

# SUNBEAMS NURSERY

# ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege  
Values



Koinonia

Loved, Inspired, Shining

## Newsletter

Term 5 Week 2 | 1.5.2026

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

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### May 2026

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> - Whole School Collective Worship (Church 2.45pm)  
Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> - Class Photos  
Mon 18<sup>th</sup> - Sports Day Sunbeams AM/ Year R, 1 & 2 PM  
Weds 20<sup>th</sup> - Sharing the Learning Year R-2 (2.45pm)  
Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> - End of Term 5

#### June 2026

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> - SDD (School Closed)  
Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> - Start of Term 6  
Mon 8<sup>th</sup> - Whole School Collective Worship (Church 2.45pm)  
Tues 9<sup>th</sup> - PAC Performance (Whitstable Playhouse)  
Fri 19<sup>th</sup> - Friends Father's Day Shop  
Fri 26<sup>th</sup> - Non Uniform in aid of Summer Tombola

#### July 2026

Weds 1<sup>st</sup> - Sharing the Learning & meet your new teacher (2.30pm)  
Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> - Whitstable Transition Morning  
Mon 6<sup>th</sup> - The Friends Summer Fair  
Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> - Year 2 Leavers Service (Church 2.15pm)  
Fri 17<sup>th</sup> - End of Term 6

#### Wooden Puzzles needed:

Do you have any basic wooden puzzles suitable for nursery/YR children that you no longer need? If so, we would love to have them. Please drop any you are willing to donate to the school office. Thank you.

#### Sports Day – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.





## 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 11<sup>th</sup> May at 2.45pm**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> April	3:30pm - 4:15pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	3:30pm - 4:15pm
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	3:30pm - 4:15pm
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	3:30pm - 4:15pm

We offer 25 hours free provision from 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 to book here

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**September 2026 Places Available**

St Alphege CE Infant School and Sunbeams Nursery, Oxford Street, Whitstable CT2 6JA  
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## 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 <sup>st</sup> May	3.30pm-4.15pm
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	3.30pm-4.15pm
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> 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, CT5 1AF

BUY ONE £25 TICKET AND BRING A FRIEND ON US!

FOR MORE INFO AND TO BOOK EMAIL  
[SHIFT.BARRE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SHIFT.BARRE@GMAIL.COM)

FOLLOW [INSTAGRAM.COM/SHIFT\\_BARRE](https://www.instagram.com/shift_barre)



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!

**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](mailto: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 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>

\* 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 24.04.26  
Oysters Class –97.7%

## 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**  
Ela – Seagulls Class



**Outstanding Creativity**  
Margot – Oysters Class



**Legendary Maths**  
Charlie H – Pebbles Class



**Amazing Curriculum**  
Etta – Puffins Class



**Retrieval of Learning**  
Henry – Pearls Class



**Simcha (Shared Joy)**  
Atlas – Shells Class

## Weekly Year Group Recap

**Sunbeams**  
**Mrs Humphreys**

Sunbeams have begun to explore our bean plant theme for the term. We have read Jack and the Beanstalk and have shared what we already know about beans and what they might need to grow. We have looked at some images of bean plants and started to discuss the colours that we notice. This has led to some exploration around colour mixing with the paint as we seek to discover how we might change the shade of green by adding and mixing a variety of colours in. We have also continued to mark make in response to the experiences we had over Easter. We have continued to focus on settling in our new children, as we revisit and reinforce expectations and routines. Mrs Memmott played musical games with the children on Tuesday to support the development of their listening skills, which complements the phonics activities we do daily beautifully.

Year R  
Mrs Keeble and Mrs Hopkins

This week in Reception seems to have flown. We have continued with our Drawing Club book 'The Snail and the Whale.' After brainstorming words to describe what we saw, heard, found or smelled at the beach last week we have now used these words to build or written sentences, seeing if we can add an adjective into our writing too. In Maths we have been continuing with our larger teen numbers, recognising, ordering and making them with numicon and in phonics we are continuing to apply our phonic knowledge to reading and writing bigger words. This week as part of our athletics in PE we have been developing our jumping skills, learning how to jump for distance. In music we have been learning new songs with Mrs Memmott and bringing pattern into our music, using our bodes to create and recreate patterns as well as using a range of different instruments too. We have also begun to learn a rap, bringing the idea of pattern and beat into our spoken rhymes.

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

What an exciting week! In English we have been continuing to read about Paddington's adventures and also doing some fantastic writing; imagining what Paddington might tell Aunt Lucy back in Peru. In Maths we have been learning about arrays; using our skills to count in 2s, 5s and 10s and finding equal groups. We have been starting to understand repeated addition as multiplication. Our topic work on the United Kingdom continued with learning facts about England, including learning the national anthem, and finding out about our nation's flower and the St George's cross flag. This week we were excited to see how some of our cress seeds have sprouted. We learned about the difference between fruits and vegetables and talked about our favourite dishes that have fruit and vegetables in them. We had plenty of time for creativity this week. We used our imaginations to cut out felt shapes and assemble them into funny faces! In athletics we learned how to pace ourselves when running for distance by running 10 laps of the playground, which was pretty tiring. We compared it to how we run when sprinting. Of course, we also had our first swimming session this week. Everyone showed how independent they were by taking care of their own things and getting dressed and undressed all by themselves. We are so proud of how well everyone did! We also had a special treat of a visit to Whitstable Junior School to watch the Dead Horse Morris Dancers and the Jack-in-the-Green and learned all about other English traditions on May Day.

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Year 2  
Mrs Martin and Mrs Cohen

This week has been full of fun in Year 2! The children all began the week by visiting Duncan Downs and as part of their science learning all about plants! They look at different plants, the parts of a plant and discussed the conditions plants need in order to flourish! They also had a drama workshop led by Ian from KIC theatre. They thought about lots of different celebrations and acted out activities carried out different festivals. In art, the children have been weaving material using an over – under technique and adding decoration to them which will eventually turn into class bunting. Next week in art, the children will learn simple sewing techniques and begin to sew a felt flower together. In Maths the children have been learning all about capacity and measuring the capacity of different containers using cups and they have learnt to read the temperature using thermometers. Next week, they will learn to read the volume in ml using different increments. In English, the children chose their own setting for the story 'The boy, his dog and the sea' and wrote short sentences re-telling the story, using their own events. Next week, they will write a narrative and use their ideas from this week while adding in more story telling vocabulary. We hope you all have a wonderful long weekend!