

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



Koinonia

Loved, Inspired, Shining

Newsletter

Term 1 Week 4 | 26.09.2025

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If online payment details are required, please contact the school office.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October 2025

Tues 7th - Year R NHS NCMP
Mon 13th - Whole School Harvest Service (Church 2.45pm)
Tues 14th - Parent Consultations – PUFFINS only
Weds 15th - Parent Consultations – All Classes
Thurs 16th - Parent Consultations – Excluding PUFFINS
Fri 17th - Non-Uniform in aid of Riverside
Fri 17th - End of Term 1
Mon 27th - Staff Development Day
Tues 28th - Start of Term 2

November 2025

Sat 1st - Open Morning for 2026 Reception
Mon 3rd - Whole School Collective Worship (Church 2.45pm)
Mon 10th - Flu Immunisations
Tues 11 - Individual and sibling photos
Fri 14th - Non-Uniform in aid of Children in Need

December 2025

Mon 8th - Whole School Christmas Service (Church 2.45pm)
Fri 19th - End of Term 2

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

Parent Consultations

We will be holding our virtual parent consultations during the last week end of this term. These will be held:

Tuesday 14th October: Between 2.00pm and 4.30pm – PUFFINS class only

Wednesday 15th October: Between 3.30pm and 7.00pm – All Classes

Thursday 16th October: Between 2.00pm and 4.30pm – All classes excluding PUFFINS

An email has been sent home with further information about how to book your appointment slot. Please remember, that you do not need to wait until parent's evenings if you have something you wish to discuss with us. We are always here and happy to help at any time!

Parents
Consultation

All Wrapped Up - Non-Uniform day Friday 17th October

We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 17th October and asking for a monetary donation of £1 to support the Riverside project. If you would like to give more than £1 any additional donations big or small are welcome.

All Wrapped Up is a project of Riverside Church working with our local schools and partners to provide Christmas presents, food vouchers and treat bags to families in need.



Last year at their free 'Winter Wonderland' they were able to provide presents for over 550 children, with over 200 families receiving food vouchers and treat bags to feed over 800 people.

Riverside are open between 10am and 4pm Monday – Friday, if anyone wishes to donate any new toys that can be added to their Christmas collection. Alternatively, they can be dropped off at the Tesco Extra Whitstable. All Wrapped Up can be voted for your local Tesco stores by using the blue tokens. This will enable Riverside to receive a grant for the All Wrapped Up project.

School Tour Dates and Open Morning

Is your child due to start school in September 2026? We warmly invite you to come along to our Saturday Open Day on 1st November or book onto one of our school tours during the day to meet our incredible children and staff. We cannot wait to show you everything that our school has to offer. Please ring the school office on 01227 272977 to book on a tour.



ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

Tours with Mrs Spinks our Head of School and
Mrs Thomas-Friend our Executive Headteacher

Day	Date	Time
Wednesday	24 th September 2025	9.30am
Wednesday	1 st October 2025	1.30pm
Friday	3 rd October 2025	9.30am
Wednesday	8 th October 2025	1.30pm
Wednesday	29 th October 2025	9.30am
Wednesday	5 th November 2025	9.30am
Friday	7 th November 2025	9.30am
Monday	10 th November 2025	1.30pm
Thursday	13 th November 2025	9.30am
Wednesday	19 th November 2025	9.30am
Friday	21 st November 2025	9.30am
Saturday	1 st November 2025	10.00am – 12.00pm

Please call the office to book onto one of the tours listed. There are limited places on each tour.
We are able to offer alternative dates if you are unable to attend any of the tours available.

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'Loved, Inspired, Shining'
We warmly welcome you to the St Alphege family.



Make something creative
with our Arts Lead



Wander freely around our
school site, meet our
incredible staff team and see
all the treasures we have to
show you!



Come and join
the fun between
10:00am and
12:00pm

We are a vibrant
and creative
school who
celebrate
childhood.



Take part in some Forest
School activities with our
Forest School Teacher!

**Our Open
Morning is
on
Saturday
1st
November
2025**



Join in with a fun music
session with our specialist
Music Teacher, Mrs
Memmott!



Meet our Outstanding
Early Years team and
spend time playing and
exploring in our inspiring
Early Years environments.

Come and see
for yourselves
what our
fabulous school
has to offer!

Whole School Collective Worship at Church

All parents and carers are warmly invited to attend the following school church services at St Alphege Church:




Monday 13th October at 2.45pm (Harvest) - Please send a donation of non-perishable food items with your child to school ready for the Harvest service.

Monday 3rd November at 2.45pm

Monday 8th December at 2.45pm (Christmas Service)

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

Community



Canterbury Family Hubs

Timetable

8th September to 17th October 2025
Closed on Bank Holidays

Coastal Family Hubs:

Herne Bay 03000 422889 Memorial Park, Kings Road, Herne Bay, CT15 5RG CanterburyFH@kent.gov.uk	Whitstable 03000 421554 Tower Parade, Whitstable, CT15 2BJ CanterburyFH@kent.gov.uk	Briary 03000 420897 Greenhill Road (West), Herne Bay, CT15 7BS CanterburyFH@kent.gov.uk
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All of our groups and services are free to attend.
Please Note: Signing in will not be available until 10 minutes before the session starts.


Monday	Whitstable Baby Steps 10:00am - 11:30am	Herne Bay Baby, Family and You 12:30pm - 2:30pm				
Tuesday	Whitstable Parenting Support Advice Clinic 9:30am - 11:30am Second Tuesday of the month	Whitstable Talking Walk-in 9:30am - 11:30am First Tuesday of the month	Herne Bay Stay and Play 10:00am - 11:30am	Herne Bay Ready for Baby 11:30am - 1:00pm First Tuesday of the month	Herne Bay Child Health Clinic and Breastfeeding Support Group 1:30pm - 3:30pm Last day in October	Whitstable Zone Out (SNAAP) 5:00pm - 7:00pm First Tuesday of the month
Wednesday	Herne Bay Parenting Support Advice Clinic 9:30am - 11:30am Third Wednesday of the month	Herne Bay Talking Walk-in 9:30am - 11:30am Second and Fourth Wednesday of the month	Herne Bay Jobcentre Plus Support Session 9:30am - 11:30am	Herne Bay Let's Walk Meet at 10:00am at the pier entrance	Herne Bay Introducing Solid Foods Workshop 12:30pm - 2:00pm	Briary Baby Steps 1:00pm - 2:30pm
Thursday	Herne Bay The Communication Tree 9:30am - 11:30am	Whitstable Stay and Play 9:30am - 11:00am	Herne Bay Young Parents Stay and Play 12:30pm - 2:00pm	Whitstable Strengthening Family Relationships 12:30pm - 2:30pm		
Friday	Whitstable Child Health Clinic and Breastfeeding Support Group 9:30am - 11:30am Last day in October	Whitstable Food Bank Drop In 10:00am - 11:00am Every 2 weeks from 11 th September	Herne Bay Baby Steps 10:00am - 11:30am	Herne Bay Kent Adult Education Autism Awareness Course 1:00pm - 3:00pm		

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City Family Hubs:

Kingsmead 03000 413999 Kingsmead Road, Canterbury, CT1 7PH CanterburyFH@kent.gov.uk	Wincheap 03000 410014 Hollowmead, Wincheap, Canterbury, CT1 3SD CanterburyFH@kent.gov.uk
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Please Note: Signing in will not be available until 10 minutes before the session starts.

Monday				
Tuesday	Wincheap Ready for Baby 12:15pm - 1:45pm Third Tuesday of the month	Wincheap SEND Stay and Play 9:30am - 11:00am	Kingsmead Baby Steps 1:00pm - 2:30pm	
Wednesday	Kingsmead Stay and Play 1:00pm - 2:30pm	Kingsmead Jobcentre Plus Support Session 1:00pm - 3:00pm	Wincheap Introducing Solid Foods Workshop 12:30pm - 2:00pm	
Thursday	Wincheap Talking Walk-in 9:30am - 11:30am First and third Thursday of the month	Wincheap Baby Steps 1:00pm - 2:30pm	Wincheap Little Talkers 12:00pm - 1:00pm 1:30pm - 2:30pm	Kingsmead Child Health Clinic and Breastfeeding Support Group 1:30pm - 3:30pm Last day in October
Friday	Kingsmead Parenting Support Advice Clinic 9:30am - 11:30am First Friday of the month	Kingsmead Talking Walk-in 9:30am - 11:30am Second and fourth Friday of the month	Canterbury Salvation Army Hall Tots to Teens Emporium 10:00am - 11:30am	Wincheap Stay and Play 10:00am - 11:30am

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Parenting Support Advice Clinic

Formerly 'SEND Support and Parenting Support'

For all parents/carers, young people, and children (0-25 years) with special educational needs and disabilities (diagnosed and undiagnosed) and for any parents/carers needing general parenting advice.



SEND Support

We can help you with understanding your child's needs, and offer tips and strategies to help at home, signposting to local SEND support services and getting the best from your child's education.

General Parenting

We can help you with understanding your child's needs, managing behaviour, and offering different strategies to support with parenting at home.

Kingsmead Family Hub

DATE: 1st Friday of the month

TIME: 9:30am - 11:30am

VENUE: Kingsmead Road, Canterbury, CT2 7PH

Whitstable Family Hub

DATE: 2nd Tuesday of the month

TIME: 9:30am - 11:30am

VENUE: Tower Parade, Whitstable, CT5 2BJ

Herne Bay Family Hub

DATE: 3rd Wednesday of the month

TIME: 9:30am - 11:30am

VENUE: Memorial Park, Kings Road, Herne Bay, CT6 5RG

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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 19.9.25
Seagulls Class – 97.7%

Weekly Awards

Introducing Our New Whole School Awards!

Our awards this year represent our School Development priorities: POLAR and Simcha (Shared Joy). The children have been busy designing our new stickers to accompany each of the areas of our School Plan. It was a very difficult choice, as their drawings were all brilliant, but we have settled on the final six below. Each class nominate one child to celebrate their achievements each week and their names will be added to the weekly newsletter.



Powerful Writing
Rufus – Oysters Class



Outstanding Creativity
Bobby – Puffins Class



Legendary Maths
Felix – Pebbles Class



Amazing Curriculum
Fionn – Pearls Class



Retrieval of Learning
Ciel – Seagulls Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
Fifi- Shells Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams
Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we are learning about Boris the Robot who is made of junk from the scrapyard. Boris sometimes feels worthless because the Scrapman makes him feel like the junk he's made of, but Boris meets a family who love him and make him feel special. We talked about how we can all feel 'rubbish' at times, but then feel happy and loved at other times because of the special people in our lives. We then begun making our own Boris from junk modelling. We have begun to develop our subitising skills this week. Subitising is being able to see what the quantity is without counting. We have played games to encourage the children to spot groups of one, two or three. During our welcome time, we use counters with 10 frames to help develop our subitising skills and number sense further. Although the sun is still largely shining, it is definitely feeling cooler in the mornings and in the shade so please make sure your child brings a coat in with them whatever the weather, just in case it is needed.

Year R
Mrs Keeble and Mrs Hopkins

We have enjoyed another lovely week together in reception. The children are enjoying learning their phonics sounds (this week i, n, m and d) and are learning to blend sounds to read words such as s-a-t and m-a-n. In Maths we have continued to practice subitising and have been learning to match and sort different objects according to different criteria. The children have enjoyed meeting Lily, our Christian persona doll. Lily shared with the children that God was very important to her and helped the children to think about and draw who was important to them. Thank you if you have been able to share a school book with your child this week. You will find a different wordless book in your child's book bag for the week ahead. We will be starting PE on Wednesday. Please make sure your child has a named PE kit in school at all times. We will practise changing into our PE kits independently. You might like to practise doing this at home over the weekend, encouraging your child to do this by themselves.

Year 1
Mrs O'Keeffe and Mr Mead

What a wonderful week we have all had in Year 1. The children have been dazzling us with their learning and have enjoyed earning lots of P.O.L.A.R stickers linked to our school plan! In English, they used their vocabulary from Creation Week, to write instructions to make a delicious jam sandwich. We were very impressed with their use of adjectives in verbs in their Powerful Writing. We will begin a new Imagination Week next week, exploring the question 'How has Whitstable Changed over time' The children will be exploring the Geography and History of Whitstable in engaging and fun ways to inform their writing. In their Amazing Maths, the children have been consolidating their learning of counting backwards and finding one less of a number within 10. Next week, they will begin to use subject specific language to compare value and numbers. This week we began to look at our Focus Artist, Friedensreich Hundertwasser. It was lovely to welcome our families and careers into our classrooms at the end of our Art lesson, where the children could show off their colourful mark making skills. They will use these skills in the upcoming weeks to redesign Whitstable high street in Hundertwasser's vibrant style. The children have loved our Outdoor Adventurous Activities in PE this week too, where they have continued to build on their team work skills, solving challenges that involve communication, thinking and problem solving together. They've also been exploring how to improve their agility, movement, throwing, catching and rolling in Multi-skills PE Lessons too. We hope all our families enjoy a weekend of special moments together and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday.

Year 2
Mrs Martin and Mrs Cohen

This week Year 2 have had lots of fun, practical learning all about using number lines to count in 1s and 10s. They took their learning outside and drew giant number lines before filling in the intervals either forwards or backwards while counting in steps. They also used number lines to estimate where a number would be, thinking carefully about the difference between the intervals. Next week in maths they will be comparing objects and numbers using greater than >, less than < and equal to = as well as ordering numbers. In English they had their first 'Production Week' in their English sequence. They thought carefully about how a postcard is written casually because they are typically to friends and families. The children used their short sentences from last week and expanded them, using adjectives to describe the setting and verbs to explain what they have been doing to write a postcard – we are so impressed with their finished writing! In art, they focused on drawing techniques and practised using different tools to create a variety of effects. Next week they will focus on using sketching pencils and learn how to create form to make a drawing appear 3D. We also learnt about Amelia Earhart this week and why she is remembered. We created small planes to fly over a world map to track her flights and ordered a time line of her life. Next week we will continue to learn more about her and why she is a significant figure in History. Wishing all of our families a happy weekend.
