

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



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Newsletter

Term 1 Week 4 | 25.09.2026

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October 2026

Fri 2nd – Year 1 and Year 2 Open Classrooms

Weds 7th – S&L Workshop for Year R families (Hall 9am)

Mon 12th – Parent Consultations (More info to come)

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Thurs 15th – Year R Parent Drop in with Senior Leadership Team (Hall 9am)

Mon 19th – Whole School Harvest Service (Church 9.10am)

Thurs 22nd – Friends Association 'Ghoulish Goodies' Cake Sale (Playground 3.15pm)

Fri 23rd – End of Term 1

November 2026

Mon 2nd – Staff Development Day

Tues 3rd – Start of Term 2

Fri 6th – Flu Immunisations

Sat 7th – School Open Morning

Mon 9th – Individual School Photos

Mon 16th – Whole School Collective Worship (Church 9.10am)

Year 1 and Year 2 Open Classrooms – Friday 2nd October

On Friday 2nd October we will be opening up our Year 1 and 2 classes at 2.45pm so that parents can have the opportunity to see their child's new class. This will be an opportunity for your child to show you around their new learning spaces.

We understand that this might not be convenient for everyone so if you would like to come on another day, please speak to your child's class teacher, who will be able to arrange this.

Speech and Language Workshop Coffee Morning for parents of children in Year R – Wednesday 7th October

On Wednesday 7th October, we will be joined by our designated Speech and Language Therapist, Lara Dalton. Lara will be on hand to explain the new Balanced System approach and answer any general questions you may have relating to speech and language development/provision, in the school setting. She will also be able to give advice and strategies on how you can support your child's speech and language development at home and listen to any concerns you may have. This will take place in the hall, from 9am to 10am. We are looking forward to seeing you there. P.S. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits!

Year R Parent Drop in with Senior Leadership Team – Thursday 15th October

We will be holding our new Reception parent drop-in on Thursday 15th October at 9am in the school hall, where you will have an opportunity to speak with members of the senior leadership team.

Whole School Collective Worship at Church

All parents and carers are warmly invited to attend the following school church services at St Alphege Church (Reception will look to join in Term 2 once they are settled in class):

Monday 19th October at 9.10am - Please send a donation of non-perishable food items with your child to school ready for the Harvest service.

Monday 16th November at 9.10am

Monday 7th December at 9.10am (Christmas Service)



ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL		
Tours with Mrs Spinks our Head of School and Mrs Thomas-Friend our Executive Headteacher		
Day	Date	Time
Tuesday	22 nd September 2026	1.30pm
Wednesday	30 th September 2026	2.30pm
Friday	1 st October 2026	2.30pm
Wednesday	7 th October 2026	1.30pm
Wednesday	14 th October 2026	2.30pm
Friday	23 rd October 2026	2.30pm
Tuesday	3 rd November 2026	2.30pm
Friday	6 th November 2026	2.30pm
Monday	9 th November 2026	1.30pm
Friday	15 th November 2026	2.30pm
Tuesday	17 th November 2026	2.30pm
Wednesday	23 rd November 2026	2.30pm
Saturday	7 th November 2026	Open Morning 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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School Tour Dates and Open Morning

Is your child due to start school in September 2027? We warmly invite you to come along to our Saturday Open Day on 7th 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

"Loving, Inspired, Shining"

National Award Winners for Outstanding Arts Education

We are a vibrant and creative school who celebrate childhood.

Our Open Morning is on **Saturday 7th November 2026**

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

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

Make something creative!

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 Mowatt!

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

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

We warmly welcome you to the St Alphege family.

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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



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W/E 25.9.25

Reception— 97.7%

Weekly Awards

Whole School Awards!

Our awards this year represent our School Development priorities: CREATE. Each class nominates one child to celebrate their achievements each week and their names will be added to the weekly newsletter.



Creativity & Curiosity
Fraser- Reception



Retrieval of Learning
George– Pearls Class



Engaging Curriculum
Silvia- Seagulls Class



Awe, Wonder & Spirituality
Stanley J- Reception



Tremendous Maths
Lucas- Oysters Class



Excellent Writing
Adesewa- Puffins Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have been exploring lots of different activities to promote our fine motor development. We have been using tweezers or making pincer movements simply with our fingers in different contexts such as when retrieving and transporting pulses for a purpose or when peeling tiny stickers to apply to a pattern. During our HeartSmart session we talked about how our facial expressions can let others know how we are feeling. We practiced pulling different faces and talked about the things that make us feel happy, angry, sad or scared. We have begun to develop our subitising skills this week. Subitising is being able to see what the quantity is without counting by looking for familiar patterns of number. We have played games to encourage the children to spot groups of one, two or three. During our welcome time, we use counters with 10 frames to help develop our subitising skills and number sense further. Mrs Memmott played a musical instrument listening game, splitting the children up into groups and giving each group a different instrument to play. They listened to the sound she made using a hidden instrument and if it sounded like the instrument they were holding, they accompanied her. If the sound didn't match, they kept quiet and waited for their turn.

Year R
Mrs Keeble and Mrs Hopkins

We have enjoyed another lovely week together in Reception. The children are enjoying learning their phonics sounds (this week i, n, m and d) and are learning to blend sounds to read words such as s-a-t and m-a-n. In Maths we have continued to practice subitising and have been learning to match and sort different objects according to different criteria. The children particularly enjoyed sorting buttons in a range of different ways. We have started our RE learning over the last couple of weeks. The children have enjoyed meeting Lily, our Christian persona doll. Lily shared with the children that God was very important to her and helped the children to think about and draw who was important to them. Thank you if you have been able to share a school book with your child this week. You will find a different wordless book in your child's book bag for the week ahead. We will be starting PE on Monday. Please make sure your child has a named PE kit in school at all times. We will practise changing into our PE kits independently. You might like to practise doing this at home over the weekend, encouraging your child to do this by themselves.

Year 1
Mrs Brown, Mrs Cohen and Mrs Cater

Year 1 have had a wonderful week and have begun learning about Whitstable's past and how it has changed over time. They visited the museum and looked at different artefacts from the past and thought about the difference between then and now. Next week we will focus on the Whitstable Flood and think about how it affected those living here. The children will be introduced to timelines and worked together to order time periods and events including the flood. In Maths they have been finding one less than a given number using number tracks and resources. They thought about how finding one less means numbers are getting smaller by one each time. Next week we will focus on comparing numbers using the vocabulary greater than, less than and equal to as well as using the inequality symbols ($<$ $>$ $=$) to compare groups of numbers. We are so impressed with the children's writing this week and have loved seeing them use their bossy verbs and adjectives to write instructions for how to make a jam sandwich! Next week we will read the story 'Elmer and the Flood' and as part of our imagination week, will complete lots of practical activities to engross us in the story including sensory walks, musical soundscapes and using materials to create our own Elmer. The children have been thinking about the best use of material for different purposes and hunted round the school for materials suitable for different items including a house, coat and robot. Next week they will focus on completing a fair test to find out whether materials are waterproof or not. We are now assigning eBooks every Monday which are the fully decodable books your children are reading in class as part of their reading and phonics lessons. Please use these books for your children to read to you to practise as well as the book banded books that are changed every Friday – these are matched closely to your child's reading ability, however there may be some words or sounds that they need help with! Thank you for your continued support. Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Year 2
Mr Mead and Mrs Martin

We have had another fun filled, exciting week in Year 2. In Maths the children have been looking at and creating number lines in intervals of tens or ones and estimating where numbers would go on that number line. The playground is covered with colourful number lines now! In English the children created some beautiful descriptive postcards, thinking carefully about using powerful adjectives and exciting verbs. In PE the children completed various team games as part of their OAA topic, they successfully communicated and worked as a team to achieve their goal. In History we began looking at the famous pilot Amelia Earhart. We talked about why she is considered to be a significant figure in history and the children ordered the events of her life on a timeline. The fact that no one knows what happened to Amelia prompted some very interesting theories from the children. Next week we will begin to explore our new text, Emma Janes Aeroplane. If you have any spare junk modelling items lying around the house these will be much appreciated next week. We hope you have a lovely weekend.