

# SUNBEAMS NURSERY

# ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL



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## Newsletter

Term 2 Week 7 | 12.12.2025

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### *December 2025*

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> – **Year 2 Nativity (Hall 9.30am)**  
Tues 16<sup>th</sup> - **Year 1 Concert (Hall 9.30am)**  
Weds 17<sup>th</sup> – **Sunbeams Nativity (Hall 9.30am)**  
Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> - **Year R Nativity (Hall 9.30am)**  
Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> – **Year 1 Party**  
Fri 19<sup>th</sup> - **Year R and Year 2 Party**  
Fri 19<sup>th</sup> – **End of Term 2**

#### *January 2025*

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> - **Start of Term 3**

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

### Friends Association Christmas Fair

It was so lovely to see so many families attend the Friends Christmas Fair and participate in the raffle. It was a huge success and we are very excited to inform you that we have raised an amazing total of £1798.48 which will contribute towards arts enrichment activities linked to our 150-year celebrations. We would like to say a big thank you to our Friends Ruth, Heidi, Sam, Ella, Rita, Emma, Inta, Gemma, Phil (aka Mr Bear) who volunteered their time to help run the event on the day.



### A Special Visit from Father Christmas

Yesterday, we had a very special visitor and his Chief Elf who treated the children to An Audience with Father Christmas! The children asked very thoughtful questions to find out more about the special job he does at this time of year and how he manages to deliver all the presents in just one night. We also found out that Father Christmas can play the ukulele and he and his Elf joined in with the children to sing a few Christmas songs. Father Christmas also left special early Christmas presents for each class which the children will be able to enjoy with their friends. We would like to thank our friends at The Playhouse Theatre for arranging this magical moment for our children!



### Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you for all of your donations to Save the Children Christmas jumper day. We are delighted to have raised £130 for such a worthy cause.





### Christmas Nativities to Parents

All year groups will be performing for parents in the hall. All family members welcome, but please be aware that space could be limited. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am**  
**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am**  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am**  
**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am**

**Year 2 Nativity**  
**Year 1 Concert**  
**Sunbeams Nativity – (written themselves!)**  
**Year R Nativity**

### Christmas Year Group Parties

Please send your child to school in their party clothes on that day. Please ensure these are appropriate for outdoor play! No food items are required.

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December**      **Year 1 Party**  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**      **Year R Party**  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**      **Year 2 Party**



### Christmas Party – Sunbeams

We would like to invite all of our Sunbeams into nursery on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** for the morning session 8.30am – 11.30am even if this is not their usual session to come in. We will perform our nativity to parents and then have some Christmas party fun. If your child does not usually attend on Wednesday, please let Mrs Humphreys know if your child will join us for this session.

## Community



### **Christmas Crafts**

A creative experience for the whole family!

Work together to make cherished memories and beautiful crafts that celebrate the joy of togetherness.

**Where:**

**Wincheap Family Hub,  
Hollowmede, Wincheap,  
Canterbury, CT1 3SD**

**Date:**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

**Time:**

**9:30am – 11:30am**

**Where:**

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

**Date:**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

**Time:**

**12:30pm – 2:30pm**

For more information  
scan the QR code

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- Activities and Groups
- Activities in family hubs
- Canterbury district family hub activities
- [Family Hub Name] - Kent Adult Education Christmas Crafts

[canterburyfh@kent.gov.uk](mailto:canterburyfh@kent.gov.uk)

**1st Whitstable Scouts Christmas Fair**  
**13th December at St Alphege Church 10am – 12pm**



**Herne Bay**  
CREMATORIUM &  
MEMORIAL GARDENS

# Christmas Carol & Memorial Service

**Friday 19th December, 6pm**

**Join us at this service to:**

Leave a personal message on our Christmas tree using one of our tags

Write a Christmas card for your loved one and post it in our memorial post-box

Light refreshments will be provided

To book a place to attend our service please call 01227 201 961 or email [hernebay@westerleighgroup.co.uk](mailto:hernebay@westerleighgroup.co.uk)

If you cannot join us for the live service, you can watch it from home via: <https://christmas.obitus.com> using Username: HerneBay Password: robin

Watch again service will be available via the same link from Mon 22nd Dec (available for 28 days following the service)

Herne Bay Crematorium & Memorial Gardens  
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## 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 05.12.25**  
**Seagulls Class –95.6%**

## 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**  
Charlie -Pebbles Class



**Outstanding Creativity**  
Rosie- Seagulls Class



**Legendary Maths**  
Teddy – Puffins Class



**Amazing Curriculum**  
Reggie -Oysters Class



**Retrieval of Learning**  
Zizi- Pearls Class



**Simcha (Shared Joy)**  
Zara - Shells Class

## Weekly Year Group Recap

### Sunbeams Mrs Humphreys

Wow! What a busy week we have had in Sunbeams! And a lot of fun! We have been busy making our Christmas cards to send home. We explored how we can mix colours together to create different shades or a new colour altogether, then mixed some glitter in with the paint to add a little sparkle. On Wednesday we enjoyed our Christmas dinner. We very much enjoyed the visit from the fire brigade who joined us for parachute games after. We then welcomed our families in for a stay and play on Wednesday afternoon. On Thursday morning we met Father Christmas and he gave Sunbeams some lovely new puzzles to play with. Then in the afternoon, we visited St Alphege Church and made Christingles with Isobel, who talked about what the different elements of the Christingle represent. We lit our candles and sang songs, which was lovely. We finished the week by watching Year 2's Christmas Nativity in the school hall. We loved seeing siblings and familiar faces performing so brilliantly and left us feeling very excited about our own performance next week.

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**Year R**  
**Mrs Keeble and Mrs Hopkins**

What a busy Christmassy week we have had! We started off with our family worship in the Church on Monday. The children behaved impeccably, both during the service and walking to and from the Church. The children enjoyed making their Christmas hat for our lovely Christmas lunch together on Wednesday – it was lots of fun sharing the time together. We had two very special visitors on Thursday – each class spent time in the hall with Father Christmas and his Elf, asking questions and receiving a class gift – it was magical! We loved our gifts of a bubble machine and speakers so we can have music on the patio to move to. On Friday we had the joy of watching our Year 2 friends in the dress rehearsal for their nativity. This helped us understand that we will be performing to an audience too next week. We have been continuing to rehearse for our show to you next Thursday and our dress rehearsal to the rest of our school friends will be on Tuesday morning. We have been thinking about celebrations this term and in RE we have been thinking about how Christians celebrate at Christmas time. We are looking forward to spending the final week of term together next week.

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**Year 1**  
**Mrs O'Keeffe and Mr Mead**

We have all enjoyed another jolly week in Year 1! For science this week, We explored the seasonal changes of winter, which inspired beautiful wax resist winter paintings, using oil pastels and water colours. In Maths, we began to learn about 2D and 3D shapes and used print and paint to explore and identify 2D shapes on the faces of 3D objects. The children have persevered to write rhyming poems this week too, whilst also demonstrating their reading skills in phonics. We enjoyed a bright and beautiful walk through the high street to identify Christian symbols of Christmas and the children loved seeing all the lights and decorations in wonderful Whitstable. To finish our week and celebrate a wonderful term of learning, the children created retrieval posters so show what they have learnt in each subject this term. We have LOVED all the special Christmassy activities this week too! Especially our delicious Christmas dinner and special visit from Santa! The children asked lots of interesting questions and were thrilled with their special classroom gifts. We have been practising our Christmas Show performance every day this week and are very excited to share it with you on Tuesday morning at 9.30 in the hall. Please remember to pack a Christmas jumper and optional Christmas hat or head band for your child to wear on the day. We are also very excited for our Christmas party on Thursday too where children can bring their party clothes in a named bag to wear in the afternoon. Hope you all have a magical weekend.

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**Year 2**  
**Mrs Martin and Mrs Cohen**

What a wonderful week Year 2 have had this week! The children have been putting their heart and soul into their Nativity practise and are show ready for Monday! We know you will absolutely love it! They have been continuing to use their number knowledge in Maths and have been adding and subtracting tens from a 2-digit number ( $24 + 30 =$ ) as well as finding ten more and ten less than ( $62 = 52$ ). In History the children learnt about Mae Jameson and were astronauts for the afternoon, completing challenges including building Lego with thick gloves, walking with balloons in between their legs and testing their reaction time by catching falling rulers! We think they are definitely ready to blast off into space! They have been thinking and discussing all they know about Christmas and Father Christmas. They have completed lots of activities including exploring 'snow' to resemble the North Pole, freeing animals from ice and building Father Christmas' workshop. Thursday was very exciting as the children visited The Endowed Junior School and completed Christmas craft. When they returned back to school, they had a very special visit from Father Christmas and asked him some interesting questions! Next week will be all things Christmas – The children will have a variety of Christmas activities to complete throughout the week to get them in the Christmas spirit! We hope you enjoy your weekend!