



ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

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All Things Christmassy



Christmas Cards

If your child would like to send individual cards to their classmates, friends in other classes or staff members then our school post box will be open from Monday 1st December. **Please ensure the recipients full name and class is clearly written on the envelope** because a group of children, from a different class each day, will be sorting and delivering the cards. We don't want to end up with cards we can't deliver to the correct children because the full name and class are missing from the envelope. The post box will close on Tuesday 16th December. You can find the post box in the corridor between the two Reception classes at the bottom of the Year 2 stairs. Please note, we are unable to give out lists of children's names.



Reception Parent Christmas Craft – Thursday 4th December

Parents and carers of children in Pebbles and Shells classes are invited to join the children for a Christmas craft morning from 9.30am to 10.30am in the school hall on Thursday 4th December.

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 5th December



Friday 5th December is a non-uniform day and in return we would like to ask for donations of **chocolate or bring a bottle** for the tombola at the Christmas Fair. This can range from a bar of chocolate to a bottle of wine. Any chocolate/ bottle item will be appreciated.

Whole School Christmas Church Service - Monday 8th December

All parents are warmly invited to attend our Christmas church service on **Monday 8th 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.



Children's Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 10th December



This year the children will have their Christmas lunch on **Wednesday 10th December**. This will be roast turkey, roast potatoes, stuffing, mini sausage, peas, carrots and gravy plus a festive treat for dessert. Please note there is a vegetarian option available but we are unable to offer jacket potatoes or sandwiches on this day. All meals are free to all children in years R-2. If your child would like to bring their own packed lunch from home perhaps it could include a little festive treat on this day! Sunbeams nursery children who attend on a Wednesday will also be able to have Christmas dinner at the usual cost of £2.00.

Friends Christmas Fair – Thursday 11th December 3.15pm – 5.00pm

Huge thanks to The Friends who are again organising our Christmas Fair with lots of festive fun for all the family. Raffle tickets will be sent home with the children with further information during Term 2. All the money raised will contribute towards arts enrichment activities linked to our 150-year celebrations.



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Cakes for the Christmas Fair

We are asking for contributions of homemade cake/biscuits/sweet treats to sell at our Christmas fair this year. All the money raised will contribute towards arts enrichment activities linked to our 150-year celebrations.



Christmas Jumper Day –Thursday 11th December

This year we are again taking part in the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day. Children can wear a festive jumper instead of their school jumper (all other uniform items to be worn please.) Please do not feel that you have to buy a jumper. You could always add some festive sparkle to a jumper that you already own. We are asking for a monetary donation of £1, however any donations are welcome.



A Special Visit from Father Christmas – Thursday 11th December

We are delighted to say that we are expecting a visit from Father Christmas and his elf on **Thursday 11th December**. He will be hosting “an audience with Father Christmas” in the school hall and each class will visit him to ask questions and hear some festive stories. He has let us know that he may be bringing a special present for each class to enjoy in school.



Christmas Nativities to Parents

All year groups will be performing for parents in the hall. All family members welcome, but please be aware that space could be limited. We look forward to seeing you there.

Monday 15th December at 9.30am
Tuesday 16th December at 9.30am
Wednesday 17th December at 9.30am
Thursday 18th December at 9.30am

Year 2 Nativity
Year 1 Concert
Sunbeams Nativity – (written themselves!)
Year R Nativity

Christmas Year Group Parties

Each year group will have a Christmas party. Please send your child to school in their party clothes on that day. Please ensure these are appropriate for outdoor play! No food items are required.

Thursday 18th December
Friday 19th December
Friday 19th December

Year 1 Party
Year R Party
Year 2 Party



Christmas Party – Sunbeams

We would like to invite all of our Sunbeams into nursery on **Wednesday 17th December** for the morning session 8.30am – 11.30am even if this is not their usual session to come in. We will perform our nativity to parents and then have some Christmas party fun. If your child does not usually attend on Wednesday, please Mrs Humphreys know if your child will join us for this session.

The last day of term is Friday 19th December and we will finish at the normal time of 3.15pm.
We will return to school on Monday 5th January 2026.



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Church Events at Christmastime

St Alphege Church Services

Everyone is welcome to attend the services at St Alphege Church over the Christmas period.

Sunday 30th November – 5.00pm Advent Carol Service

Sunday 14th December – 4.00pm Trees of love Service in partnership with Pilgrims Hospice

Sunday 21st December – 5.00pm Candlelit Service Readings and Carols followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Wednesday 24th December – 4.00pm Crib Service, 11.30pm Midnight Mass

Thursday 25th December - 10.00am Holy Communion

Wednesday 31st December – 2 - 4pm Church open for private prayer

Thursday 1st January – 10.00am Holy Communion



Visit the church website for more service information <https://stalphege.org.uk/services/>



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