

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



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Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March 2026

Fri 20th – Comic Relief Non-Uniform Day
Mon 23rd – Parent Consultations in Person – 4-7pm
Weds 25th – Parent Consultations Virtual – 2-5pm
Thurs 26th – Easter Tombola Non-Uniform Day
Fri 27th – Friends Easter Tombola (after school)
Mon 30th – Whole School Joint Collective Worship (Church 2.30pm)
Tues 31st – Reception Hearing Screening

April 2026

Weds 1st – Year 1 Trip to Gorrell Valley (Duncan Downs)
Thurs 2nd – End of Term 4
Mon 20th – Start of Term 5

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

The Friends Mother's Day Shopping Event



It was so lovely to see so many children take part in the Friends Mother's Day shopping event. We hope you all enjoy the lovely gifts that your children have picked for their chosen people. It was a huge success and we are very excited to inform you that we have raised an amazing total of £233.50 (after costs) which will contribute towards arts enrichment activities. We would also like to say a big thank you to Hydie who organised the event and to Emma, Andrea and Ruth who volunteered their time to help Hydie run the event on the day.

Wrap Around Care and Sunbeams Invoices

As we are approaching the end of the financial year, we kindly request that all wrap around care and sunbeams invoices are paid by **Friday 20th March**.

Playground Equipment

Thank you to all of our families who have donated materials for the re-imagining of our playground. You may have noticed different types of resources appearing in the playground as part of this exciting development. To ensure the safety of all children and to help us maintain and manage these materials appropriately, we kindly ask that families **do not use playground resources during drop-off and pick-up times**. These materials are set up for supervised sessions during the school day, and using them outside these times can create safety risks and disrupt planned activities.



Red Nose Day - Non-Uniform

Red Nose Day is back on **Friday 20th March** and we will be having a non-uniform day in school. Please wear something red if you are able to. All monetary donations to support the Comic Relief charity will be gratefully received.

Parent Consultations

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

Wednesday 25th March - Video Appointments 2pm-5pm

Please remember, that you do not need to wait for Parent Consultations if you have something you wish to discuss with us. We are always here and happy to help at any time!



Easter Tombola Non-Uniform Day

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



Whole School Collective Worship at Church

All parents and carers are warmly invited to attend the following school church service at St Alphege Church: **Monday 30th March at 2.30pm** Joint Service with the Whitstable and Seasalter Endowed School.

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



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.

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 1st 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 1st 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.

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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 27th April 3:30pm – 4:15pm
 Thursday 21st May 3:30pm – 4:15pm
 Thursday 11th June 3:30pm – 4:15pm
 Monday 29th 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 CT5 1DA
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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 06.03.26
Oysters Class –97.9%

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
Martha – Pebble Class



Outstanding Creativity
Bobby – Puffins Class



Legendary Maths
Nate – Seagulls Class



Amazing Curriculum
Alfie P – Pearls Class



Retrieval of Learning
Caleb – Oysters Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
Teddy Ma – Shells Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams Mrs Humphreys

In Sunbeams this week we have been extremely busy creating our beautiful Mother's Day cards with the children. We made some fantastic attempts at writing 'Mummy' and our name as well as using our fingers to paint the petals of our flowers. On Thursday afternoon we had John the dentist visit Sunbeams and talk to us about the importance of keeping our teeth healthy. He showed us the different types of teeth we have and how to clean them properly, twice a day for two minutes. We played a game to find out which foods and drinks were good for teeth and which were bad, discovering that anything with sugar in should be eaten in moderation and at meal times. We rounded the week off on Friday with our Friends Mother's Day event. We visited the pop-up shop in the Arts Hub and chose gifts for our Mummy and sometimes other important people in our lives.

Year R
Mrs Keeble and Mrs Hopkins

In Maths this week we learnt about subtraction and practised taking away one using children, toys and cubes e.g. '4 subtract 1 is 3.' In drawing club we read the beautiful book 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon. The children were very intuitive to the feelings Beegu had when she was left on Earth and used their imagination in their writing, thinking about where she came from and who might come next to visit Earth. In RE we have been learning about how Christians celebrate at Easter time and in Heartsmart we have been thinking about the importance of listening to each other. In PE we have continued to build our repertoire of games, the children particularly enjoyed playing 'Duck, duck, Goose' altogether. The children have used their scissor skills to make cards for Mother's Day this week, we hope you love them as much as we did. Have a great weekend!

Year 1
Mr Mead and Miss Slater

We have had such a busy week of trips out of school this week! In History we have been out of school conducting some field work and observations of the local area. We have been looking at how shopping for food has changed over time. Using our clipboards we created a tally of data to identify what was the most common food shops through Whitstable High Street. It was wonderful to get out and about in our community and to explore the exciting things in our town. We continued our week of exploring our wonderful Whitstable community! In Science this term we are looking at plants. To explore the difference between garden plants and wildflowers we visited two different environments. First, we searched for wildflowers in Cornwallis Park. We found buttercups, daisies and dandelions. We then visited the Umbrella Centre garden and were greeted by some very lovely gardeners who explained the different garden flowers they had planted. The children used their knowledge of tallying to find which plant was the most common at this time of year. On Thursday we visited the Turner Contemporary in Margate to explore the Bridget Riley exhibit: Learning to See. The children were fascinated by the fabulous array of optical illusion artwork and the artists links to patterns and shapes in the natural world. They then had the opportunity to create some of their own pieces, inspired by Bridget Riley's use of pattern and shape. This exhibit links beautifully with our Maths + Creativity = ? project, funded by the Paul Hamlyn Foundation. We hope you all have a wonderful Mother's Day this weekend and we look forward to seeing you next week!

Year 2
Mrs Martin and Mrs Cohen

Year 2 have had another busy, fun filled week. The highlight of our week was our visit to the Turner Contemporary in Margate to see the fabulous Bridget Riley exhibit. The children were fascinated by her use of colours, shapes and how some of the art work appeared to be moving. In Maths we have been making and using arrays to help us to divide. Next week we will explore the relationship between multiplication and division and use our 2, 5 and 10 times table knowledge to help us. We are well on our way to becoming expert computer coders, we have been learning how to create algorithms that follow a sequence. We have created our own fictional story in English this week, based on the text, Ruby's worry. We wrote about how sharing a worry with a friend can make us feel better. The children used beautiful descriptive language to write their stories. In PE we are continuing to develop our football skills and next week will be focusing on how to shoot. We hope you have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you all next week.