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ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June 2025

Mon 30th - **Year 2 Canterbury Cathedral Celebration Service**

July 2025

Tues 1st - **Art Show (3.15pm-4pm)**

Weds 2nd - **Year 1 Trip Wildwood**

Thurs 3rd - **Whitstable transition morning**

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**



Year 2 Canterbury Cathedral Celebration Service– Monday 30th June

We are delighted to have the opportunity to spend the day at Canterbury Cathedral with our Year 2 friends from Herne Infants. This opportunity will enable our children to explore the Cathedral and gather together to give thanks for their

time at St Alphege Infant school. **We will travel to Canterbury** on the local bus in the morning and return to school for 3.15pm. **Puffins** will travel on the **8.55am** bus and will need to be dropped off at the school hall. **Seagulls** will travel on the **9.10am** bus. Please be prompt to school. We will be unable to take any late arrivals.

Art Show – Tuesday 1st July

This week we have been celebrating our annual Arts Week! This year's theme has been inspired by the Art of Maths and the children have been exploring pattern, shape, sequences and artistic styles. Every class has explored this theme in their own unique way.

We have also welcomed Jo from Animate Arts Company into school who has delivered some excellent workshops around Art History. Each class has taken a famous portrait and explored the shapes and patterns they can see, before creating their own version of these artworks. These are going to be hung in the Year 2 stairwell to create our own portrait gallery!

In true St Alphege style, we will be opening our school **for families visit** this year's Art Show: The Art of Maths on **Tuesday 1st July** from **3.15-4pm**. All classrooms will be open and you are welcome to explore your child's artwork and also pop in to see the creations in other year groups. Please also take a look at the new portrait gallery in the Year 2 stairwell!

We look forward to sharing our wonderful work with you all.



Year 1 Trip to Wildwood – Wednesday 2nd July

Year 1 will be leaving school at **9.25am** and making their way to Wildwood on the **9:38am** bus. We will return to school for the end of the day. Children will need to wear a yellow school t-shirt, but can dress in shorts or comfortable trousers/leggings. Please provide comfortable footwear for walking and playing. Please ensure that your child has sun cream applied and a sun hat, as well as a water bottle in a bag they can carry and fit their lunch in.



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 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 20.06.25
Oysters – 96.4%

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
Ivan – Oysters Class



Retrieval of Learning
Sofia – Shells Class



Building Connections
Isaac – Pearls Class



Inspirational Curriculum
Penny B- Seagulls Class



Talents and Creativity
Jacob – Puffins Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
Kobi M – Pebbles 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!

Faith – Shells
Kobi M– Pebbles
Arthur – Oysters
Lewy-Jack - Pearls
Polly – Seagulls
Otto - Puffins



Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams
Mrs Humphreys

Wow! What a busy week this has been! We have had lots of fun with Art Week and with the visit from Jo at Animate Art. We have been inspired in our art work by artists such as Henri Matisse and Andy Warhol. We have found opportunities to practice our scissor skills and develop our vocabulary around the property of shape while producing a paper collage. We have continued our pattern work and have used transient art or paint to create our own patterns, some of which have been repeating. Jo set us the challenge to create our own version of Andy Warhol's "32 Cans of Soup". Again, we were able to practice our scissor skills and also our writing skills as we had a go at writing the name of the soup on our art work. Please can you remember that sandals and crocs are not suitable for nursery as it is not safe for the children to climb the equipment or when they are running at speed around the outside area. Please send your child in with trainers or shoes, preferably Velcro so that they can manage them themselves. Also, ensure you send your child in with spare clothes as they are getting involved in a lot of water play at the moment and often need changing. Our spares do not always get returned and we have run out of clothes that we can lend the children.

Year R
Mrs Keeble

What a brilliant week we have had this week exploring Art and Maths together. We have incorporated our previous learning about shapes and have used these in a range of ways to create art. In maths we have been using shapes to create and recreate patterns, using paint, transient art materials; and pegs and peg boards. We have been learning about different artists and working to recreate artwork in their style. At the beginning of the week, we studied work by Sonia Delaunay. She made abstract paintings using geometric shapes. We used rulers and shapes to create our art before using paints to add colour. We also studied the work of Minnie Pwerle, an aboriginal artist. We studied her art and used pastels, lolly sticks and paint to recreate art in her aboriginal style. We were also excited to have a workshop with Jo from Animate Arts on Wednesday. She tasked us with the challenge of creating a piece of art using paper and card to be displayed in the lower staircase. We look forward to welcoming you all in to our sharing the learning afternoon next Tuesday to see all our wonderful creations.

Year 1
Mr Mead and Miss Thomas-Friend

This it was our Imagination Week in Year 1, we have been exploring Non-Fiction texts. We have created our own fact files about ourselves AND about the world around us. What a worldly-wise year group we are! Within our exploration of facts, we have been comparing the difference between what is fact and what is our opinion. Year 1 have been sharing their expert knowledge and reminding Mr. Mead that 'Chelsea being the best football club' is unfortunately not a fact. We are very excited to begin our next week of learning with such a wide range of interesting facts. In our Maths learning this week we have been focussing on the value of money! We have been practising recognising different coins and using our knowledge of counting in 2's, 5's, and 10's to help us calculate the amount of a group of coins. Art week has flown by! What a creative week this week has been, we produced so much fabulous maths inspired artwork this week, that we can't wait to show you! On Monday we focused on symmetrical and repeating patterns using geometric shapes, taking inspiration from Islamic and Ancient Greek art to inspire us! Then on Tuesday we used our previous learning of geometric shapes to create some optical illusions. We were mesmerised! Bridget Riley provided us with tons of inspiration, we created fabulous paintings using lots of different shapes. Wednesday brought new creative excitement as Jo from Animate Arts paid us a visit! We have embarked upon a new project which will live in the Year 2 Stairway. In Year 1 our fabulous shape-inspired artworks were 'The Three Musicians' by Pablo Picasso and 'The Son of Man' by Rene Magritte! Whilst continuing to work on our masterpieces, we created our own geometric stained-glass window artworks. We loved watching the sun shine through these throughout the day. We ended our week on Friday, slightly sad that it was our last swimming, but happily remembering all of the fun that we have had, and things that we have learnt! It has been a great week this week, Year 1 have dealt so well with the heat and the excitement of Art week. We hope that you have a fabulous weekend and are already looking forward to seeing you on Monday!

Year 2
Mrs O'Keeffe and Mrs Cohen

We have had another busy week in Year 2. We have thrown ourselves into Art week with such enthusiasm and cannot wait to share some of our amazing creations with you on Tuesday. We have linked our Art with maths, looking at tessellating shapes, and creating self portraits using mathematical symbols and numbers. In our imagination week for English, we have been looking at the text, The Day the Crayons came home. We became crayons and sent postcards home, describing the exciting adventures we had been on. In Geography this week we have been creating maps, thinking carefully about the key features on them and how we could represent them on a map, using a key. We are very excited for our trip to the Cathedral on Monday, the weather looks set to be hot so please do remember a hat, sunscreen and water. Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all next week for more fun in the sun.
