

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



Koinonia

Loved, Inspired, Shining

Newsletter

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If online payment details are required, please contact the school office.

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

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)

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)

Nut Free School

We have several friends in school who suffer from nut allergies. Please could I remind everyone that our school and Nursery are "Nut Free Zones". Those friends, if they come in contact with a nut product, can suffer life threatening consequences. A child with a nut allergy does not have to eat nuts themselves to react, it sometimes only needs to be a touch from someone who has eaten them. **I cannot stress how important it is for everyone to work with us to ensure the safety of all our children.**

This means that the following items cannot be bought into school or nursery;

- Packs of nuts/any nuts
- Peanut butter sandwiches
- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts
- Cakes made with nuts
- Nutella or chocolate spread
- Chocolates
- Baklava
- Nougat
- Biscuits (Check all biscuit labels and if you are not sure please leave it out).



As many of you will already know, each year we create a new art installation in our entrance hall which is linked to the priorities on the School Development Plan. This year our acronym is CREATE. We will write to you all next week with further details of the school priorities. We are excited to announce that we will again be working with our long-standing arts partners at Animate Arts Company to create this new display. Jo from Animate Arts will be working alongside each class on the 21st September, to gather their ideas and set arty challenges for the installation. Jo will return on Thursday 28th September to bring all of the children's creations together in our school entrance. We cannot wait to share this with you, so please keep an eye on the school Facebook and Instagram pages, where photographs will be posted over the coming weeks. We will also invite you all in to see it in person once it is complete!

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.

[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!

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.

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	12 th September 2018	1.30pm
Wednesday	30 th September 2018	2.30pm
Friday	1 st October 2018	2.30pm
Wednesday	3 rd October 2018	1.30pm
Wednesday	10 th October 2018	2.30pm
Friday	23 rd October 2018	2.30pm
Tuesday	3 rd November 2018	2.30pm
Friday	6 th November 2018	2.30pm
Monday	8 th November 2018	1.30pm
Friday	13 th November 2018	2.30pm
Tuesday	17 th November 2018	2.30pm
Wednesday	19 th November 2018	2.30pm
Saturday	7 th November 2018	Open Morning 10.00am - 1.00pm
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.		
St. Alphgege CE Infant School Church Street Walsbyrie TS16 1DA Tel: 01457 212771 Email: stalphgege@stalphgege-ts16.nhs.uk www.st.alphgege-ts16.nhs.uk		

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

Love, Inspire, Shine

National Award Winners for Outstanding Arts Education



Make something creative!



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



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

We are a vibrant and creative school with confident children!

Our Open Morning is on Saturday 7th November 2026

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



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 Mansouri!



Meet our Outstanding Early Years team and spend some playing and exploring in our inspiring Early Years environment!

We warmly welcome you to the St Alphege family.

Community

FUNDRAISING FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

AT RAMSGATE FOOTBALL CLUB

7 ASIDE TEAMS COMPETING FOR A GOOD CAUSE

SOUTH EAST COAST AMBULANCE SERVICE VS **QEQM HOSPITAL** VS **KENT AND MEDWAY FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE** VS **KENT POLICE**

SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER

GATES OPEN 2PM

IN AID OF MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT & 2 SECAMB COLLEAGUES

CHILDREN INVITED TO **DRESS UP** IN HALLOWEEN COSTUMES! PRIZES FOR THE BEST COSTUMES!

ENTRANCE FEE
ADULTS £5
CHILDREN £2.50
UNDER 3'S FREE

FACE PAINTING! **RAFFLE!** **TOMBOLA!**

CHANCE FOR KIDS TO TAKE PART IN A PENALTY SHOOTOUT

AT HALF TIME! CHILDREN INVITED TO TAKE PART! PLEASE WEAR APPROPRIATE FOOTWEAR FOR AS PITCH

BAR OPEN **FOOD HUT OPEN**

SUPPORT OUR HEROES **SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY**

Children for Children

Christmas TOY DRIVE

SPECIAL ELVES, HELP FATHER CHRISTMAS HAVE A TOY FOR EVERY SINGLE GIRL AND BOY

WHAT? Donate new toys, for ages 0-5, not gift wrapped, not Christmas themed

WHEN? From now until 13th of Nov.

WHERE? St. Alphege CoE school reception

Kent School of Performing Arts

Whitstable
Since 2013

Dance, drama & singing for ages 3 to 19

Every Saturday at The Whitstable School, Bellevue Road.

Autumn term starts Saturday 19 September.

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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 18.9.25

Reception – 98.9%

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
Dorothy - Oysters Class



Retrieval of Learning
Sandra– Reception



Engaging Curriculum
Cassius – Pearls Class



Awe, Wonder & Spirituality
Zizi – Puffins Class



Tremendous Maths
Irakli - Seagulls Class



Excellent Writing
Willow – Reception

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have been slowly introducing some of our more focused routines and activities. We have enjoyed Dough Disco, where we support the development of our hand strength, dexterity and fine motor skills while manipulating playdough in different ways and dancing to music. We have also started Squiggle While You Wiggle which supports us getting ready to write. We make large whole arm and body movements as we wave scarves or wands to music. We then transfer the movement to a mark making activity on a large scale. We also found opportunities to mark make on a smaller scale as we drew the members of our family for our mark making display. We have also enjoyed our music session with Mrs Memmott this week and continued to explore opportunities to develop our listening skills when playing parachute games and sound games with the instruments throughout the week. We have been introduced to Boris the Robot in our HeartSmart session, and are learning to be heart smart about the feelings of ourselves as well as others.

Year R

Mrs Keeble and Mrs Hopkins

We have had a lovely week of fun and learning in Year R. It has been wonderful to see the children's personalities begin to emerge as they grow in confidence and develop new friendships. We began our phonics learning with the sounds s, a, t, and p and in Maths we practised subitising, which is when we can see a quantity (e.g. 3) without counting. We heard a story about Boris the Robot, who helps us with our learning in Personal, Social, and Health Education (PSHE). Today, you will find a reading book in your child's book bag. Books will be changed once a week on a Friday. Please share this book at home with your child, as often as you can, and if you would like to you can date and sign the reading record. You will notice that the first books we send home are wordless books that tell a story through pictures alone. They help children to develop speaking and listening skills through creating and telling stories. You can support by encouraging your child to talk about what is happening on each page and tell you what or who the book is about. You will also find a sticker with your log in information for our online book platform where you will find a new book to share with your child each week. The online books directly link to their phonics each week so we strongly encourage you to access these. Thank you for naming your children's clothes, bags and water bottles. If you find you have taken another child's clothing home by mistake, thank you for returning it. We are continuing to learn how to recognise our own things!

Year 1

Mrs Brown, Mrs Cohen and Mrs Cater

It's been another brilliant week in Year 1! To start our Creation Week in English, we made jam sandwiches. The children then dazzled us writing in their new English books for the first time this week. They labelled and described ingredients to make a jam sandwich and included interesting adjectives too. Next week they will be turning their labels into written instructions. In Maths, they have been consolidating their understanding of adding one more to a number up to ten. Next week, we will retrieve our knowledge of counting backwards and finding one less of a number within ten. The children learnt all about materials in science this week and sorted lots of objects into the material they are made from! They tested which materials were waterproof, junk modelled, made crayon rubbings using different materials and completed lots of other fun activities! Next week the children will think about which materials are suitable to make different things (bricks for a house). In art, the children explored drawing and learnt about the artist Freidensreich Hundertwasser. They thought about the lines and colours used before drawing trees, houses and shops in his style. Next week the children will build on these skills and use oil pastels to create a bright, Hundertwasser style building. Wishing all our children and families a peaceful and pleasant weekend.

Year 2

Mr Mead and Mrs Martin

Year 2 have had another week full of fun! We loved our first swimming lesson and are excited to go every Friday morning as one of our PE lessons. In our other PE lesson we focused on OAA where we needed to show good teamwork skills to complete different problem solving challenges. In Maths we have been partitioning numbers up to 100 using part whole models and identifying how many tens and ones are in each number. Next week we will be using number lines to count in tens, ones and to estimate where numbers will be using our place value knowledge. In English we used Meerkat Mail as inspiration to design our own postcard from a destination and wrote short sentences using adjectives to describe the setting and verbs to describe what we have been doing. Next week in Production week, we will use our sentences to write a postcard – thinking carefully about the style and tone of our writing. In Science this week we explored Ocean and Woodland habitats. We identified what these habitats look like and what might live there. Then we used different classroom resources to create our own habitats. Wishing you all a lovely weekend.