

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



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Newsletter

Term 4 Week 5 | 27.03.2026

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March 2026

Mon 30th - Whole School Joint Collective Worship (Church 2.30pm)

Tues 31st – Reception Hearing Screening

April 2026

Weds 1st – Year 1 Trip to Gorrell Valley

Thurs 2nd - End of Term 4

Mon 20th – Start of Term 5

Mon 20th – Whole School Collective Worship (Church 2.45pm)

Weds 29th – Kic Theatre - Year 2

May 2026

Thurs 14th – Class Photos

Mon 18th – Sports Day Sunbeams AM/ Year R, 1 & 2 PM

[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 services at St Alphege Church:

Monday 30th March at 2.30pm Joint Service with the Whitstable and Seasalter Endowed School.

Monday 20th April at 2.45pm



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.

We will return to school afterwards and you can collect your child from school at 3.15pm as usual.



Easter Hat Magical Task

We would like all children to make their own Easter themed hat for a special parade on **Wednesday 1st April**. The children will have the opportunity to wear their hats to school on this day and the whole school will gather after Worship for an Easter celebration of music and creativity!



Year 1 Visit to Gorrell Valley (Duncan Downs)

As part of our Science curriculum, we will be taking the children on a short enrichment visit to Gorrell Valley Nature Reserve (Duncan Downs) on **Wednesday 1st April**. This trip will give the children an opportunity to explore a natural environment and learn more about different plants and trees, helping to support their current learning in Science. During the visit, the children will take part in outdoor exploration activities where they will observe and identify a variety of plants and trees, and discuss how they grow and interact with their environment. The children will travel by mini bus in the morning and will walk back to school after having lunch. A letter has come home with your children today.

Year 1 Swimming Lessons

Year 1 swimming lessons will be starting after Easter on Friday 1st May. Please can your child wear their swimming costume and bring a towel to school in a separate bag. The children will walk to and from the pool and be back at school before lunchtime.



The lessons will be subsidised by the school but we are requesting a contribution of £35.00 payable in advance of the first lesson.

Please pay by cash at the school office or by direct bank payment in to the school bank account. Instalments are available if you would like to spread the cost. Please email the office to advise us that you have made a bank transfer so we can reconcile the payment on the bank statement. If for any reason you are unable to pay or require support with this payment, please contact the office where we will be very happy to help or advise you on your options.

We would also like to offer the opportunity for families to 'pay it forward' by donating an additional amount in order to support more families in our school if they would like to

The children will swim on Friday

**May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd in term 5 and
June 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th term 6.**

There is no swimming on Friday 29th May as this is the half term holiday.

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Open Sessions

Come and see our environment and speak to the teaching staff during our open sessions. Please call to book your place.

Monday 27 th April	3:30pm – 4:15pm
Thursday 21 st May	3:30pm – 4:15pm
Thursday 11 th June	3:30pm – 4:15pm
Monday 29 th June	3:30pm – 4:15pm

We offer 15 hours free provision from 3rd birthday
We have 30 hour places to offer!

Sessions are led by experienced teachers and a highly qualified staff team, in a nurturing and creative environment where children can learn, share, laugh and grow.

Open days in term 5/6:

Morning Session	Mid-Day Session	Afternoon Session
8:30am - 11:30am	11:30am - 12:15pm	12:15pm - 2:15pm

September 2026 Places Available

St Alphege CE Infant School and Sunbeams Nursery, Oxford Street, Wiltshire CT5 1DA
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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 one of our open sessions:

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Thursday 21 st May	3.30pm-4.15pm
Thursday 11 th June	3.30pm-4.15pm
Monday 29 th June	3.30pm-4.15pm

Community

OPEN COCKPIT WEEKEND 2026

11TH & 12TH APRIL | 10AM TO 4PM
RAF MANSTON HISTORY MUSEUM CT12 5DF

Annual Open Cockpit at the Museum event
on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th April



Fire Engine Rides



BOOK HERE



Tank Rides



Climb in the Cockpits



CHARITY NUMBER: 1179982



Museum Entry



info@rafmanston.co.uk



www.rafmanston.co.uk

Subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances including, but not limited to, weather conditions, mechanical breakdowns and shortage of volunteers and/or exhibitors.

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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W/E 20.03.26
Oysters Class -95.2%

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
Aurelia – Pearls Class



Outstanding Creativity
Indi – Puffins Class



Legendary Maths
Esme – Seagulls Class



Amazing Curriculum
Joe – Oysters Class



Retrieval of Learning
Teddy P – Shells Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
Zac – Pebbles Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams Mrs Humphreys

In Sunbeams this week we have been thinking about the properties of shape. We have been using our noticing skills and expanding our vocabulary to describe them, thinking more about what makes a circle a circle or a square a square etc., rather than simply just recognising it as a circle or a square or whichever shape it is we are looking at. In phonics we have been blending sounds together to identify a word and in subitising we have been playing some pretty challenging noticing games which have really got our brains working! On Tuesday morning we travelled by bus to the Whitstable Fire Station. We had an amazing time exploring the fire engine and some of the equipment they use. We even got to squirt the hoses! Aside from being great fun, just as when we met PC Jordon a few weeks ago, it is important that our children learn that should we ever need them, these special grown-ups are there to help us and our community.

Year R
Mrs Keeble and Mrs Hopkins

What another busy week we have had in Reception! We have continued our drawing club work on the book 'Each, Peach, Pear, Plum' and have enjoyed thinking about other nursery rhyme characters we know and remember. We have then used these characters and thought about where they would be to enable us to build stamina with our writing. In Maths we are revisiting the properties of 2D shapes to enable us next week to move onto 3D shapes and their properties. In music we have been thinking about pitch and rests in songs and enjoyed using shaky eggs in our music lesson. In our games lesson for PE we loved using the huge parachute. We had to work together to make the parachute move up and down in different ways and tried to manipulate it with balls or bean bags on it. In RE we have been learning about a little boy called Alejandro who lives in Guatemala and about the Easter traditions that he joins in with, with his family. In singing worship we have been learning lots of songs throughout the term ready for our shared worship at the Church with the Endowed School on Monday afternoon. We look forward to seeing any of you who are able to join us.

Year 1
Mr Mead and Miss Slater

We have had a super week in Year 1 and enjoyed lots of exciting learning. In English we designed and labelled our own healthy houses for 'Creation Week'. We also wrote adjectives to describe our houses and used lots of bossy verbs to tell each other how we made them look so amazing! These will help us with our writing next week in 'Production Week'. In Maths we had lots of fun pouring and measuring amounts of water learning all about capacity and volume. We welcomed a special visitor in Year 1. Rachel is a Nurse and came to talk to the children all about different ways to look after our bodies. This term we have been learning about our health and wellbeing. We discussed how to have a healthy diet and how exercise is good for our body. We did a very funny experiment where we used green paint to show how germs can spread if we don't wash our hands! Rachel taught the children how to put on a bandage to protect us if we have hurt ourselves. It was very fun pretending we had broken our arms! Don't forget there is also an Easter Church Worship on Monday parents are welcome! It was wonderful to talk to so many parents during Parents Evening and we thank you for all your lovely comments!

Year 2
Mrs Martin and Mrs Cohen

Seagulls and Puffins have enjoyed tasting food in English this week! They explored a range of fruits and thought about the tastes that complimented each other. As a group, they then chose ingredients that would make a delicious smoothie. They thought about instruction writing and write down ingredients and equipment and descriptions of their chosen ingredients. Next week, they will make their smoothies and write full instructions on how they did it! In Maths, the children have been measuring using rulers and metre sticks to accurately measure cm and m. They enjoyed going onto the playground and drawing their own lines before measuring them in m and cm. We have all loved seeing subtle signs of Spring which inspired the classes to use their artistic skills of collage and colour mixing to create 'Spring Themed' pictures for our Year 2 corridor. In PE this week, we combined all of our football skills we have learnt this term and had mini matched, showing off of dribbling, attaching, defending and shooting skills! Next week the children will complete lots of Easter themed activities including following clues around to school, code breakers and Easter themed art. We look forward to seeing as many families as possible at Church on Monday afternoon for our joint Easter Service with The Endowed Junior School. Have a wonderful weekend.