

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



Koinonia

Loved, Inspired, Shining

Newsletter

Term 1 Week 3 | 19.09.2025

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September 2025

Weds 24th - Year 1 and Year 2 Open Classrooms

October 2025

Tues 7th - Year R NHS NCMP

Mon 13th - Whole School Harvest Service (Church 2.45pm)

Fri 17th - End of Term 1

Mon 27th - Staff Development Day

Tues 28th - Start of Term 2

November 2025

Mon 3rd - Whole School Collective Worship (Church 2.45pm)

Mon 10th - Flu Immunisations

December 2025

Mon 8th - Whole School Christmas Service (Church 2.45pm)

Fri 19th - End of Term 2

Clubs on offer for Term 1

Achieve Sports Year 1 & 2

Achieve sport clubs will start Tuesday 23rd September and run for 4 weeks until Thursday 16th October. Achieve sport will be open to Reception in term 2. Letters will come home today via email or you can collect a paper copy from the office foyer.

Tuesday Year 1 & 2
Thursday Year 1 & 2

Dance
Football



Music Club Year 1 and Year 2 with Jerome Silsby

Music Club will run after school on a Monday 3.15pm – 4.15pm.
To book please email Jerome Silsby directly jeromesilsby@icloud.com

French Club Year 1 and Year 2 at St Alphege with La Jolie Ronde

French club runs on a Wednesday after school

Please email Vicki at La Jolie Ronde directly to book your child's place.

To book please email Vicki directly lajolierondevicki@gmail.com

<https://www.lajolieronde.co.uk/>



Andrew Parry Music Lessons

Andrew Parry provide music lessons in over 50 schools all across Kent, as well as group rock school workshops and one-to-one lessons outside of school. Please contact Andrew Parry if you would like to book a lesson. Lessons are currently held in school during the school day on a Wednesday. <https://www.andrewparrymusic.com/lessons>

Year 1 and Year 2 Open Classrooms – Wednesday 24th September

On Wednesday 24th September we will be opening up our Year 1 and 2 classes at 3.15pm so that parents can have the opportunity to see their child's new class. This will be an opportunity for your child to show you around their new learning spaces.

We understand that this might not be convenient for everyone so if you would like to come on another day, please speak to your child's class teacher, who will be able to arrange this.

School Tour Dates and Open Morning

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



ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

Tours with Mrs Spinks our Head of School and
Mrs Thomas-Friend our Executive Headteacher

Day	Date	Time
Wednesday	24 th September 2025	9.30am
Wednesday	1 st October 2025	1.30pm
Friday	3 rd October 2025	9.30am
Wednesday	8 th October 2025	1.30pm
Wednesday	29 th October 2025	9.30am
Wednesday	5 th November 2025	9.30am
Friday	7 th November 2025	9.30am
Monday	10 th November 2025	1.30pm
Thursday	13 th November 2025	9.30am
Wednesday	19 th November 2025	9.30am
Friday	21 st November 2025	9.30am
Saturday	1 st November 2025	10.00am—12.00pm

Please call the office to book onto one of the tours listed. There are limited places on each tour.
We are able to offer alternative dates if you are unable to attend any of the tours available.

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We warmly welcome you to the St Alphege family.



Make something creative
with our Arts Lead

We are a vibrant
and creative
school who
celebrate
childhood.



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



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

**Our Open
Morning is
on
Saturday
1st
November
2025**



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



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

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



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

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 13th October at 2.45pm (Harvest) - Please send a donation of non-perishable food items with your child to school ready for the Harvest service.

Monday 3rd November at 2.45pm

Monday 8th 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



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 12.9.25
Pearls Class – 100%

Weekly Awards

Introducing Our New Whole School Awards!

Our awards this year represent our School Development priorities: POLAR and Simcha (Shared Joy). The children have been busy designing our new stickers to accompany each of the areas of our School Plan. It was a very difficult choice, as their drawings were all brilliant, but we have settled on the final six below. Each class nominate one child to celebrate their achievements each week and their names will be added to the weekly newsletter.



Powerful Writing



Outstanding Creativity



Legendary Maths



Amazing Curriculum



Retrieval of Learning



Simcha (Shared Joy)

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have been very creative, making baby penguins and iceberg platforms for the art installation that Animate Arts have installed this week in the main entrance hall. We have also been talking about the people who are special to us and mark making in response, drawing members of our household and family. We have introduced the children to Dough Disco, a fun activity that helps to develop strength and dexterity in our hands. We dance to music while manipulating play dough in different ways which we all thoroughly enjoy! On Tuesday Mrs Memmott joined us to play some musical games that help to develop our listening skills. We moved in different ways in response to the different sounds she produced playing her instruments. Please upload your family photo on Tapestry for us to print out and pop up in our home corner, if you haven't already.

Year R

Mrs Keeble and Mrs Hopkins

We have had a lovely week of fun and learning in Year R. It has been wonderful to see the children's personalities begin to emerge as they grow in confidence and develop new friendships. We began our phonics learning with the sounds s, a, t, and p and in Maths we practised subitising, which is when we can see a quantity (e.g. 3) without counting. We heard a story about Boris the Robot, who helps us with our learning in Personal, Social, and Health Education (PSHE). We have loved working with Jo from Animate Arts to create items for our new hallway installation, we can't wait for you to see it! Today, you will find a reading book in your child's book bag. Books will be changed once a week on a Friday. Please share this book at home with your child, as often as you can, and if you would like to you can date and sign the reading record. You will notice that the first books we send home are wordless books that tell a story through pictures alone. They help children to develop speaking and listening skills through creating and telling stories. You can support by encouraging your child to talk about what is happening on each page and tell you what or who the book is about. Thank you for naming your children's clothes, bags and water bottles. If you find you have taken another child's clothing home by mistake, thank you for returning it. We are continuing to learn how to recognise our own things!

Year 1

Mrs O'Keeffe and Mr Mead

It's been another brilliant week in Year 1! To start our Creation Week in English, we made jam sandwiches. The children then dazzled us writing in their new English books for the first time this week. They labelled and described ingredients to make a jam sandwich and included interesting adjectives too. Next week they will be turning their labels into written instructions. In Maths, they have been consolidating their understanding of adding one more to a number between ten. Next week, we will retrieve our knowledge of counting backwards and finding one less of a number within ten. Most excitingly this week we had a special visit from firefighter Josh. Josh came to speak to the children about how his job helps the community. The children had some thoughtful and interesting questions to ask him and also had the opportunity to try on his uniform too! We are very excited to invite another key worker to meet the children next week too... the children have already been guessing who it might be and what important job they might have! To finish our amazing week of learning adventures, we joined Mr Thomas-Friend at the beach to celebrate and support National Beach Cleaning Day which was a perfect way for us to remember our important role within our local community. Wishing all our children and families a peaceful and pleasant weekend.

Year 2

Mrs Martin and Mrs Cohen

Year 2 have had another week full of fun! We loved our first swimming lesson and are excited to go every Friday morning as one of our PE lessons. We have been learning about drawing in art and use Pablo Picasso as inspiration to create our own portrait using drawing techniques based on his work. Next week we will explore different mediums to create effects and textures. We loved creating all of the art work to add to the new entrance display – we can't wait to see the finished product! In maths we have been partitioning numbers up to 100 using part whole models and began writing number sentences to represent these. Next week we will be using number lines to count in tens, ones and to estimate where numbers will be using our place value knowledge. In English we used Meerkat Mail as inspiration to design our own postcard from a destination and wrote short sentences using adjectives to describe the setting and verbs to describe what we have been doing. Next week in Production week, we will use our sentences to write a postcard – thinking carefully about the style and tone of our writing. In History we will be linking our Geography learning about the continents and learn about Amelia Earhart and finding out about why she is remembered as well as where she went on her adventures. Wishing you all a lovely weekend.
