

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
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Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May 2026

Mon 18th – Sports Day Sunbeams AM/ Year R, 1 & 2 PM

Weds 20th – Sharing the Learning Year R-2 (2.45pm)

Fri 22nd – End of Term 5

June 2026

Mon 1st – SDD (School Closed)

Tues 2nd – Start of Term 6

Mon 8th – Whole School Collective Worship (Church 2.45pm)

Tues 9th – PAC Performance (Whitstable Playhouse)

Fri 19th – Friends Father's Day Shop

Fri 26th – Non - Uniform in aid of Summer Tombola

Mon 29th – Year 2 Cathedral Day

July 2026

Weds 1st – Sharing the Learning & meet your new teacher (2.30pm)

Thurs 2nd – Whitstable Transition Morning

Mon 6th – The Friends Summer Fair

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

Fri 17th – End of Term 6

Seeking Green Fingered Volunteers

Our urban Forest School area: The Nest, has sprung into life over the last few months and is in need of a little nurturing! One of our fantastic family members has offered to help us out with a spot of weeding and tidying and we are wondering if anyone else would like to join her in creating our own little adult gardening army! If you love a spot of gardening and would have the time and know-how to lend a hand, then we would love to hear from you! Due to the nature of the task, this would need to be an adult only group and we would unfortunately not be able to include siblings or younger children during these times to ensure their safety. Please let the office know if you would have a little time to spare and we will be in touch with further details! Thank you in advance!

Sports Day – Monday 18th May

Sunbeams – from 9.30am

Sunbeams Sports Day will start at 9:30am in the main school playground.

If the weather is bad Sunbeams will be in the school hall.

If your Sunbeams child would not normally be in on a Monday morning, please feel free to come along with them at 9:30am to join in with us. Please send your children to nursery in footwear/clothing that they are able to move freely in and with sun lotion applied.



Year R, 1 and 2

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Day will start at 1.30pm. The main front gates will open at 1.15pm for elderflower fizz (£1.50) and strawberries and cream (£2.50), served by the Friends Association. Don't forget to bring some change with you.

If the weather is bad and we need to postpone, we will make a decision on the day and inform you of the new date for term 6.

Please send your children to school in their school uniform. They will have time to change into their PE kit after lunch. Please make sure your children have their PE kit in school on the Monday.

Sharing the Learning – Year R, 1 & 2

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes will be open to parents and carers on **Wednesday 20th May** from **2.45pm** for a **sharing the learning session**. This will be an opportunity to explore your child's classroom environment and to see their amazing learning. Please enter through the front gates. Thank you.



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 8th June (Those in PAC will not attend) at 2.45pm



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.

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



September 2026 Sunbeams Nursery Spaces

We still have some spaces available for September 2026 if you are interested in your child joining our fabulous Nursery. Please phone the office to book onto one of our open sessions:

Thursday 21 st May	3.30pm-4.15pm
Thursday 11 th June	3.30pm-4.15pm
Monday 29 th June	3.30pm-4.15pm

Community



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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Oysters Class –100%

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
Leo – Puffins Class



Outstanding Creativity
George – Oysters Class



Legendary Maths
Max – Pearls Class



Amazing Curriculum
Rafe T - Seagulls Class



Retrieval of Learning
Cassius – Pebbles Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
Dougie – Shells Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams
Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have been observing the changes to our beans. Some of the beans are showing signs of germination and are beginning to sprout roots. We have been reading the story Ten Seeds and playing a subitising roulette game using five frames and ten frames to further develop our subitising skills; particularly thinking about how many more we need to fill a five frame when a lower quantity is shown. We have had lots of opportunities to engage in meaningful mark making throughout the week and have been demonstrating our improving pen control skills when tracing over patterns. The weather is very changeable at the moment, and we do ask that your child comes into the setting prepared for all weather. So please apply sun screen in the morning – even when overcast, and please ensure your child has coat and spare warm clothes in case it turns chilly or wet.

Year R
Mrs Keeble and Mrs Hopkins

This week in Reception we have been reading a new book in Drawing Club called 'Sally and the Limpet.' We started off the week using our imagination to create our own rock pools in teams using a range of media materials. We then made a list in our writing of all the different things we might see in a rock pool. In our phonics we are continuing to consolidate our skills, building words using the sounds we have already learnt. In maths we have been exploring the opposite of addition with subtraction, beginning to formulate simple number sentences practically in a range of ways and beginning to try out writing our own number sentences in our maths books. This week in our RE learning we have learnt a new story called 'The tiny Ants' a story that Muslims share to understand that to their God, Allah, all creatures are important and to be protected, no matter their size. We are very excited about our Sports Day on Monday afternoon and look forward to seeing as many of you as are able to join us! Please could we ensure that all children have their full PE kits in school ready to change in the afternoon, many thanks.

Year 1
Mr Mead, Mrs O'Keeffe and Mrs Slater

It's been a lovely busy week in Year 1. We started learning about fractions in Maths, exploring half of objects, shapes and quantities. Next week we will be making pizzas to explore quarters. We have worked really hard this week to complete our final letters as Paddington to Aunt Lucy in English. We focused on presenting our work neatly and including conjunctions to extend our sentences. It was lovely to welcome the children and teachers from Littlebourne Primary on Wednesday this week too! Thankfully the weather stayed dry for our visit to the beach, where we worked together to identify shapes and patterns and used natural art resources to create art inspired by Maths. We are so proud of how friendly and inviting our year 1 children were for our visitors, and we are hoping to invite them back again in term 6 for more fun, learning and hopefully sunshine. In PE this week, we practised and improved our jumping techniques in preparation for sports day next week. We are all looking forward to our final and exciting week of term 5. We are looking forward to sharing our athletic skills with you for sports day on Monday and are very excited to complete our T-shirt designs in textiles next week too! Wishing you all a warm and wonderful weekend.

Year 2
Mrs Martin and Mrs Cohen

What a wonderful week Year 2 have had this week! They have shown off impressive skills in Maths when telling the time. They learnt how to tell the time to the hour, half past, quarter to and quarter past! Next week we will be consolidating our number skills and recapping the four operations – addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. In English, the children have been looking at poetry with a focus on colours. They children used similes to describe colours and compare them with other objects. Next week, they will use their writing to compose their own poem all about colour! The children loved sharing their special object in RE and spoke so beautifully about why it was important to them. They then linked this to special objects Muslims have within their Religion and discussed that everyone's objects are different and special to them for different reasons. In History, the children learnt about Holi Festival and compared it to Whitstable Oyster Festival. They then enjoyed time on the playground, listening to music and having a Festival of colour! Next week the children will be tie-dyeing a t-shirt. Please ensure a washed white t-shirt (the dye doesn't stick to brand new tops) is in school by Monday morning. Have an amazing weekend!