

# SUNBEAMS NURSERY

# ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege  
Values



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## Newsletter

Term 2 Week 1 | 31.10.2025

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### November 2025

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> – **Open Morning for 2026 Reception**  
 Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> – **Whole School Collective Worship (Church 2.45pm)**  
 Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> – **Sunbeams Stay and Play 2.15pm**  
 Fri 7<sup>th</sup> – **Applications for Reception places open**  
 Fri 7<sup>th</sup> – **Applications for Junior places open**  
 Mon 10<sup>th</sup> – **Flu Immunisations**  
 Tues 11<sup>th</sup> – **Individual and sibling photos**  
 Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> – **150<sup>th</sup> Celebrations Service (Church 2pm)**  
 Fri 14<sup>th</sup> – **Non-Uniform in aid of Children in Need**

#### December 2025

Mon 8<sup>th</sup> – **Whole School Christmas Service (Church 2.45pm)**  
 Weds 10<sup>th</sup> – **Sunbeams Stay and Play 2.15pm**  
 Fri 19<sup>th</sup> – **End of Term 2**

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

### Open Morning – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November

Is your child due to start school in September 2026? We warmly invite you to come along to our Saturday **Open Day on 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### Available school tours:

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| Wednesday | 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2025  | 9.30am |
| Friday    | 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2025  | 9.30am |
| Monday    | 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2025 | 1.30pm |
| Thursday  | 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2025 | 9.30am |
| Wednesday | 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2025 | 9.30am |

## ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

*Loved, Inspired, Shining*

We warmly welcome you to the St Alphege family.

Make something creative with our Arts Lead

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

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

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

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

We are a vibrant and creative school who celebrate childhood.

**Our Open Morning is on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2025**

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

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

### Poppies

We have poppies and poppy items available in school to support this year's Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. If your child would like any items or a poppy, please send some money in an envelope with your child. There are material bracelets and snap bands (suggested donations £1), poppy reflectors (suggested donation 50p) as well as the traditional paper poppy and poppy stickers.



### Achieve Sports Year R, 1 & 2

Achieve sport clubs will start on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November and run for 6 weeks until Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December. If your child hasn't attended before you will need to complete the emergency contact and photo consent forms.



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| Tuesday  | All Years | Dance        |
| Thursday | All Years | Multi Sports |

### School Lunch – Change to Menu – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Rocket Themed Lunch



### Sunbeams Stay and Play Session

We would like to invite our Sunbeams families to join us at our stay and play sessions on:

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2:15-3:15pm

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2:15-3:15pm

Please enter via the school office.

### School admissions for September 2026

Applications are made through Kent County Council at <https://kent.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/Synergy/Admissions.aspx>. You can submit your application between Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025 and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026. More information can be found <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places>. If you have any questions or need support with the application process, please speak to the school office.

## Year 2 Parents - Junior school places for September 2026

Parents of Year 2 children will need to apply for a Junior school place for your child for September 2026. Both WJS and The Endowed have parent tours for you to book onto. Please contact the junior schools directly to book. All of our children will visit both schools next term and take part in activities and see the schools. If you do want to take your child with you onto one of the tours, please advise our school office of the date so we are aware of your child's absence.

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## Individual School Photos – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November

Vancols School Photographers will be in school on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November to take individual children's photos. We will also be able to take sibling photos for those children who have a sibling that attends our school or Sunbeams. If your Sunbeams child doesn't usually attend on a Tuesday morning, and you would like them to have their photo taken, please bring them via the school office at 8.35am.



## 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration Church Service – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November

We are delighted to celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> birthday at St Alphege! Our year of celebration will be launched at our service of Thanksgiving on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm at St Alphege church. We warmly invite you to join us as we commemorate the last 150 years of our fabulous school.



## Children in Need – Non-Uniform day Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November



This will be a non-uniform day for the children. We are delighted to be hosting the Herne Bay High School Dance Dash dancers again this year. Any monetary donations will be given to Herne Bay High to add to their grand total which will be donated to Children in Need. Please send in the donations with your child at the start of the school day.

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 2.45pm**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 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**



## St Alphege Church Christmas Fair – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November from 2.00pm to 4.00pm

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

## 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 17.10.25  
**Pebbles Class – 92.4%**

## 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**  
Ophelia – Seagulls Class



**Outstanding Creativity**  
Catherine – Pearls Class



**Legendary Maths**  
Riley – Puffins Class



**Amazing Curriculum**  
Stanley – Oysters Class



**Retrieval of Learning**  
Theadora – Pebbles Class



**Simcha (Shared Joy)**  
Effie – Shells Class

## Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams  
Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have been exploring pattern. We read the book 'Can you see Sassoon?' and noticed all the different patterns shown in the illustrations. Some of us noticed we were wearing clothes that had similar patterns on! We created our own stripy patterned snake and played games to support the development of our noticing skills and awareness of pattern. Mrs Memmott sang songs with us on Tuesday that built their own patterns as we sang through the verses. In our HeartSmart session this week we recognised how special each of us is and that the people who love us think we are special too. We then made our own crowns to remind us how special we all are. As the weather is getting cooler, please can we remind you that the children will need to bring coats in with them every day for their comfort when playing outside. We'd also like to invite all our Sunbeams families to join us for a stay and play session on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 2:15pm. If it is not your child's usual session, feel free to pop in with them for a play.

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Year R  
Mrs Keeble and Mrs Hopkins

It has been so good to be back at school with your fantastic children! This week, we have spent time remembering our routines and expectations after our week off, and enjoying being back together. In maths we have learning to count objects, actions and sounds, linking the number to a numeral (1,2 and 3) and representing the number in different ways. In phonics we recapped all of our phonics sounds and common exception words from last term, and then practised sounding out each sound and blending to read simple CVC words (e.g. h-u-g, b-i-g, l-u-ck). Our reading book this week was 'Tip, Sip, Nap'. You can access this book and all our class phonics books through the Collins BIG CAT link in your child's reading record. We encourage you to read these books as often as possible, until your child is reading all the words independently and confidently, without having to say each sound out loud. We have introduced and thought about our question for the term 'I wonder what celebrations are all about?' The children have loved looking through the photos you have shared with us (Thank you!) and talking about how they have celebrated in different ways. In RE, we heard the story of Noah from the Old Testament and in PE we used our balancing, stretching and travelling skills to remember and re-tell the story. We talked about fireworks and the children loved creating their own fireworks with paint, chalk, glitter, foam and construction!

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Year 1  
Mrs O'Keeffe and Mr Mead

It has been such a joy to welcome Year 1 children back after half term! We have loved seeing their bright smiles, ready for a new term of fantastic learning. Our theme this term is Change. Throughout the term we will be looking at how the world has changed and changes in animals and humans too. This week, the children played 'Guess Who' with their own baby photos. We looked at features and tried to match up the correct baby photo with who they are now. They identified all the different ways they have changed and celebrated how they have grown through learning too. Next week, we will begin to think about how the world has changed, and look at clues from the past which tell us about life before humans. For Imagination Week in English we have started reading Tad by Benji Davis. The children collected lots of vocabulary through acting out the story, creating their own characters, and exploring how to jump like a frog! They built on their knowledge of exciting adjectives and verbs. Next week, they will begin to use their vocabulary to describe a characters appearance and personality. In Maths, we learnt how to partition a single digit number into different combinations using a part-whole model. Next week, they will use this knowledge to find fact families within addition, recording these as number sentences. For PE this term will be exploring Dance and learning about different styles and music, starting next week with breakdancing! Please make sure your child has a full PE kit. PE will be outside when possible so we recommend including joggers for this term of year. We hope our children and families have a nice weekend.

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Year 2  
Mrs Martin and Mrs Cohen

Year 2 have had an amazing first week back after half term! The children immersed themselves into the new Text for English – 'The Blue Giant' and thought about onomatopoeia relating to the story. They used musical instruments to represent sounds of the ocean including, whoosh, crash and crackle. They worked together to create a whale using only plastic and recycled materials as well as visiting the beach to help our environment by doing a beach clean! In maths, the children have been adding and subtracting and using their knowledge to create and find fact families. Next week they will continue to add and subtract by finding more and less than given numbers. The children had a fantastic time in PE learning all about Line Dancing! They learnt and copied a routine before working together to choreograph their own Line Dance in small groups. Next week the dance style will be Break Dance! In art this week, the children revisited their learning on primary colours and extended this to mix primary colours to make secondary colours and then used them to create tertiary colours in their own colour wheel! Next week they will use their colour mixing skills to add white and black to create different tints and shades. We hope you all have a wonderful weekend.