

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



Koinonia

Loved, Inspired, Shining

Newsletter

Term 6 Week 6 | 10.07.2026

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

July 2026

Tues 14th - **Year 2 School Trip to Quex Park**

Tues 14th – **Reception End of year Concert (9.30am)**

Thurs 16th – **Year 2 Leavers Service (Church 2.15pm)**

Fri 17th – **End of Term 6**

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



School Fair

We wanted to say a huge thank you to our fabulous Friends Association for organising our summer school fair this week. A special thank you to Ruthie and Hydie for helping with the organisation and to Samantha, Emily, Rita, Emma, Caroline, Mandy, Chloe, Courtney and Ela for giving up their time to help set up and run the stalls. Thank you to those that provided us with gazebos and cool boxes. Special thanks also to Phil from Bears Ice Cream Emporium, who donated lots of pots of his delicious ice cream for us to enjoy. It was also lovely to welcome back the local firefighters to share in this fantastic event. We are very grateful to everyone who donated their time, items for the tombola or cake stall and to everyone who attended on the day to show their support. We took a staggering £1,055 on the day. Thank you!

Year R End of Year Show – Tuesday 14th July

Parents are warmly invited to attend Reception's end of year show on **Tuesday 14th July 9.30am** in the school hall. Entrance will be via the front gates.



Year 2 Trip to Quex Park – Tuesday 14th July

Year 2 will be visiting **Quex Activity Centre in Birchington-On-Sea** on **Tuesday 14th July** for our end of year trip. The adventure park has lots to offer including giant bouncy pillows, a sand pit, a climbing frame & swings, a splash pool and animal encounters.

Year 2 Leavers Service at Church – Thursday 16th July 2.15pm

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



Community



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.



WHAT BALLET BARRE FITNESS CLASS AND SOCIAL GET TOGETHER
WHERE THE HORSEBRIDGE ARTS CENTRE WHITSTABLE, CT6 1AF
WHEN SATURDAY 11TH JULY 18:30 - 20:30
ENTRY £15 MEMBERS / £20 NON-MEMBERS
SIGN UP EMAIL SHIFT.BARRE@GMAIL.COM FOR FURTHER INFO AND TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE
FOLLOW [INSTAGRAM.COM/SHIFT_BARRE](https://www.instagram.com/SHIFT_BARRE)

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.

TS2 MARTIAL ARTS ACADEMY

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 GUNS | GAMES & PRIZES

SPACES ARE LIMITED - BOOK YOUR SPOT TODAY!

Skirmish At The Museum

11th - 12th July 2026

...breathing new life into history
10am to 4pm

SKIRMISHES THROUGHOUT THE DAY!

INTERACTION ENCOURAGED!

ALL ERAS WELCOME!

Bar available
All proceeds to the museum and local Veteran's Association

Some re-enactors may fire blank guns and cannons, which can be loud!

OPTIONAL PRE-BOOKING AVAILABLE

VEHICLE RIDES AND AIRCRAFT

Normal museum entry prices apply

If you have any questions, please contact us at:
info@rafmanston.co.uk
www.rafmanston.co.uk

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Subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances including, but not limited to, weather conditions, mechanical breakdowns and shortage of volunteers and/or exhibitors.

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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

10:00am - 11:30am

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

Tuesdays

1:00pm - 2:30pm

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

Wednesdays

1:00pm - 2:30pm

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

Thursdays

1:00pm - 2:30pm

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

Fridays

10:00am - 11:30am

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

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

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

1:30pm - 3:30pm

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

Thursdays

1:30pm - 3:30pm

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

Fridays

9:30am - 11:30am

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 Captain'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 Goby 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 11-19 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, Hersden,
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, Hersden,
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



SUMMER 2026 AT THE RESERVE

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	11AM	11.30AM	12PM	1PM	AUGUST	11AM	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 11AM		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)

Valid 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)

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 03.07.26

Pebbles Class - 96.6%

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

George – Oysters Class



Outstanding Creativity

Eli – Puffins Class



Legendary Maths

Fionn – Pearls Class



Amazing Curriculum

Venice – Seagulls Class



Retrieval of Learning

Bonnie -Shells Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)

Clemmie – Pebbles Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have celebrated our time together with our end of year performance and party. Sunbeams told the story "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" to their families and did a 'FABULOUS' job! They were amazing, singing and telling the story with such confidence and joy which made us all very proud of them. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. After the performance we came back to Sunbeams and enjoyed our party. We had a few treats to eat and danced to some party songs – getting very hot and sweaty in the process! This has been a very hot week and we have been doing lots of different things to keep cool. On Thursday we soaked our feet in water and sprayed ourselves with mists of water which was very refreshing. We popped along to see the Pears on the Stairs installation that we contributed our art work to and thought it was great. We read the story "The Hungry Caterpillar" which was the inspiration behind the display and sang some similarly themed songs. Mrs Memmott joined us for a music session on Tuesday and we got creative with some of the loose parts in the nursery (pine cones, sticks and stones) and used them as musical instruments, discovering different ways to make a sound with them.

Year R
Mrs Keeble and Mrs Hopkins

We have had another hot week this week and the children have been amazing in being adaptable in learning how to be sun and heat safe, especially when we had to postpone our beach trip. We have been continuing with our phonic learning making sure we have embedded all the sounds we have learnt this year and retrieving our learning in Maths too. We have learnt about another artist this week – Keith Haring. After looking at his style of art we then used our drawing skills to make our own artwork in his style. We are very excited for our Activity week next week and being able to share in the fun during our last week together in Reception before we move into Year 1 in September. Please check the letter sent out previously for the different items children are able to bring in to enjoy with their friends in their last week. We can't wait for our last week together!

Year 1
Mr Mead and Mrs O'Keeffe

WOW! What a fabulously happy, busy and HOT week have had in Year 1. We kick started our week with our end of year show to our families, which was such a wonderful way to share and celebrate the year we have had together. The children were amazing at reciting their lines and singing their songs with pride and joy! The hot weather didn't stop us enjoying an alternative trip to Cornwallis Park either. The children loved playing football and games with each other in the morning breeze and shady spots of the park. Although it is almost the end of our Year together, we have still been working hard in both Maths and English. In Maths, the children showcased their knowledge of time by reading and recording o'clock and half past times on analogue clock faces and in English, they wrote their final ever 'Production' piece of writing, extending their sentences with conjunctions and additional facts about ways to look after our world. In Art this week, we consolidated own learning about sculpture this term and explored the properties of clay before making a keep sake clay pinch-pot. We are sure you are going to love these fabulously designed little treasures when they are dried and sent home next week. Wishing you all a sunny and safe weekend. We are already looking forward to celebrating Fun Activities Week on Monday and our final week together in Year 1, and Mrs O'Keeffe's final week in school!

Year 2
Mrs Martin and Mrs Cohen

A wonderful penultimate week has been had in Year 2! The children have completed their Titanic newspaper reports and included interesting facts from this famous disaster. In Maths, they have been thinking about turns and movement and directing each other and objects around a map using vocabulary including left, right, turn, forwards, backwards. We have been reflecting on our time here since starting in Reception and have painted lots of pictures of favourite memories and things the children have learnt throughout the years. It was so lovely to revisit learning and memories and the smiles and giggles filled the classrooms! Next week is our final week of St Alphege – there are lots of fun activities planned (please see the separate email for days / things to bring). We are really looking forward to spending time with our friends and teachers and having a week of celebrations and fun! Wishing you all a joyful weekend.