

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



Koinonia

Loved, Inspired, Shining

Newsletter

Term 1 Week 5 | 03.10.2025

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October 2025

Tues 7th - Year R NHS NCMP
Weds 8th - Reception Parent Drop in 9am
Mon 13th - Whole School Harvest Service (Church 2.45pm)
Tues 14th - Parent Consultations - **PUFFINS** only
Weds 15th - Parent Consultations - All Classes -
Excluding **OYSTERS**
Thurs 16th - Parent Consultations - Excluding **PUFFINS** and **OYSTERS**
Fri 17th - Non-Uniform in aid of Riverside
Fri 17th - End of Term 1
Mon 27th - Staff Development Day
Tues 28th - Start of Term 2
Tues 28th - Parent Consultations - **OYSTERS** only
Thurs 30th - Parent Consultations - **OYSTERS** only

November 2025

Sat 1st - Open Morning for 2026 Reception
Mon 3rd - Whole School Collective Worship (Church 2.45pm)
Mon 10th - Flu Immunisations
Tues 11th - Individual and sibling photos
Fri 14th - Non-Uniform in aid of Children in Need

December 2025

Mon 8th - Whole School Christmas Service (Church 2.45pm)
Fri 19th - End of Term 2

Tuesday 14th October: Between 2.00pm and 4.30pm - **PUFFINS** class only
Wednesday 15th October: Between 3.30pm and 7.00pm - All classes excluding **OYSTERS**
Thursday 16th October: Between 2.00pm and 4.30pm - All classes excluding **PUFFINS** and **OYSTERS**
Tuesday 28th October: Between 3.30pm and 7.00pm - **OYSTERS** class only
Thursday 30th October: Between 2.00pm and 4.30pm - **OYSTERS** class only

All Wrapped Up - Non-Uniform day Friday 17th October

We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 17th October and asking for a monetary donation of £1 to support the Riverside project. If you would like to give more than £1 any additional donations big or small are welcome.

All Wrapped Up is a project of Riverside Church working with our local schools and partners to provide Christmas presents, food vouchers and treat bags to families in need.



Last year at their free 'Winter Wonderland' they were able to provide presents for over 550 children, with over 200 families receiving food vouchers and treat bags to feed over 800 people.

Riverside are open between 10am and 4pm Monday – Friday, if anyone wishes to donate any new toys that can be added to their Christmas collection. Alternatively, they can be dropped off at the Tesco Extra Whitstable. All Wrapped Up can be voted for your local Tesco stores by using the blue tokens. This will enable Riverside to receive a grant for the All Wrapped Up project.

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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'Loved, Inspired, Shining'
We warmly welcome you to the St Alphege family.



Make something creative
with our Arts Lead



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!



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.

We are a vibrant
and creative
school who
celebrate
childhood.

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

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

**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.

Community



Team Theme will be bringing their Halloween-themed holiday camp to St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Whitstable

<https://www.teamthemekent.co.uk/holiday-camps>

10% OFF all bookings with code **SCARY10** (valid until **6th October 2025**).



Modelfest At The Museum

<https://www.rafmanston.co.uk/event/model-fest-at-the-museum/>

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 26.9.25
Seagulls Class – 97.7%

Weekly Awards

Introducing Our New Whole School Awards!

Our awards this year represent our School Development priorities: POLAR and Simcha (Shared Joy). The children have been busy designing our new stickers to accompany each of the areas of our School Plan. It was a very difficult choice, as their drawings were all brilliant, but we have settled on the final six below. Each class nominate one child to celebrate their achievements each week and their names will be added to the weekly newsletter.



Powerful Writing
Finley – Seagulls Class



Outstanding Creativity
Stanley – Pearls Class



Legendary Maths
Isla – Puffins Class



Amazing Curriculum
Oliver – Shells Class



Retrieval of Learning
Orla – Oysters Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
Jude – Pebbles Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have been exploring lots of different activities to promote our fine motor development. We have been using tweezers or making pincer movements simply with our fingers in different contexts such as when retrieving and transporting pulses for a purpose. We are beginning to recognise the value in writing our own names and many of our Sunbeams are already making good attempts at writing their name on any pieces of art work they produce! We have been talking about how our facial expressions can let others know how we are feeling. We practiced pulling different faces and talked about the things that make us feel happy, angry, sad or scared. We have enjoyed a lot of water play this week, exploring concepts of capacity and force through our play and getting very wet in the process! Please make sure you pack plenty of spare clothes for your child just in case they need to change following their water play.

Year R
Mrs Keeble and Mrs Hopkins

We have had a brilliant week in Year R. The children are enjoying learning to read (this week, remembering the sounds g, o, c and k) and are continuing to practise blending sounds to read words such as d-o-g and p-o-t. In maths this week we have been sorting by size and ordering three items in size order. In *Heartsmart* the children talked about how we can tell how someone is feeling from their facial expressions and then we practised it with our friends. In RE, the children learnt about what Christians believe about where the world came from and they drew, painted and made parts of the creation story. The children loved their first full PE lesson in the hall where they explored balancing and moving their bodies in different ways. They were amazing at getting themselves changed independently. Some children even managed to undo their buttons by themselves and said they had been practising at home! Please make sure your child has a named PE kit in school at all times; our next PE lesson is on Wednesday. Wednesday 8th October is the Reception 'drop in', 9am in the hall.

Year 1
Mrs O'Keeffe and Mr Mead

It's been another exciting week of learning in Year 1. The children have learnt how to use inequality symbols to compare numbers and values in Maths. Next week, they will learn about ordering objects based on their value before exploring the many wonderful uses of a number line! For our Imagination week in English, we have been exploring our big question this term 'How has Whitstable changed over time?' The children have been looking at and comparing lots of different historical artefacts including maps, old pictures and quotes. They role played the life of a Victorian child living in Whitstable and enjoyed their visit to the museum too. We also started to learn about the Whitstable flood of 1953, which will inspire their historical setting descriptions next week. The children all enjoyed a very exciting Science experiment this week too, testing which materials would be best in a flood. They explored the use of absorbent and waterproof materials and created their old flood barriers for model houses to test their materials out. Next week they will begin to make mini flip books, describing the materials we have learnt this term and demonstrating their knowledge. In O.O.A the children continued to build on their team work, listening and communication skills playing parachute games outside in the lovely weather this week. Next week, they will be learning how to play dodgeball, developing their throwing and aiming skills. It's been a wonderful week and we are so proud of our year one children this term so far! **Can we politely ask parents and careers to be mindful of children coming to school with fiddle toys, bracelets or large toy key-rings. We appreciate these items hold importance for your children, however they also add to distraction from their learning and cause issues if they are lost or broken!** Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Year 2
Mrs Martin and Mrs Cohen

This week in Year 2 the children have blown their teachers away with their incredible poetry! The children have been playing lots of rhyming games and exploring how poems have a rhythm and beat. They then used this to create a poem, linking their learning about Amelia Earhart and the continents to create a rhyming poem! Next week they will begin the 'Creation week' based on the story 'Emma Jane's Aeroplane' and part of the story each day, thinking closely about the characters and plot. In Maths this week the children have been comparing and ordering numbers – they have been fantastic at using the inequality symbols to show which numbers are greater or less. Next week the maths learning will be focussing in counting in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s! In art this week the children used their learning about how to create form and explored the use of different pencils to create tone. They drew circles and shaded them in using chosen pencils to make them look 3D! Next week the children will all complete a 'Dot' based on the story 'The Dot'. These will all add to a whole school display. In History the children have been thinking about how planes have changed over time. Next week they will learn about another explorer – Christopher Columbus and why he is significant. We would love to have as much recycling next week to do lots of junk modelling in some of our learning – if you have any at home, please can you bring it in after the weekend! Have a lovely weekend.