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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June 2026

Mon 29th – **Year 2 Cathedral Day**

Tues 30th – **Victorian Day - Celebrating 150 years**

July 2026

Thurs 2nd – **Whitstable Transition Morning**

Mon 6th - **The Friends Summer Fair**

Tues 7th – **Year R School Trip to Margate**

Tues 7th – **Year 1 End of Year Show (9.30am)**

Tues 7th – **Sunbeams Stay and Play (2.15pm)**

Weds 8th – **Year 1 School Trip to Toddlers Cove**

Weds 8th – **Sunbeams End of Year Performance and party (9.30am)**

Tues 14th - **Year 2 School Trip to Quex Park**

Tues 14th – **Reception End of year Concert (9.30am)**

Thurs 16th – **Year 2 Leavers Service (Church 2.15pm)**

Fri 17th – **End of Term 6**

Thank you all for your support today as we have managed the extreme temperatures. We really appreciate that the decisions we make may not always suit each individuals circumstances especially for working parents. We risk assess to ensure all our children are safe and thank you for your understanding and responses. Today has been a wonderful example of local schools collaborating to enable consistency for our community.

Year 2 Canterbury Cathedral Celebration Service– Monday 29th June

We are delighted to have the opportunity to spend the day at Canterbury Cathedral with our Year 2 friends from Herne Infants. This opportunity will enable our children to explore the Cathedral and gather together to give thanks for their time at St Alphege Infant school.



We will travel to Canterbury on the local bus in the morning and return to school for 3.15pm.

Puffins will travel on the **8.55am** bus and will need to be dropped off at the school hall.

Seagulls will travel on the **9.10am** bus. Please be prompt to school on this day as we will be unable to take any late arrivals.

September 2026 Sunbeams Nursery Spaces

We still have some spaces available for September 2026 if you are interested in your child joining our fabulous Nursery. Please phone the office to book onto our open session:

Monday 29th June

3.30pm-4.15pm

Victorian Day – Celebrating 150 Years of St Alphege CE Infant School - Tuesday 30th June

This year marks a very special milestone as St Alphege Infant School celebrates 150 years of teaching children in our community. To help us celebrate, we will be holding a Victorian Day on Tuesday 30th June. On this day our children will step back in time to experience what school life was like 150 years ago. They will take part in a range of exciting activities including a Victorian classroom experience, traditional drill-style PE lessons and activities inspired by Victorian factories and workhouses. To help bring the day to life, we would like children to come to school dressed in simple Victorian-inspired clothing. Please do not feel that you need to buy anything new. A plain shirt or blouse, dark trousers, a skirt, pinafore, cardigan, waistcoat or flat cap would all work wonderfully. The most important thing is that the children feel comfortable and ready to enjoy the day.

Sunbeams children are welcome to join in with Victorian Day by dressing up and will enjoy Victorian themed activities in Sunbeams.

Change of Menu Tuesday 30th June

For our Victorian day we will be having our celebration lunch altogether in the playground. There is a change in menu for this. We will be eating:

Fish Fingers, chip and sweetcorn/salad
Quorn Dippers, chips and sweetcorn/salad
Ice Cream

We will not be offering Jacket potatoes, pasta or sandwiches on this day. You are very welcome to provide a packed lunch from home if you would prefer.

Cakes for the Summer Fair – Monday 6th July

Our fabulous Friends of the school are organising a cake stall for the summer fair this year. We are asking for any contributions of cake/biscuits/sweet treats to sell. Please could you send these into school on Monday 6th July. We thank you for all donations.



Summer School Fair – Monday 6th July 3.15pm-4.30pm

Our fabulous Friends Association are organising summer school fair in the playground after school. We are looking for parent helpers to run some of the stalls. If you would like to help on the day, please get in touch with the school office.

Year 1 End of Year Show– Tuesday 7th July

Parents are warmly invited to attend Year 1's end of year show on **Tuesday 7th July 9.30am** in the school hall. Entrance will be via the front gates.

Year R Trip to Margate – Tuesday 7th July

On Tuesday 7th July we would like to take all of our Reception children on an end of year trip to Margate Beach. We will be travelling by train and will spend the day there together exploring the beach. We will enjoy an ice lolly on our return to school.



Sunbeams Stay and Play Session – Tuesday 7th July

We would like to invite our Sunbeams families to join us at our stay and play session on Tuesday 7th June at 2:15pm. Please enter via the school office.

Year 1 Trip to Toddles Cove - Wednesday 8th July

On Wednesday 8th July we would like to take all of our Year 1 children on an end of year trip to Toddles Cove in Canterbury. We will be travelling by bus and will spend the day taking part in sports and outdoor games as well as playing in the park and exploring the play areas. We will enjoy an ice lolly on our return to school.



Sunbeams - End of year performance and party – Wednesday 8th July

Parents are invited to watch our performance which starts at **9.30am** in the main school hall. After the performance the children will return to the nursery for our end of year party. Please collect your children from Sunbeams at 11.30am unless your child would normally attend the lunch and afternoon sessions. We hope you are able to join us.



Year R End of Year Show – Tuesday 14th July

Parents are warmly invited to attend Reception's end of year show on **Tuesday 14th July 9.30am** in the school hall. Entrance will be via the front gates.



Year 2 Trip to Quex Park – Tuesday 14th July

Year 2 we will be visiting **Quex Activity Centre in Birchington-On-Sea** on **Tuesday 14th July** for our end of year trip. The adventure park has lots to offer including giant bouncy pillows, a sand pit, a climbing frame & swings, a splash pool and animal encounters.

Year 2 Leavers Service at Church – Thursday 16th July 2.15pm

Leavers Celebration at Church. Year 2 parents are welcome to attend. Doors open at 1.45pm



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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



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W/E 19.06.26
Pebbles Class - 98.6%

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
Roseanna – Shells Class



Outstanding Creativity
Dalia – Seagulls Class



Legendary Maths
Fionn – Pearls Class



Amazing Curriculum
Leon – Oysters Class



Retrieval of Learning
Luna W- Pebbles Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
Ava – Puffins Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we were delighted to observe that all our chrysalises successfully produced butterflies. We talked about what we noticed when looking at the empty chrysalis and we noticed lots of features that the butterflies shared. We then released them into our outdoor area and enjoyed watching them flutter away. We have been busy all week creating leaves with paint and pears with paper for the whole school art installation Jo from Animate Arts has asked us to do. We have really enjoyed mixing the paints to create different shades of green and using different tools to create different textures in the paint. We have been very lucky this week that much of our outdoor area is shaded during the morning, and it hasn't been too hot for us to enjoy some time outside. We have certainly enjoyed our water play! On our hotter afternoons we have been able to settle to quieter and calmer activities inside and we have talked a lot about sun safety and keeping hydrated when the weather is hot. As we approach the end of our final term, please can we ask that all the books that have been borrowed from Sunbeams be returned so that we may share them with our new children in September.

Year R

Mrs Keeble and Mrs Hopkins

What a hot week we have had this week! The children have been amazing as we have adapted our days slightly to keep them safe in the heat, managing the changes sensibly. In Drawing Club this week we have been reading the story Superworm and writing sentences including an adjective to describe the worm we have drawn. In Maths we have been building on our previous learning of how we can measure things using non-standard units. The children enjoyed the challenges of measuring different things around the classroom using cubes, counters, their hands or feet. We have been making leaves and pears in the style of the author and illustrator Eric Carle ready for Jo from Animate Arts to install in our school next week. We have enjoyed lots of water play this week including cooling our feet down in our tuff trays too when it got really hot!

Year 1

Mr Mead and Mrs O'Keeffe

In our Maths learning this week we have been focussing on the value of money! We have been practising recognising different coins and using our knowledge of counting in 2's, 5's, and 10's to help us calculate the amount of a group of coins. We made shops where we pretended to be shop owners and customers and gave a value to different items in the room. We then sold our items to our friends making sure they gave us the correct value of coins. Our Art project has made us work extremely hard but the work the children have produced looks amazing. We all work independently to paint our leaves and add texture to the paint. Once these were dry we folded and cut them into shape. The pears were where the real challenge started! We had to cut out pear shapes make them 3D and cover them in green tissue paper using PVA glue. In computing we continued our e-books. Creating new pages with animations and adding our new skill of putting sounds to our pages! In History we started looking at an important figure who works on keeping our planet safe. We looked at the life of Sir David Attenborough and how he has spent his life caring for the environment and the animals who live there. In Science this week we have looked at seasonal changes in summer. Which has been very fitting for the type of weather we have had this week! Swimming was unfortunately cancelled this week due to the extreme weather on Friday but don't worry as our session has been rescheduled for Friday 10th which will be our final session of the year. We hope that you have a fabulous weekend and are already looking forward to seeing you on Monday!

Year 2

Mrs Martin and Mrs Cohen

What a warm week it has been! Seagulls and Puffins have taken full advantage of their cool classrooms and spent lots of time inside, staying safe and having fun! In Maths they have been interpreting data using tally charts and block diagrams. On Monday, they chose different coloured cars to count and sat outside the school, creating a tally using their chosen information. Next week they will interpret tables and create their own tables after gathering information. In English the children explored newspaper articles and their features. They then began writing a short list of facts they have learnt about the Titanic which they will turn into newspaper reports in the next two weeks. In computing this week, the children looked into what pointillism art is and used our computer programme to create their own interpretation of pointillist art. In DT we looked at different types of sandwich fillings and discussed our likes and dislikes. The children then thought of combinations they could use together to create a sandwich that is decorated as an animal! Next week, they will use their design to make their animal sandwich. In History the children were learning about the different classes on the Titanic and explored the question 'Was life the same for everyone on The Titanic?'. Next week we will be visiting the Cathedral on Monday – Please ensure a prompt drop off in the morning as we will be getting early buses. On Tuesday we will be celebrating 150 years of St Alphege by having a Victorian themed Day in school. The children are able to dress up as a Victorian child and will be experiencing activities from this time period. Next Thursday is Transition morning – please drop your child to their junior school in the morning. They will return to us after lunch. We hope you have a wonderful weekend!