

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

# ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege  
Values



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Loved, Inspired, Shining

## Newsletter

Term 2 Week 4 | 21.11.2025

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### December 2025

Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> - Reception Parent Christmas Craft (Hall 9.30am)  
Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> - Friends Association Christmas Shop  
Fri 5<sup>th</sup> - Non-Uniform Day in aid of Tombola  
Mon 8<sup>th</sup> - Whole School Christmas Service (Church 2.45pm)  
Weds 10<sup>th</sup> - Children's Christmas Lunch  
Weds 10<sup>th</sup> - Sunbeams Stay and Play 2.15pm  
Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Jumper Day  
Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> - Friends Christmas Fair  
Mon 15<sup>th</sup> - Year 2 Nativity (Hall 9.30am)  
Tues 16<sup>th</sup> - Year 1 Concert (Hall 9.30am)  
Weds 17<sup>th</sup> - Sunbeams Nativity (Hall 9.30am)  
Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> - Year R Nativity (Hall 9.30am)  
Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> - Year 1 Party  
Fri 19<sup>th</sup> - Year R and Year 2 Party  
Fri 19<sup>th</sup> - End of Term 2

### School Tours

Is your child due to start school in September 2026? We warmly invite you to 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:

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 9.30am  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am

### School Admissions for September 2026

The online application process for admissions for September 2026 are now open for both Reception and Year 3. 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.



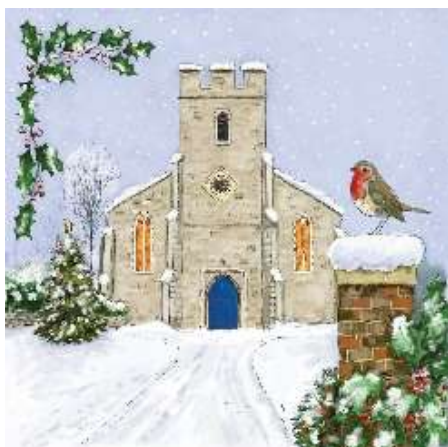
### Whole School Christmas Church Service

All parents and carers are warmly invited to attend our church service on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 2.45pm** at St Alphege Church, where we will be thinking about Advent. We will return to school afterwards and you can collect your child from school at 3.15pm as usual.

### Sunbeams Stay and Play Session

We would like to invite our Sunbeams families to join us at our stay and play session on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2:15-3:15pm**. Please enter via the school office.

## Community



### St Alphege Church Christmas Fair – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November from 1.00pm to 4.00pm

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

### RAF Manston History Museum

Visit Santa on the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> December

This year your visit with Santa is included in the normal admissions fee, however you will need to book a time slot for your visit to Santa. You are free to enter the museum at any time of the day, your time slot applies to your time to see Santa.

Book a timeslot to see Santa:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/santa-at-the-museum>



**1st Whitstable Scouts Christmas Fair**  
**13th December at St Alphege Church 10am – 12pm**

## 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 14.11.25  
Pearls Class – 98.3%

## 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  
Nel – Shells Class



Outstanding Creativity  
Jonah – Oysters Class



Legendary Maths  
Rafe A – Seagulls Class



Amazing Curriculum  
Luna S – Pebbles Class



Retrieval of Learning  
Mabel – Puffins Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)  
Adesewa – Pearls Class

## Weekly Year Group Recap

### Sunbeams Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have been finding different ways to make marks. We used our fingers to make marks in sand or foam, and used our whole hands to print butterflies which we then embellished using dobbers dipped in paint and pencils. We have begun to explore rhyme through the story Oi Dog as well as through rhyming games and of course when singing nursery rhymes. Mrs Memmott brought a train whistle to our music session on Tuesday. She sang about a train and the children pretended to be the carriages, following behind her singing with her, and responding to the train whistle with a change in movement. If you have any spare woolly hats or gloves at home that you no longer need, we would be very grateful to have them so that we have a stock of spares for emergencies. Thank you.

Year R  
Mrs Keeble and Mrs Hopkins

This week we have been so impressed with the way Reception children have been remembering and enjoying our nativity songs. In *Drawing Club*, our story focus was the animation 'Willo the Wisp' and our vocabulary words were 'fearless', 'dawdle' 'teeny weeny' and 'loop the loop.' Can your children show you the actions and tell you the meanings? They were so excited to bring the story to life by writing and showing numbers in different ways. In maths we have been finding different ways to make 4 and 5. In RE we have been learning about some of the stories that Christians share from the Bible and thinking about how they show Christians that God and Jesus love them. In PE we loved exploring the dance genre of break dancing, watching videos of professionals performing their dance before trying out different moves ourselves. Please could you help us get ready for our nativity by providing the clothes detailed on the slip sent home and encourage your child to practice their lines if they have a speaking part too.

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Year 1  
Mrs O'Keeffe and Mr Mead

This week has been full of fabulous new learning for our children in Year 1! In History this week, we have continued to look at our theme of change. We did this by focusing on fossils as evidence that the world has changed. The children made salt dough fossils and experimented like a palaeontologist by excavating from the sand. In science, we have been learning about the 5 different animal types and categorised different types reptiles and amphibians, looking closely at their characteristics. In Maths we have used our knowledge of part whole models to assist us in finding number bonds within 10. Once the children practically showed the number bonds, they were able to write number sentences systematically showing all the ways of making the given number. In English, it has been our imagination week! We have started our research into a significant person. The person we have chosen is Mary Anning and the children have discovered many interesting facts about her. We went on a rather chilly trip to the beach where we went fossil hunting and gathered vocabulary to describe texture, patterns and our senses. The children also created their own 'curiosities' and used drama to pretend to be Mary Anning selling them to each other for the price of 1p! The children have loved Dance in PE this term and continued their enthusiasm into Ballet which we found lots of us have already experienced during clubs outside of school. This meant we were able to showcase and teach our friends valuable Ballet skills. We hope you all have a fantastic weekend and we are already looking forward to welcoming our Year 1 children back to school on Monday.

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Year 2  
Mrs Martin and Mrs Cohen

Year 2 have had a fabulous week this week! We started the story 'Space Tortoise' in English and revealed parts of the story each week as part of our imagination week. Before reading the story, we found mystery items such as tin foil, stars, torches and a tortoise which helped us predict what the story might be about. We also made pulley tortoises to help them reach the stars and made a constellation of friendships while thinking about the qualities of a good friend. Next week we will be thinking about asking questions and writing questions from the tortoise to the animals in the sky. In Maths the children have been fantastic at using their number bond knowledge to add to the next 10. Next week, we will be continuing to use these skills to add across 10 ( $24+8$ ) by adding to the next ten, plus the rest ( $24+6=30+2$ ). In art this week we explored painting using a range of techniques in the style of Jackson Pollock including marble rolling, string painting, and flicking. Next week we will be exploring how paint differs on different textures before deciding which texture to paint on to create a planet effect. We had great fun learning ballet moves in PE before choreographing our own ballet dance - next week we will learn Irish dancing! Wishing our families a wonderful weekend.