

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



Koinonia

Loved, Inspired, Shining

Newsletter

Term 5 Week 3 | 8.5.2026

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May 2026

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)
Fri 22nd - End of Term 5

June 2026

Mon 1st - SDD (School Closed)
Tues 2nd - Start of Term 6
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)
Fri 17th - End of Term 6

Class Photos

Vancols photographers will be in school on Thursday 14th May to take class photos. If your child is in Sunbeams and doesn't attend on a Thursday morning, but would like to be in the class photo, please bring them to the school office for 9am.

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.

The Friends Association will be selling soft drinks and strawberries and cream. Don't forget to bring some change along with you.



Sharing the Learning – Year R, 1 & 2

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes will be open to parents and carers on **Wednesday 20th May** from 2.45pm for a **sharing the learning session**. This will be an opportunity to see your child's classroom environment and to see their amazing learning. Please enter through the front gates. Thank you.



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 23 rd 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!

September 2026 Places Available

St Alphege CE Infant School and Sunbeams Nursery, Oxford Street, Whitstable CT8 8BA
01227 270073 sunbeams@stalphegece.sch.uk
www.stalphegece.sch.uk

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:

Thursday 21 st May	3.30pm-4.15pm
Thursday 11 th June	3.30pm-4.15pm
Monday 29 th June	3.30pm-4.15pm

Community

CURIOUS ABOUT BARRE FITNESS?

COME AND FIND OUT WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT AT OUR EXTENDED BARRE FITNESS PRACTICE & SOCIAL

SHIFT

Social Club

SATURDAY 9TH MAY
18.30 - 22.30

THE HORSEBRIDGE ARTS CENTRE, WHITSTABLE, CT8 1AF

BUY ONE CBS TICKET AND BRING A FRIEND ON US!

FOR MORE INFO AND TO BOOK EMAIL: SHIFT.BARRE@GMAIL.COM

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FEEL THE THRILL OF SPEED AT OUR RC RACE & DISPLAY!
WATCH HIGH-PERFORMANCE RADIO-CONTROLLED VEHICLES IN ACTION, ENJOY STUNNING DISPLAYS, AND EVEN BRING YOUR OWN RC TO JOIN THE FUN. A GREAT WEEKEND OUT FOR ALL AGES!

RAE MANSTON HISTORY MUSEUM

RC RACE AND DISPLAY

10AM-4PM

ADULTS: £3
CHILDREN: £1.50
EVENT ENTRANCE ONLY

OPTIONAL ONLINE BOOKING AVAILABLE

30TH & 31ST MAY 2026

ANY QUESTIONS EMAIL: INFO@RAFMANSTON.CO.UK

SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, WEATHER CONDITIONS, MECHANICAL BREAKDOWNS AND SHORTAGE OF VOLUNTEERS AND/OR EXHIBITORS

faversham

arts holiday club

£35 per day

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



King Alphege Attendance Lion
W/E 01.05.26
Pearls Class –99.3%

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
Amelia- Puffins Class



Outstanding Creativity
Oliver - Seagulls Class



Legendary Maths
Evie S – Pearls Class



Amazing Curriculum
Frankie - Oysters Class



Retrieval of Learning
James - Shells Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
Hope - Pebbles Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have begun to prepare our beans for germination! We have each popped a bean into a pot with some cotton wool and talked about what our beans will need to thrive. We have learned that they will need water, sunlight and warmth and with this in mind we have placed our pots in the conservatory to observe as the changes we hope will happen, take place. We have also placed a couple of beans in their pots in the cupboard so that we can see what difference having no sunlight will have on their growth. We have continued to explore colour mixing which has encouraged the children to make predictions about what might happen when mixing different colours as well as testing these predictions and/or simply exploring the process. We have played lots of different musical games this week, not only with Mrs Memmott on Tuesday, but also when playing parachute games and when carrying out some of our phonics activities. Not only is this a lot of fun, but it helps develop our listening and attention skills as well as supporting us to manage ourselves.

Year R
Mrs Keeble and Mrs Hopkins

This week for Drawing Club we had a slightly different focus of a book with no words called 'Flotsam.' The children were fascinated by the images in the book and were able to talk in detail about what they could see. They then used their phonic knowledge to write a dictated sentence, developing the practice of holding the words in their heads to then write down. In Maths we have been using our maths knowledge to help us combine two single digit numbers, beginning to learn different maths symbols and writing simple number sentences in our maths books. In RE we have continued to think about which stories are important to Jewish people and why, focusing this week on the story of Jonah. Please could we ask that you check that all clothing items are named, especially jumpers and cardigans, as they are often taking them off as the weather improves, many thanks.

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

It's amazing how much has happened in only 4 days this week! We continued our Journey across the UK, this time visiting Wales. We were particularly lucky to have our very own native Welshman – Mr Thomas-Friend – visit us too! He shared his lucky Welsh memorabilia with us, taught us how to count to ten and read us a story in Welsh too! Next week we will be visiting Scotland. If there are any parents who are skilled in playing the **bagpipes** and would be interested in playing for us in school, please speak to Mrs O'Keeffe or Mr Mead! In Maths, we have been retrieving our learning of doubles and making connections between counting in 2's and sharing into equal groups. All this amazing learning is helping build our knowledge of multiplication and division and we encourage any counting in 2's, 5's and 10's at home to help! Next week we will be exploring fractions of shapes and objects, before learning how to find a half or quarter of a value. This week in PE we continued to build on our skills in athletics and learnt how to improve throwing for distance and accuracy. We are looking forward to sharing our amazing athletics skills with our families and friends on Sports day in a few weeks' time! Next Wednesday, we will be looking forward to welcoming Year 1 children from Littlebourne Primary School to visit us for an exciting and creative day of outdoor learning at Whitstable Beach. We are learning about textiles in Art this term, and will be designing and making our own printed T-Shirts. Can each child please bring in a spare plain, light coloured t-shirt by Monday 18th. T-shirts will be used to print and stick their colourful textiles designs on to be worn with pride at home! Wishing our children and families a warm and bright weekend.

Year 2
Mrs Martin and Mrs Cohen

Year 2 have had another fantastic week! They have been absolutely incredible authors during their production week and have written the most beautiful narratives based on the text 'The boy, his dog and the sea'. The children thought carefully about parts of the story to change and make their own and they have been inspiring to read! In Maths, they thought about the difference between volume and capacity and started the week by bursting balloons filled with water before measuring the volume in ml. Next week, they will focus on telling the time to the hour, half past, quarter past and quarter to. In Art this week, the children learnt simple sewing techniques as part of our textiles unit. They used felt to cut out the shape of a flower and sewed petals together. We will build on this next week and sew on more detail!

A few things for next week:

- Please bring in old clothes and shoes that you don't mind getting powder paint on by Thursday. We will be learning about Holi festival and will be throwing powder paint on the playground to represent the festival of colour.
- Please bring a plain, white t-shirt (washed, if it is new). In the final week of term we will be tie dying our t-shirts in art.
- Please bring in an object that is special to your child on Tuesday (first teddy, special ornament, photo of a special place). We will be learning about the importance of objects in RE.

Thank you for your support! Have a wonderful weekend.