



Dear Families,

Welcome to Sunbeams! We hope you have enjoyed your summer and are looking forward to the exciting year ahead as part of our Sunbeams family here at St Alphege Infant School.

Here is some important information to remind you of some of the routines and expectations we have here in Sunbeams.



Mrs Humphreys is our nursery teacher. She is here every day.



Mrs Warner is a nursery assistant and is here Monday - Thursday.



Mrs Giles is a nursery assistant and is here every day.



Mrs Silverwood is a nursery assistant and is here on Friday.



Mrs Baxter and Mrs Wall look after us in the nursery at lunch time while we have our lunch. We can bring a packed lunch or have a school dinner brought to us from the school canteen. School lunches cost £2.00 per day but will rise to £2.10 per day in January 2027. When we come into our nursery session, we can choose from a picture chart what we would like to eat for our lunch. We can choose packed lunch or school dinner on a day-by-day basis.

Outdoor learning:

We spend a lot of time exploring and learning in our outdoor area. We ask that all Sunbeams children are dressed appropriately for the weather.

In sunnier weather, sun cream **must** be applied by parents and carers before the session, though we will happily reapply during the day if sun cream is provided. Cap sleeves are advised. For practical and safety purposes, **do not** send your child in wearing crocs, clogs or sandals. Our children are often climbing, pedalling and running, and so trainers should be worn. We request Velcro fastenings on trainers for ease (both for your children and ours). In colder weather, coats, hats and gloves are necessary for your child's comfort. When in doubt what the weather will do, come prepared! We have welly boots that the children can borrow while in the setting, or you may wish to bring your own.

Drop off / Pick up:

Our doors will be open:

8:30-8:45 am To welcome the children for the morning.

11:25-11:30 am To say goodbye to the children leaving after the morning session and to welcome any joining us for lunch.

12:15 pm To say goodbye to the children leaving after lunch and welcome any joining us for the afternoon.

3:05-3:15 pm To say goodbye to all our children for the day.

The nursery can be accessed at the beginning and the end of the day from the High Street then through the playground and from the gate off the alleyway between Cromwell and Argyle Roads.

At the end of the morning and beginning of the afternoon sessions, access can only be made from the gate off the alleyway.

Reading books:

We endeavour to cultivate a love of reading in our children. As well as many opportunities during the day to enjoy books while in the setting, we encourage our children to borrow a book from our collection in the lobby. These books can be borrowed and changed as often as your child wants.

We will also be sending home lilac book banded books, that don't contain words to share with your child. They will be able to look at the illustrations and make up their own stories from them. These will need to be returned and changed weekly.

Snacks and drinks:

Water is available at all times for the children. If your child prefers, they are welcome to bring in their own water bottle which they can access throughout the session.

During the morning snack time, children have the choice between milk or water to drink. They are offered a carbohydrate snack, such as cereal, toast or rice cake. All subject to dietary requirements.

During the afternoon snack, children have water to drink and are offered fruit.

***Our learning questions each term:***

Term 1: Who am I? Who are you?

Term 2: What memories can I make?

Term 3: Where can we go?

Term 4: Who does a super job to help me?

Term 5: What changes can I see?

Term 6: I wonder what will happen if...?

Help at home:

Please teach and encourage your child to be as independent as possible, such as learning to put their shoes, socks and coats on by themselves. We support to teach your children these things too, but your help is greatly appreciated.

Please read the newsletter for weekly updates and coverage.

If there are any additional events or activities, we will inform you in advance.

We are always happy to help with any questions or concerns you may have so please do not hesitate to ask! We are very much looking forward to getting to know you and your children and are excited for the year ahead!

Best Wishes,

Mrs Humphreys, Mrs Warner, Mrs Giles, Mrs Silverwood