

# SUNBEAMS NURSERY

# ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege  
Values



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## Newsletter

Term 2 Week 2 | 07.11.2025

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### November 2025

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> – Flu Immunisations  
Tues 11<sup>th</sup> – Individual and sibling photos  
Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> – 150<sup>th</sup> Celebrations Service (Church 2pm)  
Fri 14<sup>th</sup> – Non-Uniform in aid of Children in Need

#### December 2025

Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> – Reception Parent Christmas Craft (Hall 9.30am)  
Fri 5<sup>th</sup> – Non-Uniform Day in aid of Tombola  
Mon 8<sup>th</sup> – Whole School Christmas Service (Church 2.45pm)  
Weds 10<sup>th</sup> – Children's Christmas Lunch  
Weds 10<sup>th</sup> – Sunbeams Stay and Play 2.15pm  
Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Jumper Day  
Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> – Friends Christmas Fair  
Mon 15<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 Nativity (Hall 9.30am)  
Tues 16<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 Concert (Hall 9.30am)  
Weds 17<sup>th</sup> – Sunbeams Nativity (Hall 9.30am)  
Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> – Year R Nativity (Hall 9.30am)  
Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 Party  
Fri 19<sup>th</sup> – Year R and Year 2 Party  
Fri 19<sup>th</sup> – End of Term 2



#### All Wrapped Up

Thank you for all of your generous donations in aid of the Riverside 'All Wrapped Up' Project. **All Wrapped Up** is a project of Riverside Church working with our local schools and partners to provide Christmas presents and food hampers to families in need. We have raised a total of **£220.00**

#### School Tours

Is your child due to start school in September 2026? We warmly invite you to 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:

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 1.30pm  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 9.30am



### Sunbeams Stay and Play Session

We would like to invite our Sunbeams families to join us at our stay and play session on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2:15-3:15pm**. Please enter via the school office.

### School Admissions for September 2026

The online application process for admissions for September 2026 are now open for both Reception and Year 3. Applications are made through Kent County Council at:

<https://kent.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/Synergy/Admissions.aspx>.

You can submit your application between Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025 and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Individual School Photos – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November

Vancols School Photographers will be in school on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.



### 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration Church Service – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November

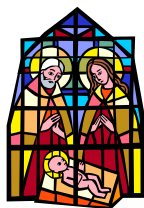
We are delighted to celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> birthday at St Alphege! Our year of celebration will be launched at our service of Thanksgiving on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm** at St Alphege church. We warmly invite you to join us as we commemorate the last 150 years of our fabulous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



### Children in Need – Non-Uniform day Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November



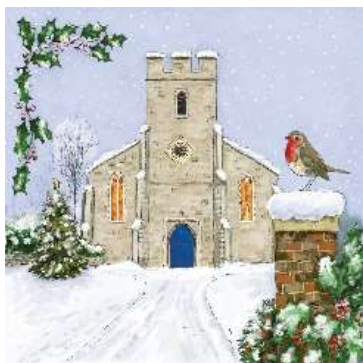
This will be a non-uniform day for the children. We are delighted to be hosting the Herne Bay High School Dance Dash dancers again this year. Any monetary donations will be given to Herne Bay High to add to their grand total which will be donated to Children in Need. Please send in the donations with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



### Whole School Christmas Church Service

All parents and carers are warmly invited to attend our church service on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 2.45pm** at St Alphege Church, where we will be thinking about Advent. We will return to school afterwards and you can collect your child from school at 3.15pm as usual.

## **Community**



### St Alphege Church Christmas Fair – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November from 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Start your Christmas festivities by visiting the Christmas Fair at St Alphege Church.

Everyone is welcome.



KCC's SEND Information Hub will be holding a SEND roadshow for the Canterbury District on:

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December  
9.30-11.30am  
At Whitstable Family Hub



The reverse advent calendar campaign is all about giving back. Instead of receiving a treat each day, you add a much needed item from our calendar to a bag for life. By the end, you'll have a full bag of essentials to help local people this winter.



## 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 31.10.25  
Oysters and Puffins Class – 99.1%

## 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**  
Thea – Puffins Class



**Outstanding Creativity**  
George B – Seagulls Class



**Legendary Maths**  
William – Pearls Class



**Amazing Curriculum**  
Joe – Oysters Class



**Retrieval of Learning**  
Harriet - Pebbles Class



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

## Weekly Year Group Recap

### Sunbeams Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have continued to explore pattern and have begun to create our own repeating patterns using a variety of mark making tools and loose parts. We have been inspired by some of the firework displays we have had our own experience of, as well as some of the big London displays shown on the BBC. Our Squiggle While We Wiggle movement has imitated a firework, spiralling upwards and we have used our creative resources to make firework pictures, paintings or models. We introduced the children to Story Steps this week and have been acting out a story about a teddy bears picnic. We have had lots of fun role playing the different aspects of the story together. On Thursday we welcomed many of our Sunbeams families in to the setting to play with us. It was a lovely opportunity to share with them some of our favourite resources and activities. If you couldn't make our stay and play this week, we hope you will be able to join us for the next one on the 10<sup>th</sup> December.

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Year R  
Mrs Keeble and Mrs Hopkins

There has been a lot of excitement this week in Reception as we began 'Drawing Club'. Drawing club is not just about drawing – it is when all the children get to develop their vocabulary, speaking and writing skills through the joy and magic of story. This week, our focus was 'Room on a Broom.' The children were really motivated and enthusiastic as they brought their characters and adventures to life! Our phonics reading book this week was 'Sit, Tip, Pat', which you can access online at home. Our new sounds we have been learning this week are: ff, ll, ss and j. In Maths, we have been exploring how the number 3 can be made and have been learning that the total stays the same. We talked about fireworks and the children loved creating their own fireworks with paint, chalk, glitter, foam and construction! In music alongside some musical games we have begun to learn our songs ready to perform to you at our Nativity performance at the end of Term 2.

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Year 1  
Mrs O'Keeffe and Mr Mead

This week has been full of fabulous new learning for our children in Year 1! We have been looking more closely at our theme of change this week in History. We observed pictures from different periods of time and used our knowledge and inference to order them into a timeline. Next week, we will be taking inspiration from dinosaurs to think about how the world has changed physically. In science, we have been learning about the 5 different animal types and categorised different types of birds, mammals and fish. In Maths we learnt how to create 4 number sentences to build addition 'fact families.' Next week, we will consolidate our learning by recording fact families and addition number sentences in our books, and apply our knowledge to solve addition problems. In English, the children have written sentences to describe Tad, a character from our key text. They thought carefully about appropriate adjectives to describe appearance and personality, and verbs to describe actions. For production week next week, they will use and extend their sentences to write a missing poster for Tad and learn how to use the conjunction 'and'. The children have loved our new focus of Dance in PE this term so far too! They have already explored line dancing and break dancing and next week will compare these to the music and style of ballet.

We hope you all have a fantastic weekend and we are already looking forward to welcoming our Year 1 children back to school on Monday.

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Year 2  
Mrs Martin and Mrs Cohen

It has been a fun filled week of learning in Seagulls and Puffins this week! The children used their fantastic knowledge of the text 'The Blue Giant' to write short sentences describing the effect rubbish has on the ocean. Next week the children will use these sentences to write a plea from the blue giant asking for help to clean the ocean. In maths they have been absolute superstars and showed how solid their addition and subtraction skills are. Next week they build on this and use their number fact knowledge to add by making 10. In art the children added white and black to a base colour to create tints and shades and painted a moon lit background. Next week they will draw or cut out silhouettes to stick on top. The children recapped their knowledge on Amelia Earhart and built on this by creating their own mode of flight including hot air balloons and kites. They then learnt about the Wright Brothers and how their aircraft was powered. Next week they will use timelines to order significant figures and events they have previously learnt about. The children will also be visiting Whitstable Junior School on Monday next week to take part in some fun activities there. School photos are on Tuesday next week! Wishing you all a fabulous weekend.