

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

# ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege  
Values



Koinonia

Loved, Inspired, Shining

## Newsletter

Term 4 Week 4 | 20.03.2026

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### March 2026

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> – Parent Consultations in Person – 4-7pm  
Weds 25<sup>th</sup> – Parent Consultations Virtual – 2-5pm  
Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> – Easter Tombola Non- Uniform Day  
Fri 27<sup>th</sup> – Friends Easter Tombola (after school)  
Mon 30<sup>th</sup> – Whole School Joint Collective Worship (Church 2.30pm)  
Tues 31<sup>st</sup> – Reception Hearing Screening

#### April 2026

Weds 1<sup>st</sup> – Year 1 Trip to Gorrell Valley  
Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> – End of Term 4  
Mon 20<sup>th</sup> – Start of Term 5  
Mon 20<sup>th</sup> – Whole School Collective Worship (Church 2.45pm)  
Weds 29<sup>th</sup> – Kic Theatre - Year 2

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

### Empathy Week

Empathy Week has been a fantastic opportunity for our children to understand and explore how we can develop empathy both for ourselves and others through this festival of film, storytelling and events which we have thoroughly enjoyed! Through the various activities this week we have been able to view the experiences of others, sometimes those from different cultures or backgrounds and sometimes through short character animations which have enabled us to experience empathy. We have had some incredibly meaningful discussions with even the very youngest members of our community within the safe space we have created for them here at St Alphege. We are incredibly proud of how our children have engaged with the opportunities Empathy Week has offered them. We do hope your children have been able to come home and discuss some of the stories we have heard over the week.

### Parent Consultations

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – In Person Appointments (School Hall) 4pm-7pm

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March - Video Appointments 2pm-5pm

The booking system will close at 7pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, you will be unable to book via the online system after this time.

### **In Person Appointment Information:**

On Monday, please enter via the main school office entrance and make your way into the hall where you can take a seat and wait for your class teacher. Please do not arrive any sooner than 10 minutes before your appointment. Appointments will run strictly to 10-minute slots. Please exit the school via the front gates. Please note class work books won't be available during the evening, however there will be a sharing the learning during term 5, where you will get the opportunity to look at your child's work.

Parents  
Consultation



### Easter Tombola Non-Uniform Day

We will be holding a non-uniform day on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March** in exchange for an Easter Chocolate item for our Chocolate tombola. The Friends will be holding the chocolate tombola after school on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**.



### 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 30<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm** Joint Service with the Whitstable and Seasalter Endowed School.

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 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

This year we are reintroducing our Easter hat parade! We would like all children to make their own Easter themed hat for a special parade on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> 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! Please see the poster emailed home today.



### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> in term 5 and  
June 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> term 6.**

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

## Reminder of School Hours

Gates will be open at **8.20am**

Class doors open at **8.35am** and children should be in school when the register is taken at **8.45am**

Class doors close at **8.45am**

Gates will open again at 3pm ready for a **3.15pm** finish.



## Punctuality Really Counts

A late mark in the register **after 9.15am** will count as an **unauthorised absence**. If your child is late they will miss key learning and instructions at the start of the day. This may cause your child to fall behind, feel anxious or emotional and can be disruptive for the rest of the class.

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ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

### 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 <sup>th</sup> April	3:30pm – 4:15pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	3:30pm – 4:15pm
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	3:30pm – 4:15pm
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	3:30pm – 4:15pm

We offer 15 hours free provision from 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: 8.30am - 11.30am	Mid-Day Session: 11.30am - 1.15pm	Afternoon Session: 1.15pm - 3.15pm
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September 2026 Places Available

St Alphege CE Infant School and Sunbeams Nursery, Oxford Street, Withnail, CT15 1DA  
01237 279777 [admin@st.alphege.ce.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st.alphege.ce.sch.uk)  
[www.st.alphege.ce.sch.uk](http://www.st.alphege.ce.sch.uk) [www.sunbeams.com/sunbeams](http://www.sunbeams.com/sunbeams)

## 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:

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	3.30pm-4.15pm
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Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	3.30pm-4.15pm
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## Community

**LOUIE'S HELPING HANDS**

### Come along to our Accessible Family Fun Mornings!

9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Enjoy a morning of fun, connection, and play in a safe and fully accessible playground.  
Bring your own drinks, snacks and Hoist slings, if needed.

Join us for **FREE**.  
Donation to Louie's helping hands is welcome.  
To book your space contact Emily:  
[emilyanderson@thellewellyn.school](mailto:emilyanderson@thellewellyn.school)

**Dates:**  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April

**Location:**  
Llewellyn School  
Quax Park  
Birtlington  
CT7 0BB

## King Alphege Attendance Lion

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



King Alphege Attendance Lion  
W/E 13.03.26  
**Pebbles Class –98.2%**

## 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**  
Zizi -Pearls Class



**Outstanding Creativity**  
Arte – Pebbles Class



**Legendary Maths**  
Rory – Shells Class



**Amazing Curriculum**  
Evie – Puffins Class



**Retrieval of Learning**  
Oli R – Oysters Class



**Simcha (Shared Joy)**  
George V – Seagulls Class

## Weekly Year Group Recap

### Sunbeams

### Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have really enjoyed our Empathy Week activities which have helped us to understand that we can have empathy for ourselves and empathy for others. Each day we have watched a short clip that helped us to think about how someone else feels and why they might feel that way. We have also used our Colour Monster to help us identify and talk about our own feelings and why we might feel a particular way. We have had some lovely discussions with the children this week as a result. We have also been doing lots of different activities to help promote our fine motor skills, such as using tweezers to pick up (wool) worms and creating patterns using small buttons. We have been using our listening skills to distinguish between the different initial sounds of words when sorting a selection of objects into two groups. We have enjoyed the warmer weather during the latter part of this week, playing in the sand pit and digging trenches in the mud area that have then been filled with water!

Year R  
Mrs Keeble and Mrs Hopkins

What a lovely week of fun and learning we have had in Reception! We have had Empathy Week this week in school. We have used video clips and the colour monster feelings to help us begin to understand other people's feelings and how we can adapt our behaviour and be aware of others, finishing off the week with Red Nose Day. In Drawing club we have been focusing on the book 'Each, Peach, Pear, Plum.' We have been looking closely at the characters and the pictures in the book to inspire us with our writing. In Maths we learnt that 'double' means 'when we add the same number' – perhaps your child can tell you e.g. 'Double 2 is \_\_\_\_ (4) or 'Double 5 is \_\_\_\_' (10). In music we are continuing to learn new songs and practised using silence (a rest) in music as we sang and moved to different spring and easter songs. In RE we are learning about how Easter is celebrated around the world, looking at the similarities and differences in Christian traditions across the globe. Please could all PE kits be in school on Monday as PE will be that afternoon due to Parent Consultations on Wednesday.

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Year 1  
Mr Mead and Miss Slater

Wow, what a busy week in Year 1! This week was Empathy Week and each day we have had different activities and discussions about what it means to show empathy. We have been trying to show care for people and things this week. Each day we looked at a different story and discussed our emotions and what we can learn from the stories. We have also loved seeing our sunflowers start to grow and caring for them in our classrooms. In Maths we have really enjoyed being introduced to measure and learning about height, width and length. We have been using cm rulers to measure how long different items are inside and outside. In English we have continued to look at traditional tales. This week we read Hansel and Gretel. To explore the story in our imagination week we made some ginger bread just like the house found in the woods! On Friday we loved dressing up in our red clothes. We explored lots of fun red nose day activities and learnt lots about the charity which linked in beautifully with our Empathy week learning! We hope you have a wonderful weekend, see you next week for another exciting week in Year 1!

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Year 2  
Mrs Martin and Mrs Cohen

Another fun filled week has been had in Year 2 this week! The children have been absolutely incredible when finding multiplication and division facts in Maths – they worked so hard on using an array to count the rows and columns before using their 2- and 5- times table to find the total. Next week they will be learning about measuring length and height in centimeters and meters. In Imagination week in English, the children explored the text 'Lunchbox' – a non-fiction book which explain the journey a variety of foods make before we can eat them! The children explored empty packaging and acted as detectives to find out what the ingredients were and thought about where it all came from. Next week, they will focus on combinations of food and how they complement each other by taste testing and deciding on ingredients they would like to use to make a smoothie! The children will then create a story map of instructions! In History this week, the children learnt all about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole and the impact they had on the hospitals. They passed 'glitter germs' around to see how quickly germs spread and discussed the importance of handwashing and thought about how incredible the work of the significant figures was for our health care. It has been empathy week this week in school and the children have taken part in lots of different activities and learnt about the lives of others and discussed the importance of accepting and understanding other people for who they are. Thank you for your donations for Red Nose Day – we hope you all have a wonderful weekend!