

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



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Newsletter

Term 1 Week 2 | 12.09.2025

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[Click here for our School & Nursery Term Dates](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September 2025

October 2025

Tues 7th - Year R NHS NCMP

Mon 13th - Whole School Harvest Service (Church 2.45pm)

Fri 17th - End of Term 1

Mon 27th - Staff Development Day

Tues 28th - Start of Term 2

November 2025

Mon 3rd - Whole School Collective Worship (Church 2.45pm)

December 2025

Mon 8th - Whole School Christmas Service (Church 2.45pm)

Fri 19th - End of Term 2

Welcome Back!

It has been wonderful to welcome our St Alphege family back to school. The buzz of excitement in school has been such a joy to see. All of our children have settled brilliantly into their new classes and we are so proud of how well they have coped with the transition. Our new Reception children are now in school full-time and we have been amazed at how quickly they have settled into their new environments and how confident they have appeared in school. The school is a happy, vibrant place and it is a joy to hear the laughter, singing and chatter. The shared joy of being back together in our school family is uplifting for us all!

Year 1 and Year 2 Choir

Year 1 and 2 choir will run every Tuesday from 8:15am - 8.40am in the Community Room, starting Tuesday 16th September. Children will need to be dropped off at the Diamond Room (previously known as the community/octopus room) patio area where Mrs Memmott will meet them. Time will be limited, please make sure that the children arrive promptly at 8:15am.



Year 2 Swimming Lessons

Year 2 swimming lessons will be starting on Friday 19th September. 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 for all 10 lessons, 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.

The children will swim on Friday
September 19th & 26th and October 3rd, 10th, 17th in term 1 and
October 31st and November 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th in term 2.

There is no swimming on Friday 24th October as this is the half term holiday.

Clubs on offer for Term 1

Achieve Sports Year 1 & 2

Achieve sport clubs will start week commencing Tuesday 23rd September and run for 4 weeks until Thursday 16th October. Achieve sport will be open to Reception in term 2. Letters will come home today via email or you can collect a paper copy from the office foyer.



Tuesday	Year 1 & 2	Dance
Thursday	Year 1 & 2	Football



Music Club Year 1 and Year 2 with Jerome Silsby

Music Club will run after school on a Monday 3.15pm – 4.15pm.
To book please email Jerome Silsby directly jeromesilsby@icloud.com

French Club Year 1 and Year 2 at St Alphege with La Jolie Ronde

French club runs on a Wednesday after school
Please email Vicki at La Jolie Ronde directly to book your child's place.

To book please email Vicki directly lajolierondevicki@gmail.com
<https://www.lajolieronde.co.uk/>



Andrew Parry Music Lessons

Andrew Parry provide music lessons in over 50 schools all across Kent, as well as group rock school workshops and one-to-one lessons outside of school. Please contact Andrew Parry if you would like to book a lesson. Lessons are currently held in school during the school day on a Wednesday. <https://www.andrewparrymusic.com/lessons>

Year 1 and Year 2 Open Classrooms – Wednesday 24th September

On Wednesday 24th September we will be opening up our Year 1 and 2 classes at 3.15pm so that parents can have the opportunity to see their child's new class. This will be an opportunity for your child to show you around their new learning spaces.

We understand that this might not be convenient for everyone so if you would like to come on another day, please speak to your child's class teacher, who will be able to arrange this.

School Tour Dates and Open Morning

Is your child due to start school in September 2026? We warmly invite you to come along to our Saturday Open Day on 1st November or 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.



ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

Tours with Mrs Spinks our Head of School and
Mrs Thomas-Friend our Executive Headteacher

Day	Date	Time
Wednesday	24 th September 2025	9.30am
Wednesday	1 st October 2025	1.30pm
Friday	3 rd October 2025	9.30am
Wednesday	8 th October 2025	1.30pm
Wednesday	29 th October 2025	9.30am
Wednesday	5 th November 2025	9.30am
Friday	7 th November 2025	9.30am
Monday	10 th November 2025	1.30pm
Thursday	13 th November 2025	9.30am
Wednesday	19 th November 2025	9.30am
Friday	21 st November 2025	9.30am
Saturday	1 st November 2025	10.00am – 12.00pm

Please call the office to book onto one of the tours listed. There are limited places on each tour.
We are able to offer alternative dates if you are unable to attend any of the tours available.

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We warmly welcome you to the St Alphege family.



Make something creative
with our Arts Lead

**Our Open
Morning is
on
Saturday
1st
November
2025**



Take part in some Forest
School activities with our
Forest School Teacher!



Wander freely around our
school site, meet our
incredible staff team and see
all the treasures we have to
show you!

Come and see
for yourselves
what our
fabulous school
has to offer!



Join in with a fun music
session with our specialist
Music Teacher, Mrs
Memmott!



Meet our Outstanding
Early Years team and
spend time playing and
exploring in our inspiring
Early Years environments.



**Come and join
the fun between
10:00am and
12:00pm**

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 13th October at 2.45pm (Harvest) - Please send a donation of non-perishable food items with your child to school ready for the Harvest service.

Monday 3rd November at 2.45pm

Monday 8th December at 2.45pm (Christmas Service)

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

Animate Arts POLAR Installation

As many of you will already know, each year we create a new art installation in our entrance hall which is linked to the priorities on the School Development Plan. This year our acronym is POLAR. We will write to you all next week with further details of the school priorities. We are excited to announce that we will again be linking with our long-standing arts partners at Animate Arts Company to create this new display. Jo from Animate Arts has been working alongside each class to gather their ideas and plan the installation. Jo will return on Thursday 18th September to bring all of the children's creations together in our school entrance. We cannot wait to share this with you, so please keep an eye on the school Facebook page, where photographs will be posted over the coming weeks. We will also invite you all in to see it in person once it is complete!

Animate Arts

You will remember that at the end of last academic year, the children created artworks inspired by famous portraits that were hung in our St Alphege gallery. Next week, Jo from Animate Arts Company will be returning to school to work alongside Reception children and groups of children from Years 1 and 2 to create a few additional pieces which will be added to this installation. We will share photographs of the finished pieces on the school Facebook page and we also hope that you will come and see them when you are in school for the open session this term.

Nut Free School

We have several children in school who suffer from nut allergies. Please could I remind everyone that our school and Nursery are "Nut Free Zones". Those children, if they come in contact with a nut product, can suffer life threatening consequences. A child with a nut allergy does not have to eat nuts themselves to react, it sometimes only needs to be a touch from someone who has eaten them. **I cannot stress how important it is for everyone to work with us to ensure the safety of all our children.**



This means that the following items cannot be bought into school or nursery;

- Packs of nuts/any nuts
- Peanut butter sandwiches
- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts
- Cakes made with nuts
- Nutella
- Chocolates
- Baklava
- Nougat
- Biscuits (Check all biscuit labels and if you are not sure please leave it out).

Many foods will contain the wording:

- *May contain traces of nuts*
- *We cannot guarantee that this product does not contain nuts*
- *Produced in a factory which handles nut ingredients*

We do not expect you to avoid all of these foods, just those which directly contain nuts or nut products. Please help us in providing a nut free school, minimising the risk for children as much as possible and assisting those parents who have children who may have a life threatening reaction.

Community

WINGS & WHEELS WEEKEND 2025

| 13TH AND 14TH SEPTEMBER | 10AM TO 4PM |
RAF MANSTON HISTORY MUSEUM CT12 5DF



NO NEED TO BOOK

USUAL MUSEUM ADMISSION PRICES APPLY | RIDE ADMISSION SEPARATE

info@rafmanston.co.uk

www.rafmanston.co.uk



What Three Words - remarried.mornings.pave



Refreshments available

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

MUM & BABY YOGA

AT WHITSTABLE YOGA & WELLBEING CENTRE
WITH LARA PIRAS

4 classes
for £44

WEEKLY CLASSES
EVERY THURSDAY
13:30-14:30

Work on building back your strength while
nourishing your nervous system

- Bond with your baby and stimulate them in new, fun ways
- Meet and connect with other new mamas in the local area

*These classes are suitable for new parents and babies who aren't yet crawling.

BOOK VIA WWW.WYWC.CO.UK | INCLUDED IN ALL PASS OPTIONS

CHATTERBOX

Baby and Toddler Group

St John's Centre,

St John's Rd, CT5 2QU

Fridays 9.00-11am



Toys, toast, crafts, company, healthy snack time, singing and stories

Suggested donation £2 per family

~ drinks and snacks included

No need to book, just come along

All welcome



Come to BLAST afterschool club for children 5 - 11yrs



Who can come?

When?

Where?

How much?

Anyone at primary school - no need to book, just come along!

For more information, contact Jane

07761 463971

jane_andrill2@hotmail.com



Coffee Break

Tuesdays
10am - 12noon
St John's Centre, Swalecliffe

It's a happy social time where much talking takes place!! Tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits are served by a team of volunteers. No charge is made but a small donation towards our costs would be appreciated.

Everyone is welcome

Don't be lonely - come and join us!



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 05.9.25

Pearls Class - 100%

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams Mrs Humphreys

We have had a lovely start to our new nursery year in Sunbeams. It has been great to welcome back our Sunbeams from last year and hear all about the amazing adventures they have had over the summer break. We also really enjoyed welcoming some new members to our Sunbeams community who are settling in marvellously! We have focused on building relationships and learning routines while we play and explore the nursery environment. We had a visit from Animate Art's artist, Jo, who has set us a challenge to make lots of baby penguins and icebergs for the new art installation in the main school foyer.

Year R Mrs Keeble and Mrs Hopkins

Thank you for a fantastic first full week in Reception! We are delighted with how the children are becoming familiar with their new routines, building their resilience, and getting to know their new grown-ups and other children. It has been a pleasure to see their little personalities begin to emerge! We have introduced 'dough disco', which is one of the ways that we develop our fine motor skills. The children have learnt how to pour themselves milk or water at snack time, and we have discussed our school rules and expectations: being ready, respectful and safe. Please could we ask that all children have a named water bottle in school each day and that all items of clothing are named.

Year 1 Mrs O'Keeffe and Mr Mead

What an amazing week we have all had together in Year 1. The children have loved exploring our new text 'The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch' throughout their Imagination week in English. Next week, we will be making sandwiches and using all our fabulous food vocabulary to write instructions. In Maths, the children have been retrieving their knowledge of numbers from 1 to 10 and learning to write them as words. Next week, they will learn how to find one more or one less of a number, and practice how to count backwards. The children have already impressed us with their retrieval of learning in both science and geography lessons where we have been learning about our local community and looking at maps. Next week, they will continue to build on their understanding of the important roles within our community and people who help us. The children loved their special visit from Jo from Animate arts at the end of the week and are super excited to create art work that will contribute to our new school display for next week too! Wishing all our families a joyful and weekend.

Year 2 Mrs Martin and Mrs Cohen

We have had a wonderful week in Year 2! The children have loved reading the story 'Meerkat Mail' throughout our imagination week in English and have completed engaging activities including making suitcases, creating postcards and packing their suitcases. Next week we will be thinking about the impact adjectives have on a sentence and describing a chosen setting as well as using verbs to explain what they can do in their setting. In Maths, we have been focusing on place value and recapping how to partition tens and ones to use next week when we partition two digit numbers up to 99. In Geography, we learnt all about climate and discussed how the climate may differ in each continent. We plotted this on a world map as a class and thought about which animals may live where and why. We had an exciting visit from Animate Arts and are very much looking forward to creating the art work next week which will be added to our new entrance display in school! Swimming starts next week on Friday. Seagulls will be leaving school at 9am and Puffins will be leaving at 9.30am. Please remember swimming kits on this day! Have a wonderful weekend.
