

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



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Newsletter

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



[All Wrapped Up - Non-Uniform day Friday 17th October](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October 2025

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

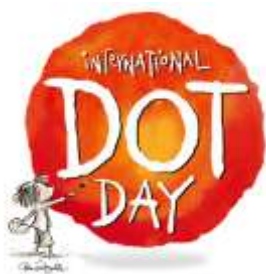
We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 17th October and asking for a monetary donation of £1 to support the Riverside project. If you would like to give more than £1, any additional donations big or small are welcome.

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.

Dot Day



This week, we celebrated Dot Day where we explored the story of "The Dot" written by Peter H Reynolds. The story explores the powerful themes of bravery, creativity, and self-expression. The Dot more than anything celebrates the power of creative teaching. The Dot tells the story of a caring teacher who reaches a reluctant student in a remarkably creative way. In Peter's book, the teacher dares a very resistant Vashti to "make her mark." Vashti's breakthrough begins with a simple dot on a piece of paper. Encouraged by her teacher she sets off on a journey of self-discovery, letting her creativity bloom and, ultimately, inspires others.

Every member of our school family was encouraged to be creative and brave and make their mark, just like Vashti when creating our own unique dots! The children had the freedom to colour, paint, collage, add glitter, and otherwise change their dots as they wish. Everyone has signed their dot and then these will be displayed collectively in the school hall. Once the display is complete, we will invite you all in to see it.



Achieve Sports Year R, 1 & 2

We will continue to run our sports clubs next term and we are pleased to offer them to Year R children too!

Achieve sport clubs will start on Tuesday 4th November and run for 6 weeks until Thursday 11th December. If your child hasn't attended before you will need to complete the emergency contact and photo consent forms.



Tuesday
Thursday

All Years
All Years

Dance
Multi Sports

Children in Need – Non-Uniform day Friday 14th November



This will be a non-uniform day for the children. We are delighted to be hosting the Herne Bay High School Dance Dash dancers again this year. Any monetary donations will be given to Herne Bay High to add to their grand total which will be donated to Children in Need. Please send in the donations with your child at the start of the school day.

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	8.30am
Wednesday	1 st October 2025	1.30pm
Friday	3 rd October 2025	8.30am
Wednesday	8 th October 2025	1.30pm
Wednesday	28 th October 2025	8.30am
Wednesday	5 th November 2025	8.30am
Friday	7 th November 2025	8.30am
Monday	10 th November 2025	1.30pm
Thursday	13 th November 2025	8.30am
Wednesday	19 th November 2025	8.30am
Friday	21 st November 2025	8.30am
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!

Join in with a fun music session with our specialist Music Teacher, Mrs. Mennett!

Meet our Outstanding Early Years team and spend time playing and exploring in our inspiring Early Years environments.

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

Parent SEND Information Day

We're pleased to share details of the upcoming SEND Parent Information Day for any families who may wish to attend...

Thursday 16th October 2025

10am – 4pm

Kent Showground, Detling, Maidstone, ME14 3JF

Parents and carers can **book their free workshops** via the following link:

[Book Free Workshop](#)

This free event offers:

- Practical workshops to support children with SEND
- Opportunities to speak with professionals from education, health, and charities
- Advice and resources for families navigating SEND services





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>



[Modelfest At The Museum](https://www.rafmanston.co.uk/event/model-fest-at-the-museum/)

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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 03.10.25
Pearls Class – 99%

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
Bella – Oysters Class



Outstanding Creativity
George – Puffins Class



Legendary Maths
Frankie – Shells Class



Amazing Curriculum
Daisy T – Seagulls Class



Retrieval of Learning
Reuben – Pebbles Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
Faith – Pearls Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we read the book, The Dot. This inspired us to each create our own unique piece of artwork - a dot. We used a variety of media and materials to create our dots. Some children chose to create one using the computer, some with transient art and others with paint. Most importantly, we signed our artwork with our name and it was lovely to see our Sunbeams making such fantastic attempts at writing their name, as well as the pride they felt with the artwork they had created. Our dots will be joining the dots the rest of the school have produced in our main school hall, celebrating each individual's uniqueness! We have also begun to think about size and have explored some of the natural objects in our transient art area, thinking about how they compare in size and what vocabulary we can use when describing them. During our HeartSmart session this week, we thought more about how our expressions show how we are feeling and we used transient art or playdough to create some of the expressions that go with some of the feelings we experience.

Year R
Mrs Keeble and Mrs Hopkins

What another fabulous week we have had in Reception! We continue to work on routines and expectations as we become more confident in the environment and in our friendships. We are continuing to learn our phonic sounds, this week our sounds are: ck, e, u, and r. We are growing in confidence sounding out and blending the sounds to read simple CVC words. In maths we are continuing to work on comparisons, this week thinking about mass, exploring practically which items are heavier or lighter. We are loving engaging in our PE lessons, this term we are focusing on moving our bodies safely with control. We have shared the story 'The Dot' and created our own dot to display in the hall alongside every other child in the school. We enjoyed walking to the church as part of our RE learning to learn about our local church and to find out what Christians do to show that God is important to them. It will also help us to know where we will be going for our School Harvest Festival Worship on Monday at 2.45pm. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as can make it.

Year 1
Mrs O'Keeffe and Mr Mead

What a successful week we have had in Year 1! The children have learnt so much through lots of exciting learning opportunities. In Science, they learnt about transparent and opaque materials, exploring the question 'Which material would be best for a pair of curtains?' They had lots of fun working with torches and showed their team work skills. They worked in pairs to complete an autumn themed scavenger hunt in the playground for O.A.A and loved working in teams to play games of dodgeball too. In maths, the children consolidated their termly learning of numbers within 10, to create their own number lines to use to answer questions and solve problems. Next week, they will be exploring number and symbol formation in lots of creative ways, including painting, chalk writing and collage. The children have been using their senses and imaginations to describe the significant event of the Whitstable flood. They have been developing their use of exciting adjectives to describe things they see, hear, feel and smell. Next week in Production week, they will be extending their ideas to describe Whitstable as a setting after the flood in the form of a new report! Year 1 have loved learning how to use our school laptops this week. They began to learn about using technology safely and how to log on. They explored our online resource 'purple mash' and learnt how to use the mouse pad to create art work on the computers. As our first term together slowly draws to an end, we wish our families a lovely weekend enjoying the colours and cosiness of autumn.

Year 2
Mrs Martin and Mrs Cohen

Year 2 have had another fabulous week! There have been so many crafting activities where the children have shown off their creativity and skills. They started off by bringing together all of their learning this term in science and creating a habitat of their choice for a chosen animal. They thought carefully about ensuring the habitats had all the animal needs to survive including food, water and shelter. Next week in science the children will be classifying into whether things are living, dead or never alive. Reading the story 'The Dot' and creating their own dots was so much fun and the children have made unique designs of their choice – we can't wait to see them on display! In English this week, we have been reading 'Emma Jane's Aeroplane'. The children worked together to make parts of a plane to put together which will hang in the Year 2 corridor! They also used musical instruments in groups to replicate the sounds of a storm, thinking carefully about their choices and how to create the effect of different elements of a storm. Next week, the children will re-write their own version of the story, choosing and using their own verbs to adapt it slightly. On Monday next week (13th) there is a Harvest Worship at Church at 2.45pm – we hope you can join us! It is non-school uniform on Friday (17th) in aid of Riverside Church's project 'All Wrapped Up'. Wishing our lovely families a happy weekend!