

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

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Values



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Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June 2026

Fri 26th – Non - Uniform in aid of Summer Tombola
Mon 29th – Year 2 Cathedral Day

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
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
Tues 14th – Year 2 School Trip to Quex Park
Tues 14th – Reception End of year Concert
Thurs 16th – Year 2 Leavers Service (Church 2.15pm)
Fri 17th – End of Term 6

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 26th June

The Friends Association have organised a non-uniform day on **Friday 26th June** in exchange for a bottle and/or box of chocolates for the Summer Fair tombola.



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. 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



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 cream/lolly on our return to school. Letters will be sent home next week.



Sunbeams Stay and Play Session – Tuesday 7th July

We would like to invite our Sunbeams families to join us at our stay and play sessions 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. Letters will be sent home next week.

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. Letters will be sent home next week.

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



Community



RAF Manston History Museum Annual Comicon

20th and 21st June

They encourage everyone to come dressed as their favourite characters and there will be cosplayers there with their own props and costumes for you to look at. There will also be a range of stalls from art, memorabilia and even miniature painting.

A colorful poster for a 'Parent/Carer Coffee Morning School-Based Resilience' session. It features a central illustration of a man with his arms raised, surrounded by stars and lightning bolts. Text includes: 'Parent/Carer Coffee Morning School-Based Resilience', 'Delivered in partnership with Kent Educational Psychology Service', 'An informative and supportive session exploring anxiety and resilience in children. The workshop will share key information, practical strategies, and offer opportunities for discussion, helping parents feel more confident in supporting their child through challenges.', 'Where: St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Northwood Road, Tankerton, Kent, CT5 2EY', 'When: Tuesday 18th June 2026, 9:15-10:15AM', and 'Open to all parents/carers with children at Whitstable schools'. It also includes a sign-up link and a QR code.

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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Pearls Class –97.9%

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
Peter – Shells Class



Outstanding Creativity
Zizi – Pearls Class



Legendary Maths
Jasper – Puffins Class



Amazing Curriculum
Rosie M – Seagulls Class



Retrieval of Learning
Pip – Pebbles Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
Florence - Oysters Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have been observing how our tiny and very hungry little caterpillars have grown into much bigger caterpillars who are beginning to spin their own chrysalis! Inspired by our caterpillars, we have been singing caterpillar and butterfly songs, reading stories such as *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and *The Munching Crunching Caterpillar*, as well as participating in acting out a Story Steps of *Kofi the Caterpillar*. We went on to explore symmetry, noticing how images of butterflies demonstrate how their wings are a mirror image of each other. We played interactive games and painted onto one half of a butterfly shape, so that when we folded the paper over, the pattern we had painted was replicated, demonstrating symmetry. On Friday we participated in the Father's Day shopping event, and all of our Sunbeams were able to pick out and buy a gift for a special man in their lives.

Year R
Mrs Keeble and Mrs Hopkins

What another busy week we have had! We have continued to share the book 'Mad about Minibeasts' and loved visiting the nest with our minibeast hunt checklists we designed last week. We have drawn a minibeast and labelled the different parts as well as using a describing word in a sentence to describe a minibeast. In Maths we have been learning how to work out if a number is odd or even. We have been fascinated to watch the changes in our caterpillars as they grow, watching and waiting in anticipation for them to make their chrysalis'. We have also been learning about the lifecycle of a sunflower and the changes it makes from seed to flower. As part of our healthy eating topic for PE we had a visit from Chartwells healthy eating team who delivered a Hungry Caterpillar workshop for us. We learnt about eating the rainbow's part of our 5-a-day before having the opportunity to create fruit art work using fruit and vegetables that we were then able to enjoy as a yummy healthy snack. Lots of us even tried something new too!

Year 1
Mr Mead and Mrs O'Keeffe

What a wonderful week of learning we have had in Year 1 this week. It may have been soggy and grey outside, but the children have certainly been shining in their classrooms! For Imagination Week in English we explored our key text '10 Things I can do to help my World.' We collected vocabulary and ideas whilst sorting rubbish into recyclable materials, repurposing 'junk' into items with a functional use designing and performing our own 'influencer' style videos to show ways to look after the World. Next week, we will be making our own books which will have rules to help look after the planet. In Maths, the children demonstrated their solid knowledge of number and place value by representing 2 digit numbers through a range of representations and completing challenges using number lines, number squares and partitioning. Next week, they will apply their knowledge by learning how to solve missing number problems. We started to look at our final discipline in Art this term which is sculpture. The children were inspired by the work of Andy Goldsworthy and visited The Nest to create their own transient sculptures using natural materials. We can't wait to explore and create sculptures throughout the term, using a range of different materials. The children are excited to meet their new teachers and visit their Year 2 classrooms at the beginning of next week! We are also looking forward to working with Jo from Animate Arts on Thursday. Wishing all our fabulous families and wonderful (and hopefully sunny!) weekend. We look forward to seeing you again on Monday for the beginning of Week 3... Where has the time gone!?

Year 2
Mrs Martin and Mrs Cohen

What a dazzling week Year 2 have had! Firstly, a huge well done to our PAC children who shone so brightly in their performance. The children loved watching the dress rehearsal and were so proud of their friends. This week in maths the children extended their maths learning of halving and learnt how to quarter. They divided cubes and counters into 4 equal groups to find what one quarter of the total is. Next week they will learn how to find one third of a number and investigate equivalent fractions. In English, the children have been reading the text 'Polar – The Titanic Bear'. They thought carefully about different types of open and closed questions they would ask Polar at different points in the story. Next week the children will interview their own teddy **(please bring in a small teddy on Monday)** and ask them questions about their time on the Titanic before writing a transcript of the interview including their teddy's answers. In art this week, the children built on their clay techniques and created beautiful coral reefs. Next week they will manipulate wire to create a wire sculpture. In history this week, the children explored the question 'Was life the same for everyone on the ship?'. They learnt about the classes and role played how the activities and treatment of the passengers differed.