

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



Koinonia

Loved, Inspired, Shining

Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October 2026

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

Fri 9th – Dot Day

Mon 12th – Parent Consultations

Weds 14th – Parent Consultations

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

Fri 16th – Non-Uniform in aid of 'All Wrapped Up' Riverside Church

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 New Reception & Sunbeams

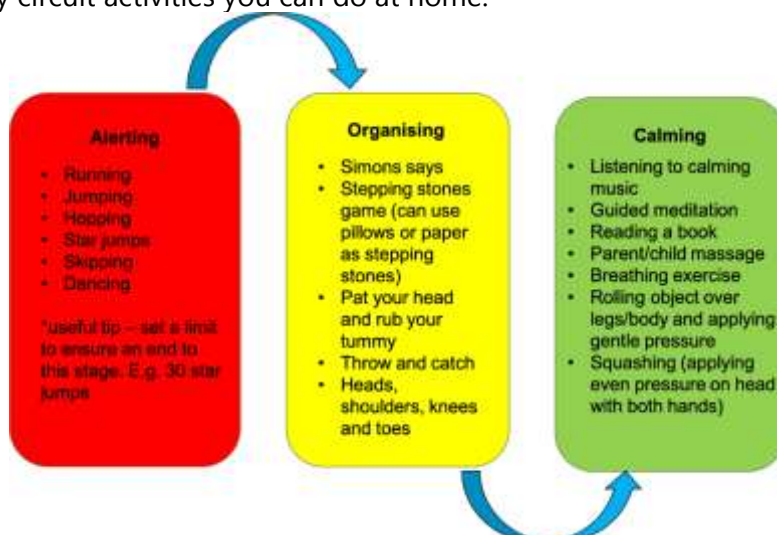
Mon 9th – Individual School Photos

Fri 13th - Non-Uniform in aid of 'Children in Need'

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

Sensory Circuits

Sensory circuits will be restarting in the near future once staffing arrangements are in place, and we will let you know by letter if your child has been offered a place on this intervention. In the meanwhile, here are some ideas of sensory circuit activities you can do at home.



Thank you for your patience and please rest assured that any children with identified sensory needs will be supported in their classroom.

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!



Dot Day – Friday 9th October

On Friday 9th October, we will be celebrating Dot Day. This is a day where we explore the story of "The Dot" written by Peter H Reynolds.

We will be asking every member of our school community (staff, children, governors and parents) to create their own dots. Each person will be encouraged to be creative and brave and make their mark, just like Vashti! The children will have the freedom to colour, paint, collage, add glitter, and otherwise change their dots as they wish. Everyone will

sign their dot and then these will be displayed collectively in the school hall. Once the display is complete, we will invite you all in to see it.

Parent Consultations

We will be holding in person parent consultations this term in the school hall on the following dates:



Monday 12th October – 3.30pm-6.30pm

Wednesday 14th October – 3.30pm-6.30pm

The booking system will go live tonight (Friday 2nd October) at 7pm <https://stalphegeinfant.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Please remember, that you do not need to wait for Parent Consultations if you have something you wish to discuss with us. We are always here and happy to help at any time!

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.

Non-Uniform in aid of 'All Wrapped Up' Riverside Church – Friday 16th October

We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 16th October and asking for a monetary donation of £1 to support the Riverside project. If you would like to give more than £1 any additional donations big or small are welcome.



All Wrapped Up is a project of Riverside Church working with our local schools and partners to provide Christmas presents, food vouchers and treat bags to families in need.

Last year at their free 'Winter Wonderland' they were able to provide presents for over 700 children, with over 290 families receiving food vouchers to feed over 1000 people.

Riverside are open between 10am and 4pm Monday – Friday, if anyone wishes to donate any new toys that can be added to their Christmas collection. Alternatively, they can be dropped off at the Tesco Extra Whitstable. All Wrapped Up can be voted for your local Tesco stores by using the blue tokens. This will enable Riverside to receive a grant for the All Wrapped Up project.



Friends Association 'Ghoulsh Goodies' Cake Sale – Thursday 22nd October (Playground 3.15pm)

Our fabulous Friends Association are organising a 'Ghoulsh Goodies' cake stall. We are asking for any contributions of cake/biscuits/sweet treats to sell. Please note that we are unable to accept any treats that contain nuts. Please can we ask that the treats come with an ingredients list so that we can keep our St Alphege family and friends safe. Please could you send these into school on Thursday 22nd October. We thank you for all donations.



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)

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

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	9.30am
Friday	2 nd October 2026	9.30am
Wednesday	7 th October 2026	1.30pm
Wednesday	14 th October 2026	9.30am
Friday	25 th October 2026	9.30am
Tuesday	3 rd November 2026	9.30am
Friday	6 th November 2026	9.30am
Monday	9 th November 2026	1.30pm
Friday	13 th November 2026	9.30am
Tuesday	17 th November 2026	9.30am
Wednesday	25 th November 2026	9.30am
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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ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

'Loved, Inspired, Shining'
National Award Winners for Outstanding Arts Education



Make something creative!

Our Open
Morning is
on
Saturday
7th
November
2026

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

We are a vibrant
and creative school
who celebrate
childhood.

Take part in some Forest
School activities with our
Forest School Teacher!



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 warmly welcome you to the St Alphege family.

Join in with a fun music
session with our specialist
Music Teacher,
Mrs Memmott!

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

Community



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FREE
Your child's first class is on us. No payment, no pressure.

100%
ISTD exam pass record, taught patiently over 17 years.

3
Whitstable studios, all minutes from the seaford, with parking.

WHAT WE TEACH

ISTD EXAMINED - WEEKLY - TERM TIME

- HAPPY FEET - AGES 2-4
- BALLET
- TAP
- MODERN
- MUSICAL THEATRE
- STREET
- CONTEMPORARY

EVERY CHILD INCLUDED
No auditions, no 'right body type'. SEND and neurodiverse dancers are warmly welcome — tell us what helps, and we'll adapt the pace and sensory load. That's what we'll do.

FUN COMES FIRST
Kids learn fastest when they're giggling. Stand outside the studio for a minute and you'll hear it through the door.

CLAIM YOUR FREE TASTER
Tell us your child's age and Kerry will find the right first class. Autumn term runs 7 September to 11 December.

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Tap a button or scan the code - 07904 530364 - info@kerrysdance.com



FUNDRAISING FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

AT RAMSGATE FOOTBALL CLUB

7 A-SIDE 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!

BAR OPEN **FOOD HUT OPEN**

CHILDREN INVITED TO TAKE PART! PLEASE WEAR APPROPRIATE FOOTWEAR FOR ALL KIDS!

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

Course Code	Course Title	Start	End	Day	Start Time	End Time
155117	The Gruffalo - Celebrating the national year of reading The Beane Library	19/09/26	19/09/26	Saturday	10:30	12:00
155151	First Aid for Babies Whitstable Family Hub	28/09/26	28/09/26	Monday	09:30	11:30
155150	First Aid for Babies Kingsmead Family Hub	12/10/26	12/10/26	Monday	10:00	12:00
155226	First Aid for Babies Briary Family Hub	21/10/26	21/10/26	Wednesday	10:00	12:00
155223	Spooky Crafts Kingsmead Family Hub	26/10/26	26/10/26	Monday	10:00	12:00
155157	Spooky Crafts Whitstable Family Hub	27/10/26	27/10/26	Tuesday	13:00	15:00
155224	Understanding Autism Herne Bay Family Hub	02/11/26	02/11/26	Monday	10:00	12:00
155154	Supporting Your Teenager with their Mental Health Whitstable Family Hub	02/11/26	02/11/26	Monday	09:30	11:30
155156	Supporting Families with ADHD Teens Kingsmead Family Hub	09/11/26	09/11/26	Monday	10:00	12:00
155750	Christmas Crafts Wincheap Family Hub	21/12/26	21/12/26	Monday	10:00	12:00

To book your place on one of these **FREE** courses

Scan the QR code or:

Visit: www.kentadulteducation.co.uk



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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 25.10.26
Puffins Class - 98%

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
Frankie – Seagulls Class



Retrieval of Learning
Noah – Puffins Class



Engaging Curriculum
Bea C – Shells Class



Awe, Wonder & Spirituality
Dougie – Oysters Class



Tremendous Maths
Daisy – Pebbles Class



Excellent Writing
Risha- Pearls Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

Mrs Humphreys

We started the week in Sunbeams with a visitor, Jo from Animate Arts. She set us a challenge this week to create some special paint drip bunting and a paint box. We spent the week developing our threading skills as we prepared the bunting for the whole school arts project that will be installed in the main school entrance next week. We also used paper and paints to create our paint box. During phonics we have been developing our listening skills when playing games that encourage us to match animal sounds to the animal or the sound to the musical instrument that makes it. In 'Squiggle While You Wiggle' we made gross motor movements in the shape of a rainbow to the song Daydream Believer. When doing our mindful mark making on a smaller scale we used our pens to push a gem around the page. Both these mark making activities encourage us to cross the midline which supports our brain development and coordination when getting ready to read and write.

Year R
Mrs Keeble and Mrs Hopkins

We have had a brilliant week in Year R. The children are enjoying learning to read (this week, remembering the sounds g, o, c and k) and are continuing to practise blending sounds to read words such as d-o-g and p-o-t. In maths this week we have been sorting by size and ordering three items in size order. In *Heartsmart* the children have been thinking about what makes their heart full and drew pictures to represent these things in a heart. In RE, the children are learning all about the special book Christians read to learn about God and Jesus. The children loved their first full PE lesson in the hall where they explored balancing and moving their bodies in different ways. They were amazing at getting themselves changed independently. Some children even managed to undo their buttons by themselves and said they had been practising at home! Please make sure your child has a named PE kit in school at all times; our next PE lesson is on Monday.

Year 1
Mrs Brown, Mrs Cohen and Mrs Cater

Year 1 have had an exciting week full of exciting activities! The children had a visit from Jo from Animate Arts who set them a task of creating giant crayons in a box to add to our new entrance display! They have worked together all week to create them and we can't wait to show you the finished entrance display! In Maths the children have been comparing numbers using the inequality symbols (< > =) and using the vocabulary greater, less than and equal to. Next week, they will be ordering numbers from smallest to greatest and greatest to smallest. The children have been immersed in the text 'Elmer and the flood' and have completed such fun activities during their imagination week! They worked together to create Elmer using lots of different materials, used music to create a storm effect and became Elmer during the flood by walking through water and using torches in caves! Next week they will use their senses to describe how they felt during certain points in the story. The children learnt about Whitstable flood in History and thought about how it affected the people living here at the time. They learnt all about timelines and plotted the Whitstable flood on their own time line which included dinosaurs and the ice age. In Science, they have been learning all about materials and this week, after testing different materials to see if they are waterproof or not, they made a boat for an animal and tested it in our water tray! We hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Year 2
Mr Mead and Mrs Martin

We have had another fun-filled week in Year 2 with some fantastic practical learning taking place. In English the children have immersed themselves in our new text, Emma Jane's Aeroplane, working in groups they used loose parts on the playground to create some amazing aeroplanes and thought about how plane design had changed over time. They learnt about onomatopoeias and used a selection of musical instruments to create storm sounds which they then performed to their friends. Next week they will begin to re-write the story, using exciting verbs to describe how Emma Jane's plane travels around the world. In Maths our focus has been ordering numbers with vocabulary such as greater than, less than and equal too. On the playground once again, the children completed various Maths challenges including ordering the whole class from the smallest number to the biggest and finding numbers within a given range. Animate Arts has kept us very busy this week, creating giant art equipment for our new installation. We can't wait for you to see it! In RE the children thought about things that Christians do to help our world and created some lovely posters. It has tied in very nicely with our whole school theme of Koinonia. In PE we had fun working as a team to complete some tricky parachute games. The children had lots of fun, especially when the wind picked up and gave the parachute a mind of its own! Next week we will revisit counting in 2's, 5's, 10's and 3's and explore Art through the eyes of our new focus artist Georgia O'Keeffe. We hope you have a lovely weekend.