

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December 2024

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)
Weds 18th – Year 1 Concert 2.30pm (School Hall)
Thurs 19th – Sunbeams Nativity 9.30am (School Hall)
Thurs 19th – Sunbeams Christmas Party (following nativity)
Thurs 19th – Year 1 Christmas Party
Fri 20th – Year 2 Christmas party
Fri 20th – End of Term 2

January 2025

Mon 6th – Start of Term 3

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Artsmark Platinum Award



**Artsmark
Platinum Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England

We are delighted and immensely proud to announce that we have been awarded our Artsmark Platinum award for a second time! We were the first school in the South East of England to secure this prestigious award back in 2019 and to have been awarded with Platinum again is an incredible achievement for the school. This demonstrates that not only have standards been maintained, but built upon as we continuously strive for excellence in the arts. We plan to celebrate this incredible achievement properly after Christmas alongside our arts partners. For now, we hope that you are as delighted as we are and will join with us in celebrating our amazing staff team and the wonderful young people that make up our arts-rich, creative and exceptional school!

A Special Visit from Father Christmas



This week the children had an audience with Father Christmas and his Elf! They came to answer all our questions and kindly gave each class a special present to share with their friends. The children asked some excellent questions, including: How do you spread joy at Christmas? Why does Rudolph have a red nose? How do the elves make all the presents? What makes the reindeer fly? and How do you get around the world in one night? Huge thanks to our friends at The Playhouse Theatre for helping to arrange this special visit!

Christmas Nativities to Parents

All year groups will be performing for parents in the hall. If there are two performances, please attend **one**, whichever is most convenient for you, as space in the hall is limited. All family members welcome.

Monday 16th December at 2.30pm

Tuesday 17th December at 2.30pm

Wednesday 18th December at 9.30am

Wednesday 18th December at 2.30pm

Thursday 19th December at 9.30am

Year 2 Nativity

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Year 1 Concert

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Sunbeams Nativity – (written themselves!)

Christmas Year Group Parties

Each year group will have a Christmas party. Please send your child to school in their party clothes on that day. Please ensure these are appropriate for outdoor play! No food items are required.

Thursday 19th December

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Friday 20th December

Year 1 Party

Year R Party

Year 2 Party



Christmas Party – Sunbeams

We would like to invite all of our Sunbeams into nursery on **Thursday 19th December** for the morning session 8.30am – 11.30am even if this is not their usual session to come in. We will perform our nativity to parents and then have some Christmas party fun. If your child does not usually attend on Thursday, please Mrs Humphreys know if your child will join us for this session.

Community



Concerned about your pre-school child's speech, language or communication skills?

Talking Walk-ins are play-based drop-in sessions where you can speak to a speech and language therapist or other staff.

Just turn up – no need to book!

Available for preschool-aged children only. This service runs in other parts of Kent.

Family Hubs	Day/session
Wincheap Family Hub 16 Collopy Road, Canterbury CT1 3SD Tel: 0300 041 0014	Time: 09:30-11:30 On first and third Thursdays of the month: 2/1/25, 16/1/25, 6/2/25, 20/2/25, 6/3/25, 20/3/25, 3/4/25, 17/4/25
Kingsmead Family Hub Kingsmead Rd, Canterbury CT2 7PH Tel: 0300 041 3999	Time: 09:30-11:30 On fourth Friday of the month: 24/1/25, 28/2/25, 28/3/25, 25/4/25
Herne Bay Family Hub Kings Road, Herne Bay, Kent, CT6 5RG Tel: 0300 042 2889	Time: 09:30-11:30 On second and fourth Wednesdays of the month: 8/1/25, 22/1/25, 12/2/25, 26/2/25, 12/3/25, 26/3/25, 9/4/25, 23/4/25
Whitstable Family Hub Tower Parade, Whitstable, Kent, CT5 2BJ Tel: 0300 042 1554	Time: 09:30-11:30 On first Tuesday of the month: 7/1/25, 4/2/25, 4/3/25, 1/4/25

Talking Walk-ins provide you with advice or ideas to try at home. We may signpost you to other support or invite you to a follow-up with the speech and language therapy service. They run in school holidays, but not on Bank Holidays or between Christmas and New Year. Check the Canterbury Family Hub Facebook page for updates.



If you do not have parental responsibility for the child you are bringing, please ensure you bring written consent from the person with parental responsibility.

If we do not have this, we will be unable to see the child.



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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 06.12.24
Shells Class 98.2%

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

Rupert – Pearls Class



Retrieval of Learning

Silvia – Pebbles Class



Building Connections

Lola – Seagulls Class



Inspirational Curriculum

Rudie – Puffins Class



Talents and Creativity

Isla - Oysters Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)

Truly – Shells Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have pulled our Nativity story together and have been rehearsing our performance in full and in the main school hall. We have also been treated to Reception and Year 2's Christmas performances this week which were not only fantastic but also gave us an idea of what it will be like when we perform ours for you. We have been a hive of industry this week as we have been using our mark making skills to create Christmas cards as well as finishing off our calendars, all of which will be coming home next week. On Thursday we had a special visit from Father Christmas who gave us a present for Sunbeams to share, four lovely wooden puzzles which we will very much enjoy putting together. Just a reminder that next Thursday morning is when we will be performing in the school hall to you all. After our performance we will be having a Christmas party for the children back in the nursery. Please drop your child off at 8:30 and collect them at 11:30, unless they would normally stay in nursery for the day. We have plenty of Nativity costumes so there is no need for you to buy anything, but if your child has a suitable costume they would like to wear for our performance, please let us know.

Year R
Mrs Keeble and Mrs Jones

A huge well done to our reception children for two beautiful nativity performances. We were so proud of the way the children remembered their poetry, songs and lines and how much they enjoyed singing and performing. What a joy they all are – truly what Christmas is all about!

The children were so respectful and sensible on our first visit to Church for collective worship – thank you to all our families who were able to join us. The children enjoyed making their Christmas hat for our lovely Christmas lunch together on Wednesday – it was lots of fun sharing the time together. We had two very special visitors on Thursday – each class spent time in the hall with Father Christmas and his Elf, asking questions and receiving a class gift – it was magical! Some of the highlights of learning through play have been creating big art and craft Christmas trees together, bikes on the patio and play dough ‘cooking’. Our phonics book for this week was A Dip!, which can be accessed online at Big Cat Books.

Year 1
Miss Hughes and Mr Mead

What a busy and exciting week! Christmas is getting so close and we are all feeling the excitement in Year 1! We have been practising our Christmas concert and we are very excited to sing our songs for you. We were lucky enough to watch Year 2's Nativity show and it was amazing – it really inspired us! We loved visiting Moon Lane Bookshop and hearing some Christmas stories. We loved meeting the ladies who work there and seeing all the beautiful books, toys and games they have for sale. We can't wait to visit again! We have had an incredible Production Week and have produced some brilliant writing. We wrote newspaper reports about the Big Bad Wolf in Little Red Riding Hood. Our teachers were very proud of our outstanding writing! We are learning about 2D shapes in Maths and decorated Christmas tree collages with different 2D shapes. Maybe you could practise naming some and finding some with us at home! The best part of our week was our visit from Father Christmas! He answered our questions and even sang and played his ukulele. We even got a gift from him! What a wonderful week at school.

Year 2
Mrs O'Keeffe and Mrs Cook

What a lovely week it has been in Year 2! We went to watch the Endowed Year 3 Nativity performance on Monday which was a real treat. Then we performed our Nativity to the school on Wednesday and the children put on a sparkling performance – we were very proud! We are really looking forward to showing you our amazing show next week. We also enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch with members of the community on Wednesday, and on Thursday we had a very special visitor – Father Christmas came to St Alphege! The children have been working really hard on their posters about how we can save our world in English; their finished work is truly impressive. In Maths we have been doing a festive shape carousel – learning about the properties of 2D shapes and using them to create Christmas themed pictures. We have also been doing a Christmas Craft Rainbow Challenge – making handprint wreaths, paper chains, party hats, tree decorations and Christmas cards. Next week we have a fun filled week ahead with lots of Christmas crafts – making a snowy landscape, baking gingerbread, creating 2025 calendars and repurposing tree baubles! Have a wonderful weekend.
