

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

# ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege  
Values



Koinonia

Loved, Inspired, Shining

## Newsletter

Term 5 Week 5 | 22.5.2026

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

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### May 2026

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 12<sup>th</sup> – Friends Father's Day Shop

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> – Friends Colour Run (4pm)

Fri 26<sup>th</sup> – Non - Uniform in aid of Summer Tombola

Mon 29<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 Cathedral Day

#### 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

### 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 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.



### Performing Arts Club Show

Our talented Year 2 PAC Club will be performing their production of The Magic Box on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June** at 6pm. Tickets are available to purchase from the Box Office at the theatre or via the website

<https://playhousewhitstable.co.uk/whats-on/>



### The Friends Father's Day Shopping Event

The Friends Association will be holding a Father's Day Shopping Event on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June** during the school day. This event will give the children a lovely opportunity to experience the joy of choosing and giving gifts to their loved ones, plus learning skills of exchanging money. Please note that the children can purchase gifts for any special person in their life. This does not only have to be for dads or grandfathers. Each child will be sent home with two gift labels the week before the event date. Each gift will cost £2.50 and will come packaged in lovely gift bags.

Sunbeams are welcome to take part if they are normally in on a Friday morning, when the event is taking place. Unfortunately, we will not be able to reserve gifts if your child is not in Sunbeams on that morning, as we want to make sure the children have independence in selecting their gifts.



### The Friends Colour Run

The Friends Association are organising a sponsored colour run on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June**. This will be held on the beach at the end of Nelson Road, and will begin at 4:00pm.

Staff, children and families will have the opportunity to take part in this fun and colourful event to raise money for Arts enrichment activities by purchasing a Colour Run pack. Please complete the form on the following link to let us know if you would like to take part:

[Colour Run Expression of Interest](#)

Sponsorship forms will be available from the 2<sup>nd</sup> June.



### Non-Uniform Day

The Friends Association have organised a non-uniform day on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June** in exchange for a bottle and/or box of chocolates for the Summer Fair tombola.

### 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 11 <sup>th</sup> June	3.30pm-4.15pm
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	3.30pm-4.15pm



### 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 5 is awarded to Ava in Year 2.**



### Your Class Photograph is Ready!

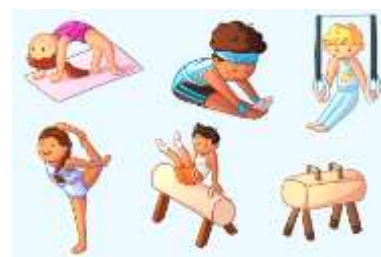
Vancols Photographers are pleased to confirm that the Class Photographs are ready to view using the QR code on your proof card. If you have already scanned the QR code on the Proof and registered you will receive an auto email notification. If you have not done it yet, don't panic, you can still view by scanning the QR code on your Proof and following the instructions. If by chance you have not received your Proof or it has been lost you can call Vancols Parent Line on 01206 273711, for class photos you will need the school number. The online cut-off date for orders to be placed for free postage back to the school is **6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

### Clubs on offer for Term 6

#### Achieve Sports All Years

Achieve sport clubs will start week commencing Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June and run for 6 weeks until Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July. If your child hasn't attended before you will need to complete the emergency contact and photo consent forms.

Tuesday	All Years	Football
Thursday	All Years	Outdoor Activities



## French Club Year 1 & 2

French club is run after school on Wednesdays 3.15pm-3.45pm  
By Vicki at La Jolie Ronde.

To book please email Vicki directly [lajolierondevicki@gmail.com](mailto:lajolierondevicki@gmail.com)

[www.lajolieronde.co.uk](http://www.lajolieronde.co.uk)



## Music Club with Jerome Silsby

Music Club will run after school on a Wednesday 3.15pm – 4.15pm.

To book please email Jerome Silsby directly

[jeromesilsby@icloud.com](mailto:jeromesilsby@icloud.com)

# ANDREW PARRY

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## 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.

<https://www.andrewparrymusic.com/lessons>

## Dot Kids After School Art Clubs – Year R, 1 & 2

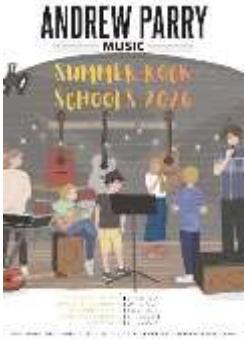
Dot Club runs weekly on a Thursday and a Friday from 3.15pm -4.15pm. Pick up is from the main office front doors.

Please 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>

## Community



### APM Summer Rock Schools

The details are as follows:

**Faversham primary** - The Abbey School - Monday 27 & Tuesday 28 July

**Faversham secondary** - The Abbey School - Wednesday 29 - Friday 31 July

**Maidstone primary** - MGS - Monday 3 & Tuesday 4 August

**Maidstone secondary** - MGS - Wednesday 5 - Friday 7 August

**Advanced\* - Maidstone area** - Monday 27 - Thursday 30 July - *\*application required - sign up and we will get in touch*

Please sign up via the google form below:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScI94If-hJUDiBKWGvQbzDAnOzPYWjzS\\_UUH2knknGCFx\\_YQ/viewform?usp=header](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScI94If-hJUDiBKWGvQbzDAnOzPYWjzS_UUH2knknGCFx_YQ/viewform?usp=header)

For more general information please see here: <https://www.andrewparrymusic.com/rock-schools>

### HALF TERM AT THE RESERVE MAY 2026



#### TUESDAY 26TH FROM HARRY TRIPS AND THE LITTLE SEED

Tree bead craft and 'The Little Seed', by Magdalene Szikra, an interactive story telling. The little seed is Mavis underground and raised on. A sheet appears and the sun shines. Something is growing - what will it be? This session is for yearbookers 3-6, and the young at heart, in celebration of The National Year of Reading. \* Workshop - actively contains small parts.

#### 12.30PM STORY TIME - THE NATIONAL YEAR OF READING

Free story time in the picnic area at midday. No need to book.

#### 1PM SLUGS AND SNAILS

What's the difference between a slug and a snail? Well we find out! Discover the benefits of these slimy gastropods. Learn how to label the parts of a snail and make your own paper snail with a curly shell. How many types of slugs and snails can you identify on the reserve?

#### THURSDAY 28TH FROM BEE WORRIES

Join us for a hands-on candle rolling session to learn the craft of beeswax candle rolling. Discover the properties of natural beeswax. Take home your beautiful creation. Create a honeycomb hive poster and then 'bee spot'.

#### 1PM HARRY TRIPS AND THE LITTLE SEED (SEE ABOVE)

#### FRIDAY 29TH FROM SLUGS AND SNAILS (SEE ABOVE)

1PM BEE BEE HUNT! Bug pot in hand and ID chart at the ready. It's time to search for some of the reserve's smallest residents. All that giggles, creeps, scuttles, crawls and flutters can be closely observed and identified.



#### HOW TO BOOK

[www.monkton-reserve.org/events/](http://www.monkton-reserve.org/events/)

Visit our museum cafe, gift, and book shops.

#### MORE INFO:

[education@monkton-reserve.org](mailto:education@monkton-reserve.org)

#### PRICE PER CHILD

Members: £3

Non-Members: £5

(Includes entrance to the reserve per child and for accompanying adults)

#### WHERE

Monkton Nature Reserve  
Canterbury Road  
Roxingham CT12 4LN

[WWW.MONKTON-RESERVE.ORG](http://WWW.MONKTON-RESERVE.ORG)  
THAMES COUNTRYSIDE TRUST  
(CHARITY NO: 1271086)

### Free Workshop

What you can do **RIGHT NOW** to support your child diagnosed (or suspected) with autism and/or PDA

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May 8pm - 9pm

Join us

No one needs to walk alone in their autism parenting journey

Send an email to [team@youarenotalone.community](mailto:team@youarenotalone.community) to request the Zoom link to attend the FREE workshop

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## Canterbury Children's Lit Festival

### Go Wild with Stories

July 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 2026

venues across Canterbury, Sturry & Home

Full programme & tickets at [www.canterburykidslitfest.co.uk](http://www.canterburykidslitfest.co.uk)

This year the Story Competition is themed Go Wild with Stories, and they're welcoming entries across the categories of **written, Comics & illustrated stories**, and **poetry** in the age groups 5-11 and 12-16. Deadline for entries is June 19th, and the winning entries will be judged by author Lucy Strange and members of the festival team, with the winning entries receiving prizes of books for their class, and inclusion in a story trail around one of the festival venues in July. You can find out more at <https://www.canterburykidslitfest.co.uk/writing-competition>

## King Alphege Attendance Lion

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King Alphege is awarded to the class with the highest percentage attendance each week



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W/E 15.05.26

Puffins Class –100%

## 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**

Rory – Seagulls Class



**Outstanding Creativity**

Willow – Puffins Class



**Legendary Maths**

Joe – Oysters Class



**Amazing Curriculum**

Orla – Shells Class



**Retrieval of Learning**

Heidi – Pebbles Class



**Simcha (Shared Joy)**

Alfie E – Pearls Class

## Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

Mrs Humphreys

We started the week in Sunbeams with our sports day on Monday morning. We had a fabulous time taking part in all the activities and particularly enjoyed it when our family members joined in. We have continued to observe the changes in our runner bean plants which has given us great opportunities to develop our understanding of change, the passing of time and to develop our vocabulary around size, measure and the life cycle of bean plants. We are very excited to be welcoming some caterpillars into the setting after the half term break so that we can continue to develop our understanding of growth and life cycles in a practical and engaging way. During our HeartSmart session this week, we thought about our amazing bodies and could think of lots of different examples of the amazing things we can do with our hands, eyes, feet, mouth etc. We very much hope that all our Sunbeams families enjoy the half term break and what looks to be good weather, and we look forward to seeing you all again on the Tuesday we return to Sunbeams.

Year R  
Mrs Keeble and Mrs Hopkins

What a great start to the week we had with our Sports Day on Monday afternoon! The children were amazing, coping well with all of the activities and being watched by so many spectators and the added element of a shower of rain, well done Reception! We continued sport week with a 'Surf School' on Thursday, learning about being safe on the beach and practising surfing techniques in a fun (dry) way. In Drawing Club we have been continuing with the story 'Sally and the Limpet,' using our storybook knowledge in our writing to write about what happened in the story – at the beginning, in the middle and at the end. In maths we have been exploring the concepts of sharing and grouping, beginning to understand the concepts of equal and unequal amounts. In our Learning through play time we have been really busy with our creations, both using the small and large construction materials as well as using a range of media in the craft area to create pictures and models. We hope you all have a fabulous week next week and look forward to seeing you on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

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

The sun finally started shining and there have been smiles all round for our final week of Term 5, they say time flies when you're having fun, which is certainly true of our past week! Sports Day, sharing the learning, making pizza fractions, surf school workshops, printing t-shirts AND swimming – all in one week, our Year 1 children have certainly earned a lovely half term break. Next term, our final themed learning question will be 'How can I help the World?' We will be exploring hot and cold climates, thinking about environmental issues and learning about the inspirational Sir David Attenborough. With warmer weather on the way, we will have lots more opportunities to explore our learning out in the local environment too!

With so many exciting events to look forward to next term, we are wishing our wonderful children and families a lovely (and hopefully sunny!) half term break.

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Year 2  
Mrs Martin and Mrs Cohen

Year 2 have had such a fun-filled, colourful week. In English we have used similes to create some wonderful colour poems. In Maths we have been doing lots of practical activities to revise the four operations. In computing, we looked at pictograms and how they represent data. The children had great fun designing their own questions and then going around and asking their friends so they could compile their responses into a pictogram. Sports day was a huge success, despite the soggy end, and all of the children displayed such good team work skills and gave it their all. We rounded off our textiles unit by creating our very own tie-dye t-shirts, they look amazing! Our focus in humanities this term was festivals so where better to wear our tie-dye t-shirts than our very own St. Alphege festival which we held to round off our week. Great fun was had by all, snacks, drinks, music and games.....what better way to end the term. We wish you all a lovely half term and we will see you in term 6.