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ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



Koinonia

Loved, Inspired, Shining

Newsletter

Term 6 Week 7 | 17.07.2026

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

July 2026

Fri 17th – End of Term 6

Mon 20th – Staff Development Day (School Closed)

Tues 21st – Staff Development Day (School Closed)

September 2026

Tues 1st – Staff Development Day

Weds 2nd – Start of Term 1 (Year 1-2)

Thurs 3rd – Start of Term 1 Sunbeams and Year R

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



A huge thank you to you all

As we come to the end of another incredible year at St Alphege, we would like to thank you all for your ongoing support and trust in us. We feel honoured that you have shared your incredible children with us and that we have been able to watch the progress they have made as a result of the experiences that they have had this year. We feel truly blessed to have such an amazing community of families! Your children are a joy and they are the reason that St Alphege is such a special and fun place to learn and grow. We

would like to wish our Year 2 children lots of luck as they move on to the next stage of their education. We will miss them all, but know that they are more than ready for their new adventures. To our new Reception families and those moving up to their new year groups, we look forward to welcoming you all back to school in September. Have a fantastic summer break and enjoy the precious time with your amazing children!

Exciting baby news!

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Cohen is expecting her second child in December. Mrs Thornton is also due to welcome her new baby into the world today. What wonderful news to round up an exciting year at St Alphege!

Bailey Cup

In honour of a previous pupil who sadly passed away, we award the Bailey Yanik Cup once each term. This cup is awarded to a little person who has the gift of finding joy in everything, and makes a big difference to everyone around them. **Term 6 is awarded to Florence Reding in Year 1.**





Blessing of the Waters

Thursday 23rd July 2026
6.30pm

Reeves Beach

All welcome to this traditional outdoor ceremony with well-loved hymns and prayers for our coastal waters.

RAF MANSTON HISTORY MUSEUM

Spot the LEGO for £1.50 with prize at the end!

Valid from 20th of July to 7th of September 2026

Summer savings

Children's Lunch Box and museum entry only £5

at the Museum 10am - 4pm

7 days a week
Lunch Box at NAAFI Cafe served until 3pm
Ages 5 - 15
All other attendees must pay admission.
At least 1 adult per 4 children
Other competitions and activities available. Please speak to shop staff.
See website for details.
info@rafmanston.co.uk www.rafmanston.co.uk

BOOK HERE

Why not go and visit our donation funded neighbouring museum?

Free Kellogg's breakfasts in all Morrisons Cafes

Between 29th June and 6th September 2026, families can access free Kellogg's breakfasts in all Morrisons Cafes. This is available to **both children and adults**, who can choose from much-loved favourites Corn Flakes or Rice Krispies, topped with their choice of dairy or non-dairy milk and a free apple or banana.

In addition to the Kellogg's Breakfast offer, Morrisons 'Kids Eat Free' offer will continue to run in all its Cafés, allowing families to enjoy a free meal and drink for one child aged 16 or under when they purchase an adult main meal costing over £5 from The Breakfasts and The Classics menu.

TALES OF GODS AND HEROES – FAMILY THEATRE THIS AUGUST

The Horsebridge Arts Centre is delighted to welcome Constant Lark's *Tales of Gods and Heroes* this August Bank Holiday weekend.

Supporting the Key Stage 2 History curriculum, this imaginative family show celebrates the power of storytelling as six performers bring classic Greek myths to life using cardboard, creativity and plenty of laughter.

Featuring the stories of Persephone, Medusa, the Minotaur, Penelope and the legendary Trojan Horse, this energetic and engaging production offers a fun way for children to experience these famous stories beyond the classroom.

Tickets are just £5.

Further details and booking information can be found here:

<https://thehorsebridge.org.uk/films-theatre/constant-lark-presents-tales-gods-and-heroes>



Free Children's Activities

Treasure Hunt

Whitstable Library

Ongoing throughout the reading challenge

Children's Craft Event - Castanets

Whitstable Library

Saturday 18 July, 1.30pm to 2.30pm

Children's Craft Event - Accordion

Whitstable Library

Thursday 30 July, 2pm to 3pm

Fairytale Musical Mashup

Whitstable Library

Sunday 2 August, 10.30am to 11.15am

Suitable for ages 4-11, please book at the desk in advance.



Explore what's on at kent.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge



Free Children's Activities

Children's Craft Event - Rain Stick

Whitstable Library

Thursday 13 August, 2pm to 3pm

Children's Craft Event - Wind Chimes

Whitstable Library

Thursday 27 August, 11am to 12pm

Children's Craft Event - Drums

Whitstable Library

Saturday 5 September, 2pm to 3pm

Suitable for ages 4-11, please book at the desk in advance.



Explore what's on at kent.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge



Canterbury Family Hubs



Talking Walk Ins

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. Available for preschool aged children only.

9:30am - 11:30am

Herne Bay FH: 22/07/2026

Kingsmead FH: 24/07/2026

Whitstable FH: 04/08/2026

Wincheap FH: 06/08/2026

Herne Bay FH: 12/08/2026

Kingsmead FH: 14/08/2026

Herne Bay FH: 26/08/2026

Kingsmead FH: 28/08/2026

Baby Groups

A welcoming space to bond with your baby and meet other parents. Includes songs and sensory play. For babies who are pre-walking.

Mondays **Tuesdays** **Wednesdays** **Thursdays** **Fridays**

10:00am - 11:30am

1:00pm - 2:30pm

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1:00pm - 2:30pm

10:00am - 11:30am

Whitstable Family Hub, Tower Parade, Whitstable, CT5 2BJ

Kingsmead Family Hub, Kingsmead Road, Canterbury, CT2 7PH

Briary Family Hub, Greenhill Road (West), Herne Bay, CT6 7RS

Wincheap Family Hub, Hollowmead, Wincheap, Canterbury, CT1 3SD

Herne Bay Family Hub, Memorial Park, Herne Bay, CT6 5RG

NCT Infant Feeding Support Groups

Friendly, free infant feeding support from pregnancy through early parenthood. Trained peer supporters help you feel supported and connected. A great way to meet other parents!

Tuesdays **Wednesdays** **Fridays**

1:30pm - 3:30pm

9:30am - 11:30am

9:30am - 11:30am

Whitstable

Herne Bay Family Hub, Memorial Park, Herne Bay, CT6 5RG

Kingsmead Family Hub, Kingsmead Road, Canterbury, CT2 7PH

Family Hub, Tower Parade, Whitstable, CT5 2BJ

Introducing Solid Foods Workshop

Join our health visiting led face-to-face session to get trusted NHS advice on everything from choosing the right first foods to making mealtimes fun and safe for your little one.

To book, please visit:

<https://family.kent.nhs.uk/baby/>

12:30pm - 2:30pm

Kingsmead FH: 12/08/2026

Requires Booking

Strengthening Family Relationships

A Workshop to help parents reduce conflict and build positive family relationships.

10:30pm - 12:30pm

Whitstable FH: 28/07/2026

Wincheap FH: 17/08/2026

Requires Booking

Parenting Support Advice Drop-ins

Drop in for friendly advice on any parenting questions (0-15). No booking needed.

9:30am - 11:30am

Kingsmead FH: 07/08/2026

Whitstable FH: 11/08/2026

Herne Bay FH: 19/08/2026

Healthy Child Clinics

A drop in clinic for you to come along, have your baby weighed and speak to a member of the Health Visiting Team. Please arrive no later than 15 minutes before the end of the clinic.

Tuesdays **Thursdays** **Fridays**

1:30pm - 3:30pm

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9:30am - 11:30am

Herne Bay Family Hub, Memorial Park, Herne Bay, CT6 5RG

Kingsmead Family Hub, Kingsmead Road, Canterbury, CT2 7PH

Whitstable Family Hub, Tower Parade, Whitstable, CT5 2BJ

Canterbury Family Hubs

27th and 28th July Fishing

Have you ever been fishing before? Whether it's your first time or something you've tried already, fishing is a simple way to get outside and have some fun. Each cast is a chance to learn, give it a go, and see what happens. For young people aged 11-19 years.

10:00am - 2:00pm

We will be meeting at these locations:
Kingsmead Family Hub, Kingsmead Road, Canterbury, CT2 7PH
Whitstable Family Hub, Tower Parade, Whitstable, CT5 2BJ

Requires Booking

28th July Roller Skating

Get ready to glide, spin, and groove! Join us for an awesome afternoon of roller skating and music. No experience? No problem! Skates will be available. Bring your energy and have some fun. For 4-16 years (25 SEND).

1:30pm - 3:30pm

Bay Sports Arena, Bullockstone Rd, Herne Bay, CT6 7NS

Requires Booking

29th July Cooking

Join us for a fun, hands-on experience with our Mexican Cooking Activity for 11-15 year olds! Young people can learn to create delicious Mexican dishes while building confidence in the kitchen and trying something new. Alongside cooking, there'll be plenty of time to relax and socialise, with pool, table tennis, and a variety of board games available throughout the session. It's the perfect mix of food, fun, and friendship in a welcoming and supportive environment.

2:00pm - 5:00pm

Whitstable Family Hub, Tower Parade, Whitstable, CT5 2BJ

Requires Booking



31st July Howletts Wild Animal Park

Join us for a fantastic family day out at Howletts Wild Animal Park! Families are invited to arrive at 10:00am for a fun-filled, completely free trip exploring the amazing wildlife and beautiful surroundings. Children will each receive a free picnic lunch, making it easy to relax and enjoy the day together. Friendly Family Hub staff will be waiting at the entrance to welcome you and provide your tickets and lunches, so everything is taken care of from the moment you arrive.

Meet at 10:00am

Bekesbourne Lane, Canterbury, CT4 5EL

Requires Booking

3rd August Roller Skating

Get ready to glide, spin, and groove! Join us for an awesome afternoon of roller skating and music. No experience? No problem! Skates will be available. Bring your energy and have some fun. For 4-16 years (25 SEND).

1:30pm - 3:30pm

Bay Sports Arena, Bullockstone Rd, Herne Bay, CT6 7NS

Requires Booking

6th August Storytime Adventures

Join us for Storytime Adventures, a magical day packed with entertainment and creativity for primary school aged children (younger siblings also welcome). Be swept away by Cuspie's Story, an exciting live performance by a local theatre company, and enjoy plenty of laughs with a traditional Punch and Judy show. Get hands-on with creative activities and enjoy the lunch provided. Parents/carers in attendance.

10:00am - 2:00pm

Herne Bay Family Hub, Memorial Park, Kings Road, Herne Bay, CT6 5RG

Requires Booking

6th August Family Swim

Free Family Swim session. Meet us at Kingsmead Leisure Centre reception for your 1 hour swimming ticket and healthy snack bag (12:45pm - 1:45pm). For families with children 0-11 years, parents/carers in attendance. *One family swim ticket entitles 2 adults and 2 children.

12:45pm - 1:45pm

Kingsmead Leisure Centre, Kingsmead Road, Canterbury, CT2 7PH

Requires Booking



Canterbury Family Hubs

6th August

Mean Girls The Musical

Mean Girls The Musical is a fun and lively show about friendship, fitting in, and being yourself. Follow Lacy as she starts a new school, meets the popular 'Plastics', and learns that kindness always wins! Filled with great songs, humour, and energy.

For young people aged 11-15 years.

Starts at 2:30pm

The Marlowe Theatre,
The Friars,
Canterbury,
CT1 2AS

Requires
Booking

10th August

Boxing

Build your skills, boost your confidence, and get moving. Whether you're a complete beginner or already experienced, our high-energy sessions are designed to support you every step of the way.

For young people aged 11-19 years.

1:00pm - 3:00pm

The Pit Boxing Gym,
International Business
Park, Unit 104 Thomas
Way, Lakesview, Hernden,
Canterbury CT3 4NH

Requires
Booking

11th August

Wildwood Trip

We have a number of tickets available for families to enjoy a day at Wildwood, with lunch provided for all young people attending.

For 0-19 years (25 SEND).
Parents/carers in attendance.

Meet at 10:00am

Wildwood Trust
Wealden Forest Park,
Canterbury Rd,
Herne Common,
Herne Bay CT6 7LQ

Requires
Booking

13th August

Little Kickers

Kick-start the fun with our exciting Football Event for 5-10 year olds! Delivered by the fantastic coaches at Little Kickers, children will enjoy a 45-minute coaching session (with small group sizes of just 12 per session), giving them the perfect chance to build skills, boost confidence, and take part in a friendly match. After the coaching, the fun continues with a variety of engaging activities including pool, table tennis, football-themed arts and crafts, and games. To top it all off, food will be provided, making this a brilliant, action-packed day of sport, creativity, and fun with friends!

10:00am - 10:45am OR 11:00am - 11:45am

Herne Bay Family Hub,
Memorial Park, King's Road,
Herne Bay,
CT6 5RG

Requires
Booking

17th August

Boxing

Build your skills, boost your confidence, and get moving. Whether you're a complete beginner or already experienced, our high-energy sessions are designed to support you every step of the way.

For young people aged 11-19 years.

1:00pm - 3:00pm

The Pit Boxing Gym,
International Business
Park, Unit 104 Thomas
Way, Lakesview, Hernden,
Canterbury, CT3 4NH

Requires
Booking

20th August

Wildwood Trip

We have a number of tickets available for families to enjoy a day at Wildwood, with lunch provided for all young people attending.

For 0-19 years (25 SEND).
Parents/carers in attendance.

Meet at 10:00am

Wildwood Trust
Wealden Forest Park,
Canterbury Rd,
Herne Common,
Herne Bay CT6 7LQ

Requires
Booking

21st August

Family Swim

Free Family Swim session. Meet us at Kingsmead Leisure Centre reception for your 1 hour swimming ticket and healthy snack bag (12:45pm - 1:45pm).

For families with children 0-11 years, parents/carers in attendance.
*One family swim ticket entitles 2 adults and 2 children.

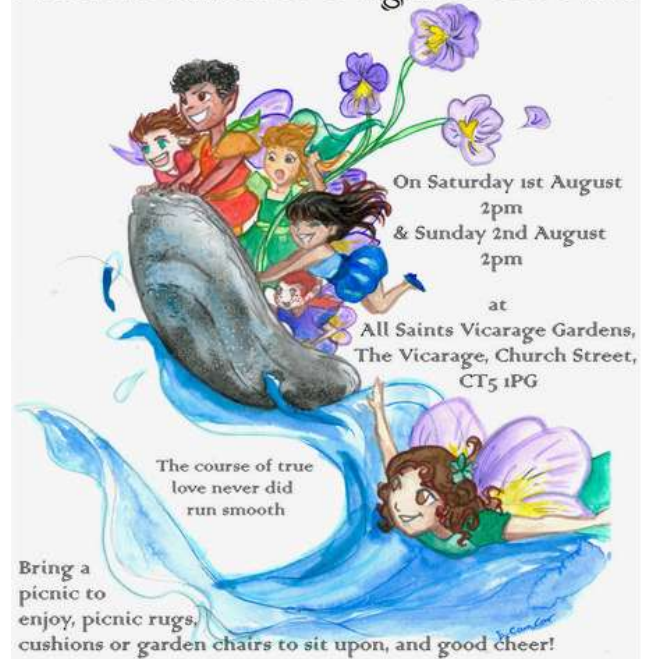
12:45pm - 1:45pm

Kingsmead Leisure Centre,
Kingsmead Road,
Canterbury,
CT2 7PH

Requires
Booking

Arohanui Shakespeare
with The Whitstable Team Ministry
present for you

A Midsummer Night's Dream



On Saturday 1st August
2pm
& Sunday 2nd August
2pm

at
All Saints Vicarage Gardens,
The Vicarage, Church Street,
CT5 1PG

Bring a picnic to enjoy, picnic rugs, cushions or garden chairs to sit upon, and good cheer!

Entry: cash donation on the door. Doors open from 1.40pm. This is a family friendly outdoor community production, all ages welcome.



BIG BUG HUNT Bug pot in hand and ID chart at the ready. Search for some of the reserve's smallest residents. All that wiggles, creeps, scuttles, crawls and flutters can be closely observed and identified. The hunt is on!

BOGGARTS

Boggarts are strange little creatures that live in woods and play tricks on people. Find out more about these crafty creatures and make your own using leaves, twigs and seeds.

FOLKLORE AND FLEECY TREES Trees have stories to tell. Their fruits, leaves and seeds take on different meanings across time and cultures. Join this 'Tree Walk', with a simple tree craft for children in the shade of the woods.

GROVIA GARDEN in a box. Using a mixture of seeds, and compost made on the reserve, colour your label and sow your garden. Add plant markers.

POND DIPPING Nymphs and newts; beetles and boatmen. Explore the micro-habitat of pondlife at Monkton. Ages 6+.

STORY TIME Free nature stories read by our Volunteers.

STORY WALK Inspired by 'The Lost Words', a book dedicated to encouraging a love of nature in children. We will visit some of the species in the book; Newt, Willow and Ivy. The session will end in the Education Garden, where we will make willow hearts.

WILD CLASSROOM Campfire cooking at its best. Experience this tasty vegetable tagine, made together, with the reserve as a back-drop.

WORM COMPOSTING Join 'Compost King' John, in 'Compost Corner' to find out about our busy, composting worms and our hot composter. Why is compost so important? Prepare food for the worm workforce. Make a compost bin character.

JULY TERM 11:30AM	12PM	1PM	AUGUST TERM 11:30AM	12PM	1PM
21st: Bugs	Story	Pond	11th: Worms	Story	Folklore
23rd: Bugs		Pond	13th: Pond		Garden
24th: Bugs		Pond	14th: Bugs		Boggarts
28th: Pond W.C'm	Story	Folklore	18th: Bugs	Story Walk	
31st: Bugs		Boggarts	20th: Walk	Pond	
AUG TERM 11:30AM	12PM	1PM	21st: Bugs	Folklore	
4th: Boggarts	Story	Pond	25th: Folklore	Story Garden	
6th: Bugs		Walk	27th: Bugs	Walk	
7th: Folklore		Garden	28th: Pond	Boggarts	



HOW TO BOOK

www.monkton-reserve.org/events/
Visit our museum, café gift, and book shops.

MORE INFO:

education@monkton-reserve.org

PRICE PER CHILD

Members: £3

Non-Members: £5

(incl. entrance to the reserve)

Wild Classroom

Members: £9.00

Non-Members: £15.00

WHERE

Monkton Nature Reserve
Canterbury Road
Ramsgate CT12 4LH

WWW.MONKTON-RESERVE.ORG
THANET COUNTRYSIDE TRUST
(CHARITY NO: 1211099)

SUMMER CAMP! 2026

GET READY FOR ADVENTURE!

£100 FOR THE WEEK

OR £30 PER DAY

27TH JULY - 31ST JULY 2026

9AM - 2PM

AGES 6-13 YEARS OLD

ADDRESS - UNIT 8 JOSEPH WILSON ESTATE, WHITSTABLE

OPEN TO MEMBERS & NON-MEMBERS

MARTIAL ARTS **SPORTS** **ARTS & CRAFTS** **NERF WARS** **GAMES & PRIZES**

SPACES ARE LIMITED - BOOK YOUR SPOT TODAY!

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 10.07.26

Pearls Class - 97.3%

Weekly Awards

Whole School Awards

Our awards this year represent our School Development priorities: POLAR and our school value of Simcha (Shared Joy). Each class nominate one child to celebrate their achievements each week and their names will be added to the weekly newsletter.



Powerful Writing
Mabel – Puffins Class



Outstanding Creativity
Stanley – Pearls Class



Legendary Maths
Oysters Class



Amazing Curriculum
Rafe A – Seagulls Class



Retrieval of Learning
Dorothy – Shells Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
George – Pebbles Class