

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



Koinonia

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Newsletter

Term 4 Week 1 | 27.02.2026

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March 2026

Weds 4th – Friends Preloved book sale (after school)
Thurs 5th – World Book Day
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
Weds 25th – Parent Consultations
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](#)

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.

Preloved Book sale

The Friends will be holding a preloved book sale after school on **Wednesday 4th March**. They will be selling a combination of old school stock and donated books. If you have any unwanted books that you would be happy to donate, these would be very welcome. Please drop to the school office.





World Book Day

World Book Day is on **Thursday 5th March**. This year we will be inviting children to come to school dressed as a book character. If your child does not want to dress up, they are welcome to come to school in non-uniform. Children may also bring favourite books from home to share with their friends on this day.

Turner Contemporary Margate School Visit

As part of our ongoing arts enrichment offer, we will be taking Year 1 and Year 2 classes to the Turner Contemporary in Margate to view the Bridget Riley exhibition. This trip will be fully funded by our Friends fundraising efforts. Please return your trip consent form by the end of the day on Monday 3rd March.

Turner

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

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



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. A letter has been sent home with further information.



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

We will be holding parent consultations this term on the following dates:

Monday 23rd March and Wednesday 25th March

We are pleased to be able to offer both virtual and in person appointments this term. Further information on appointments and how to book these will be sent out next week. 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!



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**.



Community

SHIFT

WITH LARA & JODI

WHAT	BARRE FITNESS
WHEN	EVERY WEDNESDAY 12.45 - 13.30
WHERE	THE HORSEBRIDGE ARTS CENTRE WHITSTABLE, CT5 1AF
SIGN UP	EMAIL SHIFT.BARRE@GMAIL.COM £6.50 FOR YOUR FIRST CLASS THEN £65 FOR 5 CLASSES
	<small>* Terms and conditions apply. First class discount offer only valid until 09.04.2026. Limited places available</small>
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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 13.02.26
Puffins Class –98.7%

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
Bonnie – Shells Class



Outstanding Creativity
Ruby – Pearls Class



Legendary Maths
Ela – Seagulls Class



Amazing Curriculum
Dexter – Puffins Class



Retrieval of Learning
Violet – Oysters Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
Pebbles – Risha Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have begun to think about our experiences of our community. On Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning, we visited the Whitstable Library and discovered some of the ways in which they help us and others in our community. We were able to explore their amazing collection of books and were introduced to their new community garden. Lots of us enjoyed pancakes over the half term break and shared our favourite toppings and ideas about how they were made. We learned a new poem for our Poetry Basket collection, called 'Pancakes' and explored the ingredients that make pancakes during our messy play – thoroughly enjoying cracking the eggs and mixing the ingredient together – noticing how the texture of the mixture changed. We were able to make the most of the warm weather this week and opened up the sand pit on a few occasions, which was a real treat. We also talked about how difficult it is for the birds to find food during the winter and how we can help them, so we made bird feeders using recycled materials, lard and bird seed.

Year R
Mrs Keeble and Mrs Hopkins

We have had a great first week back after half term and have enjoyed the sunnier days this week, we particularly enjoyed taking our PE outside for our games topic this term. We explored using hoops in a range of ways this week. In Drawing Club we shared the book 'Man on the Moon' using the vocabulary 'intergalactic', 'astonished', 'sly' and 'concealed'. Our confidence in writing sentences linked to our book is growing and the children should be so proud of themselves. In Maths we have been learning to make 9, using different coloured counters to show the different number bonds (e.g. '5 and 4 – altogether there is 9'). Our topic for this term is 'Explore' and our learning question is: 'I wonder what's out there?' We will be thinking about where we live and our locality as well as how things have changed in time. Next week we will be visiting Whitstable Library to share books as it is World Book Day next week. Please make sure that you have reading records and reading books in your child's book bag every day, as we will be stamping them on different days of the week.

Year 1
Mrs O'Keeffe and Mr Mead

Welcome back everyone after a lovely half term! We are learning to count to 50 in Maths, and to partition these numbers into tens and ones: e.g. $23 = 20 + 3$. When you are out walking, perhaps you could look for house numbers and try to read them! This term we are focusing on Health and Wellbeing. This week we looked at where food came from in the past. We explored traditional food sources and how food was caught, grown and sold. The children then turned our classroom into a food market buying and selling different types of food. We had a special visit from Chartwells. They delivered a Healthy eating workshop. This focused on the Eatwell guide and the importance of a balanced diet with an interactive activity of creating their own rainbow wraps (wraps filled with different coloured vegetables as well a protein and dairy fillings covering all the food groups – a balanced meal). The children then got to enjoy their creations, they were delicious! Our English this term will focus on Traditional Tales. This week for Imagination week we have looked at the story of the Little Red Hen. The children have been looking for the key features of a traditional tale and trying to find the hidden lesson in the story. On Thursday we baked our own bread just like the Little Red Hen but we made sure to be kind and helpful by making the bread as a team! Have a lovely weekend and see you all Monday.

Year 2
Mrs Martin and Mrs Cohen

It feels so wonderful to be back in school with our lovely friends and the children were so happy to see each other this week after their break! We started the week off by creating a Year 2 Museum of Magical moments where the children made an artefact representing their half term, wrote a label explaining what it is and showcased it to their friends. We began reading the story 'Ruby's Worry' in English this week and did a range of immersive activities as part of our imagination week such as acting out small and big worries, using a balloon to represent how a worry can shrink if we talk to our friends and practicing listening skills while listening to hypothetical worries. Next week, in Creation week the children will create their own fictional character and think of a worry they may have as well as how it can be made smaller. In Maths this week the children have been sharing into equal groups and thinking carefully about how to ensure the groups are the same. They challenged themselves to pick a number and work out if it could be shared into equal groups of 2, 3, 4, and 5 through investigating with a friend. Next week the children will begin to think about multiplication and using arrays. In History, the children thought about how skills and emotions evolve over time depending on life events and experiences. They created their own timeline of their life and thought about what they could and couldn't do as a baby, toddler, when starting school and now and how they felt at each stage. Next week they will begin to explore how staying clean have helped people to stay healthy. The children discussed the big question for RE this term which is 'Why does Easter matter to Christians?' and they retrieved all of their learning about Easter from last year. Next week they will learn what happened on each day of Holy Week. On Thursday 6th March it is World Book Day. The children will take part in many wonderful reading activities throughout the day which we are very much looking forward to! Have a wonderful weekend.