

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



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Newsletter

Term 5 Week 1 | 24.04.2026

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April 2026

Mon 27th – **Seagulls Class Visit to Duncan Downs**
Tues 28th – **Puffins Class Visit to Duncan Downs**
Weds 29th – **Kic Theatre - Year 2**

May 2026

Fri 1st – **Morris Men Visit**
Fri 1st – **Sunbeams Stay and Play (2.15pm)**
Mon 11th – **Whole School Collective Worship (Church 2.45pm)**
Thurs 14th – **Class Photos**
Mon 18th – **Sports Day Sunbeams AM/ Year R, 1 & 2 PM**
Weds 20th – **Sharing the Learning Year R-2 (2.45pm)**

June 2026

Mon 8th – **Whole School Collective Worship (Church 2.45pm)**
Tues 9th – **PAC Performance (Whitstable Playhouse)**
Fri 19th – **Friends Father's Day Shop**
Fri 26th – **Non Uniform in aid of Summer Tombola**

July 2026

Weds 1st – **Sharing the Learning & meet your new teacher (2.30pm)**
Thurs 2nd – **Whitstable Transition Morning**
Mon 6th – **The Friends Summer Fair**
Thurs 16th – **Year 2 Leavers Service (Church 2.15pm)**

Year 2 Visits to Duncan Downs

Year 2 will be visiting Duncan Downs next week for their Science lesson. We will be joined by our Forest School Leader, Mr Thomas-Friend to observe the wide range of micro habitats and learn more about the variety of trees and plants in the area.

Seagulls class will be visiting Duncan Downs on **Monday 27th April**

Puffins class will be visiting Duncan Downs on **Tuesday 28th April**

Both classes will be walking to and from Duncan Downs. Although we are all hoping for lovely sunshine, please make sure your child comes to school with a coat and appropriate shoes, if necessary, for the day of their trip.

Year 1 Swimming Lessons

Year 1 swimming lessons will be starting next week 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.



Sunbeams Stay and Play Session

We would like to invite our Sunbeams families to join us at our stay and play session on Friday 1st May at 2:15pm. Please enter via the school office.

Sports Day – Monday 18th May

Sunbeams – from 9.30am

Sunbeams Sports Day will start at 9:30am in the main school playground. If your Sunbeams child would not normally be in on a Monday morning, please feel free to come along with them at 9:30am to join in with us. Please send your children to nursery in footwear/clothing that they are able to move freely in and with sun lotion applied.



Year R, 1 and 2

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Day will start at 1.30pm. Please enter via the front gates where you will be shown through to the Whitstable Junior School playground. Please send your children to school in their school uniform. They will have time to change into their PE kit after lunch. Please make sure your children have their PE kit in school on the Monday.



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 11th May at 2.45pm

Monday 8th June (Those in PAC will not attend) 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.

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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 daily in term time

Morning Session	Mid-Day Session	Afternoon Session
8:30am – 11:30am	11:30am – 12:15pm	12:15pm – 3:15pm

September 2026 Places Available

St Alphege CE Infant School and Sunbeams Nursery, Oxford Street, Whitstable CTS IDA
04127 27977 nursery@st-alphege-isc.co.uk
www.st-alphege-isc.co.uk www.facebook.com/whitstable

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

Clubs on offer for Term 5

After School Music Club – Year R, 1 & 2

After School Music Club started on Monday 20th April and runs for 10 weeks until Monday 6th July. The club runs from 3.15pm-4.15pm. Pick up is from the main office front doors. Please book directly with Jerome Silsby at jermonesilsby@icloud.com



Achieve Sports – Year R, 1 & 2

Achieve sports clubs started this week and will run until Thursday 21st May. The clubs run from 3.15pm-4.15pm. Pick up is from the front gates.

Tuesday Year R, 1 & 2
Thursday Year R, 1 & 2

Athletics
Dodgeball

French Club – Year 1 and Year 2

French Club started on Wednesday 22nd April and run until Wednesday 24th June. The club runs from 3.20pm-3.50pm. Pick up is from the main office front doors. Please contact Vicki directly at lajolierondevicki@gmail.com



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 and a Thursday.

<https://www.andrewparrymusic.com/lessons>

Dot Kids After School Art Clubs – Year R, 1 & 2

Dot Club runs weekly on a Thursday and a Friday from 3.15pm -4.15pm. Pick up is from the main office front doors.

Book via the following links:



<https://dotkids.co.uk/pages/thursday-dot-kids-after-school-art-club-at-st-alphege-infants-school-whitstable>

<https://dotkids.co.uk/pages/friday-dot-kids-after-school-art-club-at-st-alphege-infants-school-whitstable>



Creepy Claws After School Animal Club – Year R, 1 & 2

Creepy Claws will start on Friday 24th April and run until 22nd May. The club runs from 3.15pm-4.15pm. Pick up is from the main office front doors. Please contact Creepy Claws directly to book your space.

creepyclawsclub@gmail.com

Community

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Social Club

SATURDAY 6TH MAY
18.30 - 20.30

THE HORSEBRIDGE
ARTS CENTRE,
WHITSTABLE, CT5 1AF

BUY ONE £25 TICKET AND
BRING A FRIEND ON US!

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BOOK EMAIL
SHIFT.BARRE@GMAIL.COM

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faversham  £35 per day

arts 

holiday club

May 26th, 27th, 28th

* St Mary of Charity Primary School
* 10am - 4pm
* Or +£5 for 9am - 5pm

Suitable for
all primary
aged children 



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 –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
Arabella – Pebbles Class



Outstanding Creativity
William – Seagulls Class



Legendary Maths
Teddy Mo- Shells Class



Amazing Curriculum
Magnolia – Pearls Class



Retrieval of Learning
Freya – Oysters Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
Evie – Puffins Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams Mrs Humphreys

It has been lovely to welcome our Sunbeams back after the Easter break and to hear about all of the lovely things they have been up to. We have been mark making in response to the memories we have shared, which will be displayed in the nursery. We have also had some new Sunbeams join us so we have been re-establishing routines with all our Sunbeams, with some of our more seasoned members taking our newest Sunbeams under their wings. On Thursday morning, we visited St Alphege Church and Rev Rachel shared with us the Easter Story in an age-appropriate way. We really enjoyed looking at the stained-glass windows in the church that also show depictions of the story. As we move into the warmer (hopefully) and sunnier weather, please remember to put sun screen on your child before their session. We are happy to top up later in the day if you hand in some sun screen for them with us.

Year R
Mrs Keeble and Mrs Hopkins

What an exciting week we have had back in Reception for the start of Term 5. The children have been buzzing with news of their adventures over the Easter break and have enjoyed being back in school with their friends. During Term 5 we will be thinking about 'Our World' and the learning question 'I wonder if the seaside is the same everywhere?' We have introduced the book 'The Snail and the Whale' as part of our Drawing Club and English focus, learning the vocabulary smooth, shore, speedboat and tide. The children have drawn pictures of the beach and written lists of what they might see at the beach. We then walked to beach to see what we could see at our beach to inspire our writing next week. In Maths this week we have been starting to think about teen numbers, working on recognising, counting and ordering numbers 10 – 15 in a range of different ways. In RE we have started to think about World Faiths and will spend the next two terms learning about different religions and thinking about the special stories that they love. This term in our PE lessons we will be focusing on athletic skills as we get ready for our School Sports Day at the end of this term.

Year 1
Mr Mead, Mrs O'Keeffe and Mrs Slater

It has been so lovely to be back together again after the Easter break. It has been an eventful week for our Year 1 teachers with Mrs O'Keeffe joining Oysters again and also Mr Mead's latest family member being born into the world! We have been learning some very interesting things this week. In English we have been immersing ourselves in all things Paddington. We have been reading about all of his adventures and role playing how he might have felt in each scenario. We have also been thinking about all the places that are important to Paddington; from Peru in South America where he came from to London and the home of the Brown family who found him at Paddington station and decided to look after him. In Geography we reminded ourselves of each of the 4 countries that make up the United Kingdom and learned about their flags and capital cities. In Maths, we have been counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and also making equal groups of these numbers. It has been fun to draw big numberlines on the playground and jump while we count! We started a new experiment in our Science lesson to see what plants need to grow and we made predictions of what would happen to the seeds we planted in different conditions. We have been making the most of the lovely weather with lots of outdoor play and as well as starting our new block of athletics in PE. In Art, we have started learning about textiles and weaving. We made some beautiful pieces of woven paper art which were quite tricky to do but very satisfying when they were finished.

Year 2
Mrs Martin and Mrs Cohen

It has been a wonderful week back in Year 2 after the Easter break and the children have loved seeing their friends and playing with each other again! We began our new learning based on 'Global Explorers' and began by recapping our local area of Whitstable by focusing on discovering why Whitstable is well-known for its oysters. The children visited the beach and looked at the environment to understand what oysters need to survive and how our beach is suitable for them. They then collected oyster shells and built their own grotto before returning the shells safely. Next week the children will look into the history of the oyster festival – how it started and how it has changed over time. In Maths, they have been using balance scales to weigh the mass of different objects using cubes and comparing them using the vocabulary heavier than, lighter than or equal to. We began a new text this week – 'The boy, his dog and the sea'. Throughout our imagination week, the children acted out parts of the story, explored sand, water, shells and stones and gathered feeling, emotion and describing vocabulary to help with their learning next week. Next week, the children will be visiting Duncan Downs as part of their Science learning about plants. Seagulls will be going on Monday morning and Puffins will be going on Tuesday morning. Children can wear suitable footwear to school on that day. The children also have a drama workshop with Ian from KIC theatre next week which we are all very much looking forward to! Have a lovely weekend.