

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



Koinonia

Loved, Inspired, Shining

Newsletter

Term 4 Week 6 | 02.04.2026

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April 2026

Mon 20th – Start of Term 5

Mon 20th – Whole School Collective Worship (Church 2.45pm)

Weds 29th – Kic Theatre - Year 2

May 2026

Fri 1st – Morris Men Visit

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)



The Friends Easter Tombola

Thank you to all families who took part in the non-uniform day in aid of the Easter Tombola. The Easter Tombola raised an amazing £236.50! We hope you enjoy all the lovely chocolate items you won.



Easter Hat Parade

Our Easter hat parade themed worship was a spectacular array of colour and creativity this week! The children looked amazing and enjoyed parading their creations in front of their friends! Thank you all for your amazing efforts in supporting your child to make such brilliant headwear. The range and individuality was such a joy! The children left worship singing Shine and they certainly did!



Bailey Yanik Cup

In honour of a previous pupil who sadly passed away, we award the Bailey Yanik Cup once each term. This cup is awarded to a little person who has the gift of finding joy in everything, and makes a big difference to everyone around them. **Term 4 is awarded to Rosie M in Year 2.**



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 20th April at 2.45pm

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.

Year 1 Swimming Lessons

Year 1 swimming lessons will be starting after Easter 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.



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 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd in term 5 and
June 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th term 6.**

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

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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 - 1:30pm	1:30pm - 3:30pm

September 2026 Places Available

St Alphege CE Infant School and Sunbeams Nursery, Oxford Street, Whitstable CT5 1DA
04327 27977 sunbeams@st-alphege-herald.co.uk
www.st-alphege-herald.co.uk www.facebook.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 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

Clubs on offer for Term 5

After School Music Club – Year R, 1 & 2

After School Music Club will start on Monday 20th April and run 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 will start Tuesday 21st April and run for 5 weeks 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 will start week 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.

There is currently a waitlist for a Thursday evening and one space available for the Friday. Please join the waitlist and 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

OPEN COCKPIT WEEKEND 2026

11TH & 12TH APRIL | 10AM TO 4PM
RAF MANSTON HISTORY MUSEUM CT12 5DF



info@rafmanston.co.uk

www.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.

EASTER FUN With 2026 DAY LEISURE
£8.50 ALL DAY WRISTBANDS!
KIDS CORNER 4th April
EASTER EGG HUNT!!

OPEN EVERYDAY OF THE EASTER HOLIDAYS!
(4th APRIL - 19th APRIL)
JOSS BAY BEACH
JOSS GAP ROAD, CT10 3PG
HAVE A LOVELY DAY

WE DO BIRTHDAY PARTIES!!!
Scan the QR code for our contact info

Jazz Night

Sunday, 19th April 2026 | 6 PM
St Alphege Church Whitstable

Donations on the door Bar available

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 27.03.26
Oysters Class -97.6%

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
Oliver F – Oysters Class



Outstanding Creativity
Shayla – Puffins Class



Legendary Maths
Daisy MM – Seagulls Class



Amazing Curriculum
Evie S – Pearls Class



Retrieval of Learning
Nelly – Pebbles Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
Dougie - Shells Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

Mrs Humphreys

We have had a busy week making our Easter cards and mark making. On Wednesday we joined the rest of the school in the hall for an Easter celebration and we paraded our Easter bonnets around the hall for all to see. There were some truly impressive Easter bonnets on show! On Thursday we had an Easter egg hunt which gave us a great opportunity to use our subitising skills as we had to make sure we had found all of them. We placed them on ten frames once collected, which we are already very familiar with from our morning routine. We are hoping the good weather will be a little more consistent after Easter, so with that in mind please start to apply sun cream to your child before they come into Sunbeams after the Easter break. Also please ensure they bring plenty of spare clothes in a bag to change into after water play etc. Have a restful Easter break and we look forward to seeing you in the new term.

Year R
Mrs Keeble and Mrs Hopkins

We have had a fabulous last week in Reception in the build up to Easter. The children enjoyed being part of the Easter service at the Church and seeing friends and family from The Endowed School too, as well as taking part in the Easter bonnet parade on Wednesday. They all looked fantastic in their creations! In Maths we have been thinking about using our 2D shape knowledge and applying that to describing the properties of 3D shapes, going on a shape hunt outside to see what shapes we could see in the environment. We have been working hard on retrieving our phonic knowledge in our termly assessments and showing our increasing confidence in our reading. In RE we have been learning about how Christians from around the world celebrate Easter, looking at the similarities and differences between what we might do. The children loved making Easter nests, looking at the changes in the chocolate as it was melted. We hope you love the Easter cards they have made for you using their own choices and ideas. We hope you have a great break and look forward to seeing you all in Term 5.

Year 1
Mr Mead and Miss Slater

Wow, what an exciting and busy last week of Term it has been in Year 1! We have been celebrating Easter by learning about the Christian meaning and the story of Holy Week. We created pictures, built tombs and made cross chalk rubbings. We thought about the things we personally love about Easter, and how we would celebrate with our families in the half term. We loved seeing your children's amazing Easter bonnets they were very proud of their creations. We loved our visit Gorrell nature reserve. We travelled on the mini bus which was very exciting! Our visit focused on the difference between deciduous and evergreen trees. We were very lucky that Mr Thomas-Friend had so much knowledge of nature to share with us on our woodland walk. We explored some ponds to look for anything living in the water and then had lunch by the pond. Mr Thomas-Friend had some fun games for us to play and then we had time to have an Easter Egg hunt where we found eggs hidden in trees! Please check your child's bookbag for some 'Half Term Helpers' to keep your children on track, and for some ideas of how to help your child with some home learning. Have a truly wonderful Easter break and enjoy the sunshine where you can!

Year 2
Mrs Martin and Mrs Cohen

Year 2 have had a wonderful last week of term! They have completed a range of Easter themed activities ahead of their half term break. They created Easter cards, completed lots of Easter themed Maths activities, followed clues around the school for an Easter egg hunt and made chocolate nest cakes! The children had a wonderful time with the Year 3 children visiting The Endowed Junior school and sharing stories with a delicious hot chocolate. In English, they followed a story map they created last week and worked together to cut and prepare a smoothie – they all agreed that they were yummy! The children then wrote detailed instructions including bossy verbs, time connectives and adverbs! Next Term, our learning will be based on 'Festival Explorers'. The children will compare a well-known festival in Whitstable to a festival in India. They will explore how these festivals bring communities together and compare the similarities and differences. We are wishing all of our families a fabulous break and a Happy Easter and look forward to seeing you on the 20th April!