

# SUNBEAMS NURSERY ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege  
Values



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## Newsletter

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### June 2025

Mon 30<sup>th</sup> - **Year 2 Cathedral Day**

#### July 2025

Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> - **Year 1 Trip Wildwood**

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> - **School Summer Fair**

Tues 8<sup>th</sup> - **Year R End of Year Show in the hall (9.30am)**

Tues 8<sup>th</sup> - **Year 1 End of Year Show in the hall (2pm)**

Weds 9<sup>th</sup> - **Parent Coffee Afternoon (2.15pm)**

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> - **Whitstable transition morning**

Tues 15<sup>th</sup> - **Year 2 Leavers Service at Church (2.00pm)**

Weds 16<sup>th</sup> - **Sunbeams End of Year Performance, School Hall (9.30am) followed by end of year party.**

Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> - **Year 2 Trip Quex Park**

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> - **End of Term**

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

### Safe Parking

Please remember to park considerately and safely when dropping off and collecting your children from school. There are side streets and car parks available for you to park. This will aid parents and children when trying to navigate the roads around the school. Thank you.

### Summer School Fair – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> July

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

### Year 1 End of Year Show– Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July

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

### Parent Coffee AFTERNOON - Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 Leavers Service at Church - Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2.15pm

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



### Sunbeams - End of year performance and party – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Community



THE WHITSTABLE CINEMA is a brand-new monthly event, bringing the most recent cinema releases to the heart of Whitstable.

They'll be showing kids films, independent films and family crowd-pleasers, for everyone to enjoy together! The goal is to make the experience comfortable, communal and memorable at their venue, The Workers League, on Albert St. They will be partnering with Bears Ice Cream, Honey Kanes and Old School Pizza to offer great food & drink, and deliver a comfortable, convenient and memorable experience for guests of all ages, and tastes!

Tickets are available to pre-order via [buytickets.at/TheWhitstableCinema](http://buytickets.at/TheWhitstableCinema)

## 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 13.06.25  
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**  
Leo – Oysters Class



**Retrieval of Learning**  
Axel – Pebbles Class



**Building Connections**  
Maya – Shells Class



**Inspirational Curriculum**  
Penny R – Seagulls Class



**Talents and Creativity**  
Rosie – Pearls Class



**Simcha (Shared Joy)**  
Wilf – 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!

Ron – Shells  
Oliver F – Pebbles  
Ava – Oysters  
George V- Pearls  
Olivia – Seagulls  
Bluebell - Puffins



## Weekly Year Group Recap

### Sunbeams Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have been carrying out several investigations around ideas of floating and sinking. We explored different materials and objects, both natural and man made and made predictions as to whether we thought they would float or sink. We discovered that some materials are more likely to float than others. We carried out an investigation to see how many wooden blocks or stones we could place into a boat before it sank. We also used some buoyant polystyrene boards to build wooden towers on, investigating how tall we could build them before they toppled into the water. Given the heat we have had this week, we have very much enjoyed these water based activities!

Year R  
Mrs Keeble

Following our walk to the beach last week we have been using our retrieval skills to help us with our sentence writing in our Production week for Drawing Club. Not only have we been using memories of what we remembered seeing, hearing and smelling we have also been using our imaginations to add extra ideas of what we might find on a beach. In our Maths learning this week we have been developing our shape knowledge, identifying and naming 3D shapes and looking at their properties. We have engaged in a range of practical activities to explore 3D shapes including printing with them to make 2D shapes, using playdough to make 3D shapes and sorting the shapes according to their properties. We had a very exciting afternoon on Wednesday with the visit from the Olympic athlete. We engaged in the circuit challenges with gusto before listening to his inspiring story in an assembly. We were so inspired we were keen to explore our own athletic skills on the playground! We have been embracing engaging in our Rainbow challenges this week – creating beach pictures, seeing if we can make a boat for a snail to float in and using our retrieval skills again to recall the lifecycle of a butterfly. We are looking forward to Art Week next week and can't wait to share our masterpiece with you in the upcoming class display afternoon.

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Year 1  
Mr Mead and Miss Thomas-Friend

This week in Maths we have continued exploring numbers to 100, but have progressed into numbers being greater than, less than and Equal to each other. The wonderful Number Gator helped us to remember that she eats the greater number! In English we have completed our Production week, producing reflective stanzas about our time in Year 1. We will be working together to read each other's stanza's and select some to be combined into a big poem called 'In Year 1...'. Our Science learning this week certainly made us think about where our food comes from! We used our senses (particularly smell) to review what our homegrown cress tasted like inside an egg and cress sandwich. Year 1 made a real effort to try even a bite of the sandwiches (some even enjoyed two or three!). Despite the flavour not being to everyone's taste, we are very impressed with how well our cress, that had both sunlight and water, grew. We are beginning to think about how long it might take for other things that we eat to grow? In PE we practised our tag rugby skills, focusing on dodging, avoiding and finding space. In Year 1's History exploration, we have continued to focus on David Attenborough, his life and the good that he does for both animals and humans. We are continuing to understand the difference between Traditional books and E-books in Computing. Our E-Books have levelled up again, having now added sound to our animated story books! Our PSHE learning has again run through all that we have done this week. We explored obstacle courses- understanding the importance of cheering each other, and ourselves on when things get challenging! This was a message that Sam Mostowfi, the Team GB Gymnast who visited us this week, also shared. He told us about his inspirational journey into gymnastics and then gave us the opportunity to practise our own perseverance in a touch sports and gymnastics circuit. Yet again, swimming has been one of the highlights of the week. Year 1 continue to display wonderful behaviour when going swimming. This week they excelled in their pool safety as it was National Drowning Prevention Week. We explored what to do in the water when you can't touch the ground and knowing when to swim and when to float like a starfish! Next week (27<sup>th</sup>) will sadly be our last swimming session. I know lots of us will miss going every Friday, what a wonderful few weeks it has been! Have a great weekend, we look forward to seeing you next week!

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Year 2  
Mrs O'Keeffe and Mrs Cohen

It's been a bright, sunny, and busy week for Year 2! To begin our week, we all celebrated the shared joy, talent and creativity of our PAC children's fabulous performance and absolutely loved the opportunity to see their dress rehearsal on Tuesday. What a fantastic achievement and experience for all our children, we know you're bursting with pride as much as we are. On Wednesday we were inspired by a special visit from Team GB athlete, Sam Mostowfi who's drive and determination gave us a clear example of the power of believing in your dreams. In English, we've been using our story maps adapting our text 'The Proudest Blue' to rewrite the narrative with our own characters and favourite colours as main features. The children have written wonderfully descriptive narratives, showcasing their understanding of storytelling, vocabulary, and punctuation. To finish our week, we taste tested a range of picnic foods and worked in teams to design our own healthy and balanced summer picnics. In the coming weeks, we'll be voting on the best elements to make before sharing a summer picnic together at the park! Next week we are very excited to be celebrating Arts Week, exploring this year's theme 'The Art of Maths' We will be creating Art works in different mediums which will retrieve and develop skills in both Art and Maths learnt throughout the year including, tessellating shape designs, mathematical self portraits, optical illusions, and Fibonacci spirals. Wishing all our wonderful children and families and warm and wonderful weekend.