

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

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Values



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Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March 2026

Weds 11th - Year 2 Visit to the Turner Contemporary
Thurs 12th - Year 1 Visit to the Turner Contemporary
Fri 13th - Friends Mother's Day Shopping Event
Fri 20th - Comic Relief Non-Uniform Day
Mon 23rd - Parent Consultations in Person - 4-7pm
Weds 25th - Parent Consultations Virtual - 2-5pm
Thurs 26th - Easter Tombola Non-Uniform Day
Fri 27th - Friends Easter Tombola (after school)
Mon 30th - Whole School Joint Collective Worship (Church 2.30pm)
Tues 31st - Reception Hearing Screening

April 2026

Thurs 2nd - End of Term 4
Mon 20th - Start of Term 5

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

World Book Day

We had such an incredible day, celebrating our love of Reading on World Book Day! The children (and staff) loved coming to school dressed as a book character and we commend you all for your efforts in sourcing them a costume for the day! The children enjoyed hearing stories read by adults from across the school and the opportunity to share stories together throughout the day. Each class was given the same wordless picture book and tasked with working together to write their own version of the story, inspired by the pictures. They then shared their stories with other classes to compare the different narratives. This week, all of our classes have also visited the Whitstable Library to enjoy time with their friends reading for pleasure. One particular highlight of World Book Day was the Masked Reader, where the children were challenged to identify the masked staff member reading a section of the book: The Highway Rat. This caused great excitement with the children and it has been lovely to hear how much families have enjoyed watching this and playing along at home. If you have not had a chance to see it, then do head over to our Facebook or Instagram channels, where you can join in the fun! We firmly believe that books open doors to imagination, adventure and discovery, and we had such a wonderful day filled with stories, creativity and fun! Huge thanks to our English Leader, Mrs Cohen for organising such a rich reading experience for our children.



Preloved Book sale

Thank you to everyone who donated and purchased books from the Friends preloved book sale this week. It was lovely to have the opportunity to pass on some much-loved books to a new home. We raised £115 which will go towards our Arts enrichment opportunities for the children.





World Book Day - Costume Request

The Friends are looking for donations of any World Book Day costumes that your child has already worn, but will probably not fit them (or anyone else) next year! They are planning to run a preloved costume shop on the lead up to World Book Day 2027, so that families may be able to find a costume at a low price. All money raised will contribute towards next year's school fundraising drive!

Wrap Around Care and Sunbeams Invoices

As we are approaching the end of the financial year, we kindly request that all wrap around care and sunbeams invoices are paid by Friday 20th March.

Playground Equipment

Thank you to all of our families who have donated materials for the re-imagining of our playground. You may have noticed different types of resources appearing in the playground as part of this exciting development. To ensure the safety of all children and to help us maintain and manage these materials appropriately, we kindly ask that families **do not use playground resources during drop-off and pick-up times**. These materials are set up for supervised sessions during the school day, and using them outside these times can create safety risks and disrupt planned activities.

Turner Contemporary Margate School Visit

Year 2 will visit on **Wednesday 11th March**

Year 1 will visit on **Thursday 12th March**

Turner



The Friends Mother's Day Shopping Event

The Friends of the School will be holding a Mother's Day Shopping Event on **Friday 13th March** during the school day. Gift labels have been sent home with your children today.



Red Nose Day - Non-Uniform

Red Nose Day is back on **Friday 20th March** and we will be having a non-uniform day in school. Please wear something red if you are able to. All monetary donations to support the Comic Relief charity will be gratefully received.

Parent Consultations

Monday 23rd March – In Person Appointments (School Hall) 4pm-7pm

Wednesday 25th March - Video Appointments 2pm-5pm

Please remember, that you do not need to wait for Parent Consultations if you have something you wish to discuss with us. We are always here and happy to help at any time!

Parents Consultation



Easter Tombola Non-Uniform Day

We will be holding a non-uniform day on **Thursday 26th March** in exchange for an Easter Chocolate item for our Chocolate tombola. The Friends will be holding the chocolate tombola after school on **Friday 27th March**.



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 30th March at 2.30pm** Joint Service with the Whitstable and Seasalter Endowed School.



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.

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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 27.02.26
Pebbles Class –98.5%

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
Atlas – Puffins Class



Outstanding Creativity
Roseanna – Shells Class



Legendary Maths
Rafe A – Seagulls Class



Amazing Curriculum
Leon – Oysters Class



Retrieval of Learning
Matilda – Pebbles Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
Evie P – Pearls Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams Mrs Humphreys

PC Powell visited Sunbeams this week and shared with us how the police support us in our community. He showed us all the equipment he carries on him as well as some of the equipment he keeps in his patrol car. We particularly enjoyed exploring the handcuffs, camera and some of the uniform he wears. We also got a good look at the patrol car and talked about the things we noticed, such as why it needs the reflective design on it, the lights and the sirens – which were very loud! On World Book Day we had a splendid variety of costumes and favourite books. It was lovely to discover some books that we had not read before and share them with each other. Mrs Spinks joined us in the afternoon to share some books with us and on Friday we continued to share our enthusiasm for reading, when joining the Reception classes to share our favourite books and Mrs Keeble read us one of hers.

Year R
Mrs Keeble and Mrs Hopkins

What a busy week we have had this week! We started off the week with a trip to the library. The children were so respectful on our visit and really enjoyed having such a choice of books to read. On World Book Day the children looked amazing in their costumes and loved the book themed activities that day, including travelling around the school for a special book day story with different members of staff. In maths we have been thinking about different ways to make 10 using a range of maths manipulatives practically. In RE the children learnt about Palm Sunday and why the lead up to Easter is a special time for Christians. We learnt about the land artist Richard Shilling who uses nature and natural resources to create sculptures and art as well as finding out about how things were different in the past including holidays, toys and vehicles.

Year 1
Mr Mead and Miss Slater

Wow! What a busy and exciting week we have had in Year 1! In Maths the children have started to explore partitioning numbers to 50! In class we looked at how we can partition numbers into tens and ones. We explore using dienes and part whole models to show how many tens a number has in one part and how many ones in the other part. To make our lesson more active we took our learning outside. The children used hoops to make part whole models and then with chalk they partitioned a number by drawing the tens and ones as dienes. Yanaelle our fabulous Dancer who is working with us through our PHF project taught us a fantastic Dance lesson focusing on specific Dance skills as well as Mathematical terminology. We created different types of lines using ribbon which made us work closely with a partner. We also focused on opposites, identifying where they were in different routines and if we could move our body in opposite ways. Thursday was World Book Day and didn't we all look amazing! It was wonderful to see everyone dressed up so brilliantly, and we loved sharing our books with our friends. We went to different classes to hear stories read by other adults in the school. It was lovely to experience some different classrooms and readers. We also loved visiting the Whitstable Library as a whole class, and reading different stories. What a week! Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Year 2
Mrs Martin and Mrs Cohen

Year 2 have had another week full of fun and learning! They have absolutely wowed us with their multiplication this week in Maths and have been able to find multiplication facts using arrays. Next week they will be learning how to divide accurately. In English they have used such wonderful, imaginative ideas to write their own short narrative of the story 'Ruby's Worry'. They chose a fictional character and re-wrote parts of the story, while thinking about how their character can overcome their worries. Next week in Production week, the children will use their writing from this week and add in more information to make it into a detailed narrative with a clear beginning, middle and end. They have absolutely loved coding in computing and are really beginning to understand how to give a computer an algorithm to make it follow instructions! It was so wonderful to see the children enjoying World Book Day and wearing their costumes. They loved sharing their stories, visiting the library and guessing who the masked readers were! In football the children were passing with accuracy and enjoying playing with their friends. Next week they will build on this skill and learn defending tactics! Next week we are looking forward to visiting the Turner Gallery on Wednesday. Wishing all of our families a lovely weekend.