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Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November 2026
Mon 2nd - Staff Development Day
Tues 3rd - Start of Term 2
Weds 4th – Writing Parent Workshop with Subject Leader (Hall 9.00am)
Fri 6th – Flu Immunisations
Sat 7th – School Open Morning New Reception & Sunbeams
Mon 9th – Individual & Siblings School Photos
Thurs 12th – Reading and Phonics Parent Workshop with Subject Leader (Hall 9.00am)
Fri 13th - Non-Uniform in aid of 'Children in Need'
Mon 16th– Whole School Collective Worship (Church 9.10am)
Tues 24th - Year R NHS NCMP
Mon 30th – Maths Parent Workshop with subject leader (Hall 9.00am)

Riverside Church – '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 £179.50

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 Adesewa in Year 2.



Poppies

We have poppies and poppy items available in school to support this year's Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. If you child would like any items or a poppy, please send some money in an envelope with your child. There are reflectors (suggested donations 50p), silicon wristbands and pencils (suggested donations £1), material bracelets and snap bands (suggested donations £1.50) as well as the traditional paper poppy and poppy stickers.

Pamplemousse and Rev Ripeka



Pamplemousse and Rev Ripeka will begin their volunteering with us in term 2, and will be in school on Thursday afternoons. Everyone will get the opportunity to be with them at some point in the coming weeks. However, in order not to overwhelm Pamplemousse, groups will be kept small (3-5 children) so it will take time to reach everyone. Please let your child know that even if they don't get to spend time with Pamplemousse straight away, everyone will get the opportunity, it may just take a little while.

Writing Parent Workshop with Subject Leader – Wednesday 4th November

On Wednesday 4th November at 9am, we will be hosting a short, writing workshop for parents. The session will give you an overview of how writing is taught across the school and provide you with easy activities to support your child at home. Coffee, tea, and biscuits provided.

School Admissions for September 2027

Applications are made through Kent County Council at https://kent.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/Synergy/Admissions.aspx. You can submit your application between Friday 6th November 2026 and Friday 15th January 2027. 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 2027

Parents of Year 2 children will need to apply for a Junior school place for your child for September 2027. 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.

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 Open Day on **Saturday 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.



Tuesday	3rd November 2026	9.30am
Friday	6th November 2026	9.30am
Monday	9th November 2026	1.30pm
Friday	13th November 2026	9.30am
Tuesday	17th November 2026	9.30am
Wednesday	25th November 2026	9.30am

Individual School Photos –Monday 9th November

Vancols School Photographers will be in school on Monday 9th 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 Monday morning, and you would like them to have their photo taken, please bring them via the school office at 8.35am.

Reading and Phonics Parent Workshop with Subject Leader – Thursday 12th November

On Thursday 12th November at 9am, we will be hosting a short, reading and phonics workshop for parents. The session will give you an overview of how reading and phonics is taught across the school and provide you with easy activities to support your child at home. Coffee, tea, and biscuits provided.

Children in Need – Non-Uniform day Friday 13th 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 16th November at 9.10am
Monday 7th December at 9.10am (Christmas Service)

Maths Parent Workshop with Subject Leader - Monday 30th November

On Monday 30th November at 9am, we will be hosting a short, maths workshop for parents. The session will give you an overview of how maths is taught across the school and provide you with easy activities to support your child at home. Coffee, tea, and biscuits provided (and no maths tests, we promise!)

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Looking for something to do this October half term?
The museum will be open from Tuesday 27 October to Saturday 31 October, 10am to 4pm. For the latest opening times and visitor information, please check the museum website before you visit.
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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



King Alphege Attendance Lion
W/E 16.10.26
Seagulls Class – 99%

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
Rory – Oysters Class



Retrieval of Learning
Faith – Puffins Class



Engaging Curriculum
Leo – Pebbles Class



Awe, Wonder & Spirituality
Freya – Seagulls Class



Tremendous Maths
Freya – Shells Class



Excellent Writing
Obi – Pearls Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams
Mrs Humphreys

We started our week in Sunbeams with a Hungry Caterpillar workshop delivered to us by Louise from Chartwells. She talked to the children about healthy and not so healthy foods and linked it to the well-loved story. She told us that we need to be eating five portions of fruit and vegetables every day and that we should try to vary it so that we eat a rainbow of different coloured fruit and vegetables to ensure we are eating healthily. We then used the food she had prepared to make our own food art, which we happily ate when we were finished! We have been thinking about pattern this week and have noticed lots of different patterns in our environment. We had a go at copying repeating patterns using a variety of different resources and played a matching game with lots of different pairs of socks which was a lot of fun! We decorated our previously painted tin cans with patterns such as stripes or spots and these will look wonderful hanging in our outside area. We have been developing our subitising skills when looking for patterns of number in random arrangements and the children are beginning to initiate their own subitising activities during their play. In phonics we have continued to explore rhythm, counting the beats in our names using claves.

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 on Monday, it was so lovely to see so many of you there to share it with us. This week has been our assessment week in Phonics so we have been recapping the 20 sounds we have learnt so far. In Maths we have been recognising and making 1, 2 and 3. We continued with our BEAM programme in PE this week, using balls to develop control and manipulation. In RE we have learnt about how Christians say thank you to God around the world through the lens of a Christian child living in Mexico. We studied a tree of life image before creating our own tree of life with things that are important to us. We have also been busy with Autumn craft activities that will be displayed in the window of Whitstable Fabric Shop very soon. Maybe you could see if you can spot them in the window! We hope you can enjoy some fun time with your lovely children at half term and look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 3rd November.

Year 1
Mrs Brown, Mrs Cohen and Mrs Cater

Thank you all for a wonderful first Term in Year 1! The children have been engrossed in lots of fantastic retrieval activities. We followed instructions to bake an autumnal cinnamon and raisin bread roll and created recipe books for them! The children loved beach school on Monday – despite the weather, they created beautiful pieces of art using natural objects they found and had a lovely time exploring and looking at each other's masterpieces. The children loved celebrating their last day of term by having a party in the hall – it was full of smiles, dancing, singing and games! Next term our learning theme is 'Change' and we will be exploring the question 'How has the world changed?' Please can all children bring in a photo of them as a baby for the first week. Wishing you all a fabulous half term with your wonderful families.

Year 2
Mr Mead and Mrs Martin

What a wonderful final week of Term 1 we have had in Year 2! This week, we followed instructions to make delicious shortbread biscuits and then put our English skills to the test by rewriting the instructions ourselves. We have also been busy retrieving and revisiting our learning across all subjects through a range of fun and engaging carousel activities. It has been a fantastic opportunity to celebrate how much we have learnt this term. On Wednesday afternoon, we were delighted to enjoy our marble and bead jar treat, which was a lovely way to celebrate our hard work and positive choices. We enjoyed watching films, spending quality time with our friends and, of course, tucking into some yummy party treats! It has been a fun-filled week, full of smiles, laughter and wonderful memories to end the term. We are so proud of all the children and their efforts throughout Term 1. We hope you all have a lovely, restful half-term break and enjoy some well-deserved time together. We look forward to welcoming everyone back, refreshed and ready for another exciting term of learning in Term 2! **Have a wonderful half term!**