

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



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Newsletter

Term 3 Week 5 | 06.02.2026

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February 2026

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

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.

Sharing the Learning – Year R, 1 & 2

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes will be open to parents and carers on **Wednesday 11th February** from 2.45pm for a **sharing the learning session**. This will be an opportunity to see your child's classroom environment and to see their amazing learning. Please enter through the front gates. Thank you.



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 30.01.26
Puffins Class –95.3%

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
Florence – Shells Class



Outstanding Creativity
Aurora – Oysters Class



Legendary Maths
Leonora – Pearls Class



Amazing Curriculum
Pip – Pebbles Class



Retrieval of Learning
Isaac – Seagulls Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
Arthur – Puffins Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams
Mrs Humphreys

We started the week in Sunbeams with another successful Stay and Play session with our Sunbeams families. It really is a pleasure to welcome you all in to Sunbeams to play and explore with us. We have been playing lots of games this week with a focus on developing our core strength, balance and coordination – which have also been a lot of fun and given us all a lot of laughs! We used our subitising skills when playing What's the time Mr Wolf? As well as giving us the opportunity to develop our counting skills as we counted our steps. We have continued to explore rhyme this week, when reading rhyming books and singing rhyming songs. We particularly enjoyed learning new verses for Row, row, row your boat.

Year R
Mrs Keeble and Mrs Hopkins

In *Drawing Club* this week the children wrote about their adventures zooming to 'Button Moon' – they really impressed us with their imaginative ideas and how they are using their different skills to write creatively. In Maths we have been learning to find and show one more and one less, using our stem sentence, 'one more/less than ____ is ____.' Perhaps your child could show you one more/one less at home? In RE the children have been thinking about our learning question: What do Christians believe is special about Jesus and the message he brings? We have learnt that for Christians, Jesus wanted to be friends with everyone and that Christians believe Jesus can bring peace. The children have explored different stories using drama, music, and role play. The children have enjoyed planning and making different vehicles using junk modelling and we will continue this next week. We continue to work on our routines and expectations to make sure that we are being ready, respectful and safe, and we have been challenging ourselves to choose different activities and play with different friends. On Monday we will be visiting church for collective worship and you are very welcome to join us. Please could we ask that all children have their reading books and reading record books in school each day.

Year 1
Mrs O'Keeffe and Mr Mead

It's been a wonderful week in Year 1, and the children have been demonstrating some Outstanding Curriculum in their learning this week. In Maths, they have been learning how to add by counting on from the largest number using a number line. They have also been applying their knowledge of number bonds to 10, to solve number bonds to 20. Next week they will begin to look at doubling numbers. For English Creation week, they have been describing a scene from our story 'Izzy Gizmo,' writing lots of exciting action sentences using the **ing** suffix ending. Next week they will use their ideas to imagine and write as if they are the crow from the story. They will need to make sure they use lots of character adjectives to improve their Powerful Writing. For our final Geography lesson of the term, the children observed and compared a range of traditional and digital maps and explored how to find directions to destinations using Google Maps on the computer. Next week, we will welcome back our resident computer whizz Mrs Cullen where the children will get to demonstrate their Retrieval of Learning in a technology themed quiz. The children have been practicing how to execute different types of rolls in gymnastics in preparation for creating their own unique routines next week to show case all they have learnt this term. We hope the sun decides to shine on us all this weekend and that all our children and families have a lovely few days off.

Year 2
Mrs Martin and Mrs Cohen

Year 2 have had another exciting week! The children have 'wowed' us with their ability to transfer their skills in Maths and count coins and notes. They were able to count in 2s, 5s and 10s to find totals and used problem solving skills to find a variety of combinations to make the same amount. Next week they will continue their money learning by calculating different amounts with a mixture of pounds and pence before making their own shops and buying and selling! In English they have thought carefully about the features of instructions and have written a set of instructions about how to look after our world under the headings: saving energy, recycling, helping animals and saving water. Next week they will use these instructions to create a 'planet protector' leaflet and add in extra information, ensuring they have used the features of instructions including imperative (bossy) verbs and include adverbs! In Art they used their collage skills and techniques to create a collage representing the world and thought about the placement of their materials, how to layer them and how to add detail to their finished piece. In History the children created a 'voice for the planet' poster using all of their learning about Greta Thunberg. They will compare her impact to Wangari Maathai and learn about the green belt movement before creating a whole class 'growing hope tree'. Ahead of pancake day we will be learning about Shrove Tuesday and the children will follow instructions to make their own pancakes! Wishing you all a fabulous weekend.