

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



Koinonia

Loved, Inspired, Shining

Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October 2025

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)
Thurs 6th – Sunbeams Stay and Play 2.15pm
Fri 7th – Applications for Reception places open
Fri 7th – Applications for Junior places open
Mon 10th – Flu Immunisations
Tues 11th – Individual and sibling photos
Thurs 13th – 150th Celebrations Service (Church 2pm)
Fri 14th – Non-Uniform in aid of Children in Need

December 2025

Mon 8th – Whole School Christmas Service (Church 2.45pm)
Weds 10th – Sunbeams Stay and Play 2.15pm
Fri 19th – End of Term 2

Bailey 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 1 is awarded to Fionn in Year 1.**



Year 2 Learning Next Term – Materials and Caring for Our Environment

Next term, Year 2 will be learning about *Materials* – exploring different types, their properties, and how they are used in everyday life. We'll also be thinking about how to keep our environment clean and the importance of recycling. We'd really appreciate any donations of **spare or recycled materials** to support our activities and class display. Items such as **fabric, plastic, metal, glass (safe pieces only), wood, card, carrier bags, bottle lids, cling film, and empty crisp packets** would be very useful.

Thank you for your support – we're looking forward to a fun, hands-on term of discovery!

Year 1 baby/toddler photos

We would like all children in Year 1 to bring in a photo of themselves from when they were a baby or toddler. We would like to use these on the first day of term (Tuesday 28th October).

If you are unable to print or bring in a photo, please email one to the school office where we can print it in school for you. Thank you.

Open Morning – Saturday 1st November

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.

Available school tours:

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



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 We warmly welcome you to the St Alphege family.

We are a vibrant and creative school who celebrate childhood.

Our Open Morning is on Saturday 1st November 2025

Make something creative with our Arts Lead

Take part in some Forest School activities with our Forest School Teacher!

Wonder freely around our school site, meet our incredible staff team and see all the treasures we have to show you!

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

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

Come and join the fun between 10:00am and 12:00pm

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

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

School Lunch – Change to Menu – Thursday 6th November – Rocket Themed Lunch



LET'S ROCKET

6 NOVEMBER

MAINS
 Meatball Sub Roll or
 Vegetarian Sub Roll (V)

SIDES
 Whizz Bang Chips, Catherine
 Wheel Carrots and
 Cucumber

DESSERTS
 Strawberry Sparkler Sundae

*Menus may be subject to change

Chartwells

Sunbeams Stay and Play Session

We would like to invite our Sunbeams families to join us at our stay and play sessions on:

Thursday 6th November 2:15-3:15pm

Wednesday 10th December 2:15-3:15pm

Please enter via the school office.

School admissions for September 2026

Applications are made through Kent County Council at <https://kent.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/Synergy/Admissions.aspx>. You can submit your application between Friday 7th November 2025 and Thursday 15th January 2026. More information can be found <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places>. If you have any questions or need support with the application process, please speak to the school office.

Year 2 Parents - Junior school places for September 2026

Parents of Year 2 children will need to apply for a Junior school place for your child for September 2026. Both WJS and The Endowed have parent tours for you to book onto. Please contact the junior schools directly to book. All of our children will visit both schools next term and take part in activities and see the schools. If you do want to take your child with you onto one of the tours, please advise our school office of the date so we are aware of your child's absence.

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Individual School Photos – Tuesday 11th November

Vancols School Photographers will be in school on Tuesday 11th November to take individual children's photos. We will also be able to take sibling photos for those children who have a sibling that attends our school or Sunbeams. If your Sunbeams child doesn't usually attend on a Tuesday morning, and you would like them to have their photo taken, please bring them via the school office at 8.35am.



150th Celebration Church Service – Thursday 13th November

We are delighted to celebrate our 150th birthday at St Alphege! Our year of celebration will be launched at our service of Thanksgiving on Thursday 13th November at 2pm at St Alphege church. We warmly invite you to join us as we commemorate the last 150 years of our fabulous school.



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.

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 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



Major Swim are offering discounted SEND swimming sessions, in partnership with Swim Teacher Training Academy at Joy Lane Primary School pool.

These sessions are during October half term and will help the swimming teachers gain an additional teaching qualification to develop their skills and knowledge to teach swimming to people with additional needs and disabilities. The lessons will be supervised by an experienced STA tutor. The lessons are running on 21st and 22nd October between 1-3pm. Each session is 30 minutes long. These are offered as 1to1s and groups of up to 3 children.

1to1s - £12 (usually £27)

Groups - £5 (usually £10.50 for up to 6)

To book your session please email hello@majorswim.co.uk



SPOOKY CRAFTS

A creative experience for the whole family!

Work together to make cherished memories and beautiful crafts that celebrate the joy of togetherness.

Where:
Kingsmead Family Hub,
Kingsmead Road,
Canterbury, CT2 7PH

Date:
22nd October 2025

Time:
10:00am – 12:00pm

Where:
Herne Bay Family Hub,
Memorial Park, Kings Rd,
Herne Bay, CT6 5RG

Date:
22nd October 2025

Time:
1:30pm – 3:30pm

Canterbury Family Hubs

Talking Walk Ins

Please read step in sessions for support concerned about their own or their child's speech, language or communication skills led by the Speech and Language Team. These drop-ins are for any family with a possible speech and/or language delay. Please call our Family Hub to book in for your drop-in.

Available for pre-booked ages children only.

9:30am - 11:30am

Herne Bay FH: 017932025
Kingsmead FH: 017932025

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To book, please email: canterbury@kent.gov.uk

22nd October
10:00am - 12:00pm

Kingsmead Family Hub,
Kingsmead Road,
Canterbury,
CT2 7PH

22nd October
1:30pm - 3:30pm

Herne Bay Family Hub,
Memorial Park,
Herne Bay,
CT6 5RG

Healthy Child Clinics and Breastfeeding Support Groups

A drop-in clinic for you to come along, have your baby weighed and speak to a member of the Health Visiting Team. Breastfeeding information, advice and support is also available. Please arrive no later than 15 minutes before the end of the clinic.

Tuesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
1:30pm - 3:30pm	1:30pm - 3:30pm	9:30am - 11:30am
<small>Herne Bay Family Hub, Memorial Park, Herne Bay, CT6 5RG</small>	<small>Kingsmead Family Hub, Kingsmead Road, Canterbury, CT2 7PH</small>	<small>Whitstable Family Hub, Tower Parade, Whitstable, CT9 3JH</small>

21st October Ready For Baby

Ready For Baby is a session for parents to be supported with information and guidance to help you develop a strong bond with your baby. This includes information and advice about how to feed your baby responsibly and how to track when feeding is going well.

To book, please email: canterbury@kent.gov.uk

12:15pm - 1:45pm

Whitstable Family Hub,
Holloway, Whitstable,
Canterbury, CT1 3ED

22nd October Jobcentre Plus Support Session

Are you worried about the consequences of being on your notice? Are you getting all the benefits you are entitled to? Do you have concerns regarding benefits and work and training (if you want)? We can support if you are looking for a job, looking for employment or looking to book a place on a course!

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Kingsmead Family Hub,
Kingsmead Road,
Canterbury,
CT2 7PH

Baby Group

A friendly welcoming group to socialise with others, join in activities with your baby, and gain information, support and advice. This group includes messy play, safe sleeping, tummy time, nappy time tips, parenting advice, baby development and more...

Monday	Tuesday	Friday
10:00am - 11:30am	1:00pm - 2:30pm	10:00am - 11:30am
<small>Whitstable Family Hub, Tower Parade, Whitstable, CT9 3JH</small>	<small>Kingsmead Family Hub, Kingsmead Road, Canterbury, CT2 7PH</small>	<small>Herne Bay Family Hub, Memorial Park, Herne Bay, CT6 5RG</small>

To book a space please follow this QR Code:

Alternatively, email us: canterburyfh@kent.gov.uk

For more information scan the QR code

kentadulthoodeducation.co.uk

FREE, Fun & Informal

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 10.10.25
Shells Class – 99.6%

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
Noah – Pearls Class



Outstanding Creativity
Geordie – Shells Class



Legendary Maths
Aurabella – Seagulls Class



Amazing Curriculum
Ivan – Puffins Class



Retrieval of Learning
Silvia – Oysters Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
Lillyanne – Pebbles Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have continued to develop our understanding of size. We have used playdough to make our own caterpillars or spiders of different sizes after watching short clips from the Miniscule series to inspire us. On Tuesday Mrs Memmott sang her Gruffalo song with the children, incorporating all the animals from the story. The children joined in with the song and moved in different ways in response to each of the animals. On Thursday morning, Chartwells hosted a Hungry Caterpillar workshop for Sunbeams in the main school hall. We learned a little bit about making healthy choices with food and when read the story we thought about the choices the caterpillar had made. We then created our own artworks from fruit and vegetables before tucking into them! We wish all our Sunbeams families and restful half term and look forward to seeing you in a weeks time.

Year R
Mrs Keeble and Mrs Hopkins

Well done to all our children and families for a brilliant first half term at school. We have been reflecting on how much progress the children have made in their new environment, feeling confident with their grown-ups, and learning new routines, skills and knowledge. The children were fantastic representatives of our school community as they attended our shared Harvest worship in the Church with the rest of the school. This week, we have learnt our last set of sounds for the term – h, b, f & l. We have read a worded book for the first time as a class using the sounds we have learnt. You will find the log in details in your child's reading record to access the same book on Collins Hub, our online library. Please follow the link to read the books that your child has been reading in lessons. We encourage you to read these books as often as possible, until your child is reading all the words independently and confidently, without having to say each sound out loud. In maths the children have learnt to recognise and create repeating patterns, using two or more natural objects. In music, the children showed remarkable listening skills as they continued to develop their singing, awareness of pitch and movement with Mrs Memmott. We hope you can enjoy some fun time with your lovely children at half term!

Year 1
Mrs O'Keeffe and Mr Mead

It's been a wonderful week in Year 1 as we thinking about all the amazing learning we have explored this term already! This week the children have dazzled us with their setting descriptions of the Whitstable Flood. They have used exciting adjectives to describe senses and produce Powerful Writing! In maths, they practised number formation in creative ways including painting, collage and chalk writing. Whilst in Art, we took the opportunity to celebrate the beauty of seasonal change and create autumn leaf collages themed around animals and people. In RE this term, the children have been learning about God and how Christians show their beliefs and this week children reflected on their learning to think about what Christians believe God is like. They created beautiful simile sentence such as 'God is bright like a rainbow.' We also took the time to celebrate what we have learnt and enjoyed this term. The children showed Remarkable Retrieval when sharing their learning about testing materials, exploring maps and talking about who helps our community and how Whitstable has changed. Next term our theme will be 'How has the World changed?' where we will be thinking about changes in humans, animals and the land. To inspire our learning, we will be thinking about how the children have changed first. **We would like all children in Year 1 to bring in a photo of themselves from when they were a baby or toddler. We would like to use these on the first day of term (Tuesday 28th October) If you are unable to print or bring in a photo, please email one to the school office where we can print it in school for you!** We are so proud of how well children in Oysters and Pearls have settled into their new classes this term, built relationships with their teachers and learnt new routines. It has been a joy to get to know them individually and we are excited for the start of Term 2 already!

Year 2
Mrs Martin and Mrs Cohen

We are so immensely proud of our wonderful Year 2 children completing their first term as Seagulls and Puffins! The children had a fantastic last week in school – thank you to those who were able to attend the Harvest Service, it was lovely to see so many families at the Church! In English, the children re-wrote part of the story 'Emma Jane's Aeroplane' using the same style and tone as the author – they chose their own verbs to use and adapted the narrative slightly to make it their own! In maths they have been taking part in a variety of practical activities to recap their addition and subtraction knowledge from Year 1 to build on in the first week back after half term where they will learn how to use number bonds to 10 to make number bonds to 20 and find related facts. The focus text in English will be 'The Blue Giant'. The children will be thinking about how plastic and littering is affecting our world and what they can do to help. This week they have learnt a little more about Christopher Columbus and created their own world map and mini boat to sail across the world. Next term our learning theme is 'innovate' where we will explore the question 'How do innovations help us explore beyond our world?'. The children will continue to learn about methods of flight and begin to think about how rockets have helped humans travel to space! We hope all of our lovely families has a restful half term and we are looking forward to seeing you again on Tuesday 28th October!