

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



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Newsletter

Term 3 Week 4 | 30.01.2026

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February 2026

Mon 2nd – Writing Parent Workop (9.15am)

Mon 2nd – Sunbeams Stay and Play (2.15pm)

Mon 9th - Whole School Collective Worship (Church 2.45pm)

Weds 11th – Sharing the Learning Year R, 1 & 2 (2.45pm)

Fri 13th - End of Term 3

Mon 23rd – Start of Term 4

Mon 23rd - Whole School Collective Worship (Church 2.45pm)

March 2026

Thurs 5th – World Book Day

Fri 20th – Comic Relief Non-School Uniform

Mon 23rd – Parent Consultations

Weds 25th – Parent Consultations

Mon 30th - Whole School Collective Worship (Church 2.45pm)

Tues 31st – Reception Hearing Screening

April 2026

Thurs 2nd - End of Term 4

Seeking Willing Volunteers!

We are reaching out to our fabulous school community to see if there is anyone who would be willing and able to offer a regular amount of time in school each week. We would welcome parents, grandparents or other family members as we value all generations and what they can bring to our amazing young people. This could be as much or as little as you can manage and you would be most likely to be asked to help out in a classroom or listen to individual or groups of children read. Please be aware that we do not tend to place parents or family members in the same year group as their own child, but would be very grateful of any support you can offer in other parts of the school. We would need to run a DBS check to ensure all volunteers are safe to be in school, but the costs of this will be covered by us. If you have the time and skills to spare then we would love to welcome you into school. Please reach out to the school office by email office@st-alphege.kent.sch.uk and Becky Strike will be in touch to discuss the next steps with you! We look forward to welcoming you into the team!

KIC Theatre

This week we welcomed Ian from KIC Theatre to deliver some drama workshops across the school and Sunbeams Nursery. The children took part in different sessions, exploring their curriculum learning through the use of drama techniques. Ian is one of our long-standing arts partners and has been visiting the school for many years. He always brings such energy, joy and inspiration to the children. Thank you, as always, for delivering these workshops for our children!

Writing Parent Workshop - Monday 2nd February 2026

We are holding a writing parent workshop with Mrs Cohen (our English subject leader) on Monday 2nd January at 9.15am in the school hall. There is no need to book a place.

There will also be opportunities to ask any questions you may have. A summary will be provided for those that are unable to attend.

Sunbeams Stay and Play – Monday 2nd February

We would like to invite our Sunbeams families to join us at our stay and play session on **Monday 2nd February at 2.15pm**. Please enter via the school office.

Whole School Collective Worship at Church

All parents and carers are warmly invited to attend the following school church service at St Alphege Church: **Monday 9th February at 2.45pm**

We will return to school afterwards and you can collect your child from school at 3.15pm as usual.



The Church will be open from 2pm if any parents and their little ones would like to pop down earlier for tea/coffee and a space to chat and play.

Community

Blueprint Arts – Holiday Club



Details: The Holiday Club is for 4–11 year olds, at St Mary of Charity Primary School in Faversham. This will run on February 16th, 17th and 18th from 10am-4pm (9am-5pm with wraparound care).

RAF Manston History Museum – Bricks at the Museum Event



Bricks at the Museum, February half term between the 14th and the 22nd. This is their biggest event of the year, and the museum is full of Lego and other brick companies, with existing sets and peoples' own original creations. They are also holding a raffle this year, with the prize being a Star Wars Lego set valued at around £300.

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 23.01.26
Puffins Class –99.7%

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
James – Shells Class



Outstanding Creativity
Ruby – Pearls Class



Legendary Maths
Irakli - Oysters Class



Amazing Curriculum
Ava – Puffins Class



Retrieval of Learning
Amber – Seagulls Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
Obi – Pebbles Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have been exploring how air can produce a push or pull force. We have used straws to blow or suck through in order to make ping pong balls move. We have also investigated these forces when playing with the Squigz and Lego. During our mindful mark making, we used a pen to push a gem around our paper, discovering that we could steer it by adjusting the pressure and direction of the pen. We made some wonderful patterns on the paper as a result. On Thursday, Ian from KiC Theatre took us on a journey around the world, inspired by the illustrations in the picture book, The Snail and the Whale. We loved pretending to be the different creatures that pop up in different parts of the world as well as an erupting volcano. On Monday we are inviting our Sunbeams families in for a stay and play session from 2:15pm. We do hope that many of you can join us.

Year R

Mrs Keeble and Mrs Hopkins

Thank you children for another great week of fun and learning. We enjoyed our *Drawing Club* book 'Mrs Armitage on Wheels' using our vocabulary 'engineer' 'frustrated' 'adaptation' and 'whoopee!' – the children are applying what they have learnt in phonics and maths to bring their adventures to life in such creative ways. In maths we found the different ways of making 6, 7 and 8 using our stem sentence e.g. 'I have 3, I have 4, altogether there is 7.' We loved our session with Ian from KIC Theatre this week. He helped us to explore the different ways that forms of transport might move and work. We then used drama techniques to explore how objects like cameras work and have changed over time. In PE we were exploring different jumps safely, the children loved learning how to jump off of different pieces of gym equipment. Our class reading book this week was 'Tick tock and Mick' which you can access via Collins Hub for your children to read again with you. In RE this term, we have been sharing stories about Jesus and his Disciples, and reflecting on the messages they shared from God. We listened to the story of Calming the Storm and the children drew their own pictures of storms in their learning through play.

Year 1

Mrs O'Keeffe and Mr Mead

How are we at the end of week 4 already? Time really does fly when you're having fun and learning. Year 1 started their week with a visit from our professional dancer, Yanaelle, who did some more work with the children involving 2-digit numbers and place value as part of our funded arts project with the Paul Hamlyn Foundation, looking at ways that dance can support learning in Maths. This was a brilliant start to our week of estimating and placing numbers on empty number lines. Next week, the children will use their knowledge of number bonds within 10 to begin to explore number bonds within 20 and beyond. In English, the children loved reading and engaging with our story Izzy Gizmo in Imagination Week. They learnt about verbs whilst fixing things, designed and created wings to help the crow in the story who couldn't fly, and thought about what it means to persevere whilst completing 'trick shot' challenges! They gathered so much exciting vocabulary to use next week, when they will begin to describe a setting in the story. The children followed a design criteria and instructions to create their own working kaleidoscopes this week. Next week they will evaluate their designs before bringing them home to share with you! In PE this week, the children explored different jumping techniques in gymnastics and how to improve their striking skills in games. It was so much fun to welcome Ian from KIC Theatre back to school this week. He brought our 'Innovate' theme to life, and the children used their imagination to act out what life was like when people didn't have the technology we use today. Wishing our wonderful families, a lovely weekend and we are looking forward to seeing bright smiles on Monday morning.

Year 2

Mrs Martin and Mrs Cohen

Another fun filled week has been had in Year 2! The children have continued their shape learning in Maths and focused on 3D shapes this week. They were counting vertices, edges and faces accurately and ordering shapes based on their properties. They had fun applying their learning by using lolly sticks and blue tac to make 3D shapes and cutting out nets before sticking the 3D shape together. Next week, the children will be learning all about money – they will recap their knowledge from Year 1 and order the value of coins before moving on to counting and adding pounds and pence. In English, the children have had an immersive imagination week, based on the text 'Greta and the Giants'. They created and built forests by working together and made protest signs, before going on a silent protest around the school. They had an amazing visit from Ian from KIC Theatre who delivered a drama workshop explaining how little hands can make a big change to the world if we all work together. The children had fun pretending to be animals whose homes were ruined before discussing ways in which we can help now for a better future. In History, the children read case studies about three different areas in the world and explored how climate change is affecting that area. They planted crops in dry and wet soil to see the impact of hotter weather on farms, used blue fabric to move closer to villages to see the impact rising sea level has on people's communities and navigated people living in the arctic around obstacles to get their food to see the impact of warmer seas has had. Next week the children will learn more about Greta Thunberg and create a 'voice for the planet poster'. Wishing all of our families a fabulous weekend.