

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December 2025

Thurs 4th - Reception Parent Christmas Craft (Hall 9.30am)
Thurs 4th - Friends Association Christmas Shop
Fri 5th - Non-Uniform Day in aid of Tombola
Mon 8th - Whole School Christmas Service (Church 2.45pm)
Weds 10th - Children's Christmas Lunch
Weds 10th - Sunbeams Stay and Play 2.15pm
Thurs 11th - Christmas Jumper Day
Thurs 11th - Friends Christmas Fair
Mon 15th - Year 2 Nativity (Hall 9.30am)
Tues 16th - Year 1 Concert (Hall 9.30am)
Weds 17th - Sunbeams Nativity (Hall 9.30am)
Thurs 18th - Year R Nativity (Hall 9.30am)
Thurs 18th - Year 1 Party
Fri 19th - Year R and Year 2 Party
Fri 19th - End of Term 2



Christmas Cards

If your child would like to send individual cards to their classmates, friends in other classes or staff members then our school post box will be open from Monday 1st December. **Please ensure the recipients full name and class is clearly written on the envelope** because a group of children, from a different class each day, will be sorting and delivering the cards. We don't want to end up with cards we can't deliver to the correct children because the full name and class are missing from the envelope. The post box will close on Tuesday 16th December. You can find the post box in the corridor between the two Reception classes at the bottom of the Year 2 stairs. Please note, we are unable to give out lists of children's names.



Reception Parent Christmas Craft – Thursday 4th December

Parents and carers of children in Pebbles and Shells classes are invited to join the children for a Christmas craft morning from 9.30am to 10.30am in the school hall on Thursday 4th December.

Friends Christmas Shop Event – Thursday 4th December

If your child is taking part in the Friends Christmas Shop event, please don't forget to send your children into school on Thursday with their named Christmas labels and correct money along with a bag to carry their chosen gifts.



Non-Uniform Day – Friday 5th December



Friday 5th December is a non-uniform day and in return we would like to ask for donations of **chocolate or bring a bottle** for the tombola at the Christmas Fair. This can range from a bar of chocolate to a bottle of wine. Any chocolate/ bottle item will be appreciated.

School Tours

Is your child due to start school in September 2026? We warmly invite you to 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.



Available school tours:

Wednesday 3rd December at 9.30am

Friday 5th December at 9:30am



Whole School Christmas Church Service

All parents and carers are warmly invited to attend our church service on **Monday 8th December at 2.45pm** at St Alphege Church, where we will be thinking about Advent. We will return to school afterwards and you can collect your child from school at 3.15pm as usual.

Children's Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 10th December



This year the children will have their Christmas lunch on **Wednesday 10th December**. This will be roast turkey, roast potatoes, stuffing, mini sausage, peas, carrots and gravy plus a festive treat for dessert. Please note there is a vegetarian option available but we are unable to offer jacket potatoes or sandwiches on this day. All meals are free to all children in years R-2. If your child would like to bring their own packed lunch from home perhaps it could include a little festive treat on this day! Sunbeams nursery children who attend on a Wednesday will also be able to have Christmas dinner at the usual cost of £2.00.

Sunbeams Stay and Play Session

We would like to invite our Sunbeams families to join us at our stay and play session on **Wednesday 10th December 2:15-3:15pm**. Please enter via the school office.

Friends Christmas Fair –Thursday 11th December 3.15pm – 5.00pm

Huge thanks to The Friends who are again organising our Christmas Fair with lots of festive fun for all the family. Raffle tickets have been sent home with the children. There are more available at the school office if you would like extras. All the money raised will contribute towards arts enrichment activities linked to our 150-year celebrations.

Cakes for the Christmas Fair

We are asking for contributions of homemade cake/biscuits/sweet treats to sell at our Christmas fair this year. All the money raised will contribute towards arts enrichment activities linked to our 150-year celebrations.

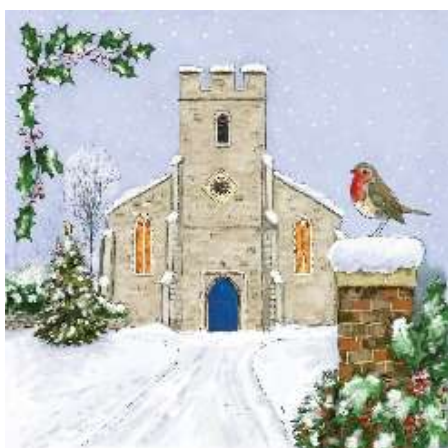


Christmas Jumper Day –Thursday 11th December

This year we are again taking part in the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day. Children can wear a festive jumper instead of their school jumper (all other uniform items to be worn please.) Please do not feel that you have to buy a jumper. You could always add some festive sparkle to a jumper that you already own. We are asking for a monetary donation of £1, however any donations are welcome.



Community



St Alphege Church Christmas Fair – Saturday 29th November from 1.00pm to 4.00pm

Start your Christmas festivities by visiting the Christmas Fair at St Alphege Church. Everyone is welcome.

RAF Manston History Museum

Visit Santa on the 6th & 7th December

This year your visit with Santa is included in the normal admissions fee, however you will need to book a time slot for your visit to Santa. You are free to enter the museum at any time of the day, your time slot applies to your time to see Santa.

Book a timeslot to see Santa:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/santa-at-the-museum>



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

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 21.11.25
Puffins Class – 98.3%

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
Etienne – Puffins Class



Outstanding Creativity
Clemmie – Pebbles Class



Legendary Maths
Bowen – Pearls Class



Amazing Curriculum
Venice – Seagulls Class



Retrieval of Learning
Inez – Shells Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
Aurora – Oysters Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have begun to learn about the story of Christmas. This is in preparation for our Nativity to which you are all invited. We have listened to lots of different books that all tell the same story and towards the end of the week we acted out different elements of the story to completely immerse ourselves in it. Next week we will be giving the children opportunities to retell the story in their own words, which will be the story we share with you – so be prepared for some surprising and little-known facts about the birth of Jesus! We have spent the week practicing our scissor skills, cutting out pictures of toys that have caught our eye in the toy catalogue and sticking them onto our letter to Father Christmas. Next week we will be posting our letters and hopefully your child will receive a reply in the post before Christmas from the man himself!

Year R
Mrs Keeble and Mrs Hopkins

What another wonderful week we have had in Reception. In our Drawing Club sessions this week we have watched a festive Pingu clip to spark our imaginative drawings and mark makings, learning our new linked vocabulary of Celestial, Waddle, Prepare and Blast. In our Maths we have begun to explore shapes, comparing circles and triangles and the properties we notice. In our phonics we have finished learning all of our new sounds for the term and will be using these over the next few weeks to build our blending and reading skills. Our phonics reading book this week was Tap it Tad! This will be available for your children to you at home via our Collins Hub link. In our RE learning we are learning about the birth of Jesus and have enjoyed having nativity characters in play for us to engage with. Now that the weather has changed and is much colder the children have been enjoying the bikes more on the patio along with gross motor activities to keep them moving and warm when outside. We look forward to sharing our craft morning with you on Thursday at 9.30 in the hall next week if you are able to join us.

Year 1
Mrs O'Keeffe and Mr Mead

We have had another brilliant week in Year 1 this week! This week in Geography the children have been learning the 4 countries that make up the United Kingdom. We made maps of the UK and labelled the countries in the correct locations. The children then listen to where dinosaur fossils were found and had to stick them in the country where they were discovered. In science, we retrieved our learning about the 5 different animal groups and then looked at what they eat! We learnt that you can categorise animals into Herbivores, Carnivores and Omnivores. In Maths we have used our knowledge of number bonds within 10 to find the number bonds to 10! We worked systematically to find all the ways of making 10. The children learnt a number bus song and used it to write all the number sentences in their maths books. In English, it has been our Creation week! Our focus has been on rhyming words within Poetry. We looked at how when letters at the end of words sound the same, they rhyme! The children chose words to stick in their English book and then recorded as many words as possible that rhymed with their word. In PE the children explored another new dance style this week in Tap Dance. We enjoyed listening to the rhythm of Music and how professional Tap dancers use their special tap shoes when dancing. We hope you all have a fantastic weekend and we can't wait to see you next week for the start of the Christmas countdown!

Year 2
Mrs Martin and Mrs Cohen

Another exciting week has been had by Year 2 this week! The children had an amazing time at their last swimming lesson and we are so proud of how much they have achieved over the last ten weeks! In maths the children have continued to amaze us with their number bond knowledge and use this to add by crossing over ten, exchanging ten ones for one ten and finding equivalent sums! Next week the children will begin subtracting and continue to use their number bond knowledge to do so. In English the children had an exciting start to the week as they had a visit from Toby the tortoise! They loved looking after him and used him as inspiration for their writing by asking questions from his perspective. They will use the questions they wrote this week in their Production week next week where they will be writing a letter from the Space Tortoise to the animals in the sky to find out all about their world! In art the children explored painting on different surfaces and discussed how the paint looks and feels on different textures. They then chose a planet and suitable materials to paint on to replicate the planets rough, smooth or bumpy surface. In PE they followed an Irish Dance tutorial before choreographing their own version and performing it to the class – next week we will explore Bollywood! In History we learnt about Neil Armstrong and what was required to go to the moon. Next week our History will follow on from this and the children will look at Earth from Space and create their own telescopes and satellite images! We hope you all have a restful weekend.