute sessions - a safe space to talk, ask questions, and find support.

ask a counsellor

As part of Mental Health Week (12 - 18 May), Spurgeons are excited to be launching "Ask a Counsellor" again - offering a free 20-minute digital chat with one of their qualified counsellors. This is a space where parents can talk about whatever's on their minds when it comes to their children, and counsellors will be there to support them in the best way they can.

What: Free 20-min chat with a qualified counsellor – a space for parents to talk about anything on their minds

When: 12 - 16 May

Link: <https://spurgeons.org/how-we-help/family-life/counselling/ask-a-counsellor/>

Right now, people can register interest – limited slots will go live soon, and registering gives them the best chance to book.

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 02.05.25
Oysters – 98.6%

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

Jim – Seagulls Class



Retrieval of Learning

Marnie- Pebbles Class



Building Connections

Etienne – Oysters Class



Inspirational Curriculum

Amie -Puffins Class



Talents and Creativity

Rosie – Pearls Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)

Alfie P – Shells 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!

Catherine – Shells Class

Seren – Pebbles Class

Dexter – Oysters Class

Connie – Pearls Class

Delilah – Seagulls Class

Ned – Puffins Class



Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams Mrs Humphreys

This week has been a short, but exciting week as we have been observing the changes in our caterpillars. We returned after the long weekend to find that they had grown considerably and today they look as though they may be almost ready to spin themselves a chrysalis! We can't wait to see what happens over the weekend when we return next Monday. We have also begun planting our own sunflower seeds. Mrs Humphreys planted some seeds last Friday and we have been observing the changes through the week and ensuring we water them. Not much happened until yesterday when we found that germination had taken place and the seeds are beginning to sprout! We will be exploring a lot of measure as our sunflowers grow over the next couple of weeks.

Year R
Mrs Keeble

Continuing on our minibeast theme, we have started exploring a new book for our English/Drawing Club this week: 'Superworm.' We have been learning our new vocabulary: zooming, heroic, calamity and timid. These words have helped us to draw our worm and describe it. We discovered that during this week it was World Bee Day, and we were inspired to make bees and other minibeasts using pipe cleaners and other media. Our caterpillars have grown very big and we are waiting in anticipation for them to make their cocoons! In our maths learning, we have been consolidating our understanding of teen numbers in our independent work while beginning to learn about combining two small quantities on a ten frame and finding a total. We are continuing to develop our different athletic skills to get ready for our annual 'Sports Day' at the end of this term. This week we have been focusing on our throwing skills. In our RE lessons, we have been learning about different children of faith and how special stories are important for them. This week we learnt about why the story of David and Goliath helps Jewish people know that they can trust in God, and they find their special stories in the Torah scroll. Some of the children were then inspired in their learning through play to make their own scrolls with pictures and words.

Year 1
Mr Mead and Miss Thomas-Friend

In Year 1 this week, we have been creating our own 'polluted environments' using junk modelling, building blocks and recycled materials. We have been thinking scientifically and have had fabulous discussions around how we could improve the pollution in our environments. In English, we have moved into Production week this week and have begun creating our own Diaries in order to recount taking our teddies on an adventure and the shock of losing our fantastically described toys! Our Maths exploration this week has been focused on doubling and what this looks like within arrays. We have also been revisiting how to represent number sentences as arrays, using lots of manipulatives. We are collage-crazy- artists this term in Year 1! This week, we have explored how printing using unusual objects can create different lines, shapes and textures in our collages. This week, Year 1 lived up to the fabulous behaviour that they displayed on the way to, and in the swimming pool last week, representing their St Alphege family wonderfully!

Year 2
Mrs O'Keeffe and Mrs Cohen

It's been another brilliant and busy week in Year 2. The children have been learning how to persuasively write to an audience in English Production week, producing amazing missing reports for their sock characters. Next week, they will be drawing inspiration from the features of spring and learning how to using rhyming couplets to create a spring inspired poem. They have persevered to complete their felt hand puppet designs in Textiles and shown brilliant perseverance and concentration to sew and decorate their final pieces. In History, they listened to Martin Luther King Jr famous 'I have a dream' speech and learnt about his impact on the Civil Rights Movement. The children have begun to plan their own 'inequality scenarios,' designing characters, settings and creating their own powerful speeches. In the upcoming weeks, they will work in teams to create puppets and settings before filming their stories come to life. Be sure to check Facebook for the final films! In RE, they are continuing to learn about the faith of Islam and next week will be learning about items that are special for Muslims and how they are looked after. Wishing all our lovely families a joyful weekend.
