

# SUNBEAMS NURSERY

# ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege  
Values



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## Newsletter

Term 3 Week 3 | 23.01.2026

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### January 2026

Weds 28<sup>th</sup> - Kic Theatre

Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> - Kic Theatre

#### February 2026

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> - Writing Parent Worksop (9.15am)

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> - Sunbeams Stay and Play (2.15pm)

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> - Whole School Collective Worship (Church 2.45pm)

Weds 11<sup>th</sup> - Sharing the Learning Year R, 1 & 2 (2.45pm)

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> - End of Term 3

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> - Start of Term 4

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> - Whole School Collective Worship (Church 2.45pm)

#### March 2026

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> - World Book Day

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> - Parent Consultations

Weds 25<sup>th</sup> - Parent Consultations

Mon 30<sup>th</sup> - Whole School Collective Worship (Church 2.45pm)

### Would you like to join our Governing Body?

We are looking for a parent to join our enthusiastic and friendly Governing Body. We have a strong skill set already and are therefore reaching out to parents in the hope that we can find a willing parent volunteer to further enhance the team. Based upon skill set this position could be on either the curriculum or finance teams. If you are interested in finding out more, please see the attached flyer or speak to the school office.

### Sunbeams Stay and Play – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

We would like to invite our Sunbeams families to join us at our stay and play session on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 2.15pm**. Please enter via the school office.

### 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 9th February at 2.45pm**

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.



## Community

### Blueprint Arts – Holiday Club



**Details:** The Holiday Club is for 4–11 year olds, at St Mary of Charity Primary School in Faversham. This will run on February 16th, 17th and 18th from 10am–4pm (9am–5pm with wraparound care).

### RAF Manston History Museum – Bricks at the Museum Event



Bricks at the Museum, February half term between the 14<sup>th</sup> and the 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is their biggest event of the year, and the museum is full of Lego and other brick companies, with existing sets and peoples' own original creations. They are also holding a raffle this year, with the prize being a Star Wars Lego set valued at around £300.

## King Alphege Attendance Lion

**King Alphege Attendance Lion**  
King Alphege is awarded to the class with the highest percentage attendance each week



King Alphege Attendance Lion  
W/E 16.01.26  
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**  
Poppy – Seagulls Class



**Outstanding Creativity**  
Harper – Puffins Class



**Legendary Maths**  
Moss – Pearls Class



**Amazing Curriculum**  
Kobi M – Oysters Class



**Retrieval of Learning**  
Orla – Shells Class



**Simcha (Shared Joy)**  
Luna W – Pebbles Class

## Weekly Year Group Recap

### Sunbeams

#### Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have been thinking about position and direction. We sang songs and played Simon Says, moving ourselves or objects into the position 'Simon says' to. We read the story 'What the Ladybird Heard' and noticed the map in the illustrations had arrows showing the direction that Hefty Hugh and Lanky Len were to go in. We then explored direction further using an interactive game on the Smartboard. We had a Helicopter Stories session earlier in the week, where some of the children told their own stories and then we acted them out together. Mrs Memmott explored rhythm and tempo with the children during her music session with us on Tuesday. She also used traffic lights to instruct Sunbeams to play, stop or get ready to play the instruments they each had.

### Year R

#### Mrs Keeble and Mrs Hopkins

We have had another fun filled week in Reception! Our *Drawing Club* story this week was the 'The Train Ride' by June Crebbin. The children chose some brilliant places to travel to on a train, using our vocabulary 'journey' 'all aboard' 'excited' and 'bumpity bumpity' – the children are really challenging themselves with their speaking and writing. In Maths we have been finding the numbers 6, 7 and 8 and in phonics have been continuing to work on blending our sounds and recognising common exception words (the words that are 'trying to trick us'). In music we are learning new songs linked to our topic for this term as well as exploring the differences in pitch and volume of songs and movements. Mrs Memmott played her violin and we responded by moving in time to the music being played. In gymnastics this week we were learning how to roll in different ways safely, some were more tricky than others to master! Next week we have the joy of Ian from KIC theatre coming in to deliver a session with us, we can't wait to share with you next week what we did with him. Therefore, our PE lesson will be on Monday next week instead. Please can all PE kits be in school for Monday please.

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## Year 1

### Mrs O'Keeffe and Mr Mead

This week has absolutely flown by once again! Jam packed with lovely learning, it's been another brilliant week. In Maths, we have been exploring teen numbers in lots of creative ways to really secure our understanding of place value, where the 1 in a teen number represents 10. In English, we discovered interesting facts about the very unusual inventions we have been asking questions about and used this information to write non-fiction facts. Next week, we begin a new Imagination Week, inspired by the story 'Izzy Gizmo' written by Pip Jones. For our History lesson, we welcomed a very special visitor; computer whiz, Mrs Cullen! We asked Mrs Cullen questions about life before and after the internet, which helped us learn more about the pros and cons of how the internet has changed lives. Next week, we will begin to explore how technology has improved our use of maps as we start exploring our big question 'What can you do with an idea?' through Geography. We loved exploring kaleidoscopes in DT which inspired our own designs, retrieving our learning in science and thinking carefully about the purpose of materials we could use to make our own. Next week, we will engage with techniques and materials that will help us make our own working kaleidoscopes to bring home and dazzle our families. In PE, we have been exploring different ways to travel in gymnastics and looking at Tennis in games, focusing on striking a ball. We are sure reading about all the lovely learning we have covered this week has got you all in the right mood for a restful weekend. We look forward welcoming you all back on Monday!

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## Year 2

### Mrs Martin and Mrs Cohen

The children in Seagulls and Puffins have been busy learning all about shape in Maths this week! They focused on 2D shapes and counted sides and vertices before using a ruler to accurately draw 2D shapes. Next week they will find the properties of 3D shapes. In English the children have used incredible vocabulary and skills to use their writing from last week to write a diary entry from 'The Lorax' explaining what has happened to its home and what it's hopes and dreams for the future are. Next week we will immerse ourselves on a new text 'Greta and the Giants' and complete lots of interactive and engaging activities to familiarize ourselves with the story. The children enjoyed mono printing in Art this week and learnt that you can only create one copy in this style! They have loved creating music in computing. This week they worked together to choose instruments, change the tempo and add sound effects to represent an emotion. In PE they have enjoyed learning different types of rolls in gymnastics and how to shoot a hockey ball with accuracy and control. They enjoyed reading case studies in Geography explaining how different environments are affected by climate change. Next week in History, they will compare how human life has changed over time due to climate change and create 'old' worlds. Ian from KIC theatre will be visiting next Wednesday and delivering a drama workshop to each class which is very exciting! Have a lovely weekend.

