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St ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November 2026
Mon 16th – Whole School Collective Worship (Church 9.10am)
Thurs 18th – Speech & Language Therapist – one to one
Tues 24th - Year R NHS NCMP
Mon 30th – Maths Parent Workshop with subject leader (Hall 9.00am)

December 2026
Weds 2nd – Non-Uniform Day for the Tombola
Fri 4th - Friends 'Elfridges' Shopping Event
Mon 7th - Whole School Collective Worship (Church 9.10am)
Tues 8th – Friends Christmas Fair
Weds 9th – Year 1 Concert (Hall 9.30am)
Weds 9th – Christmas Lunch Day
Thurs 10th – Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 11th – Year R, Year 1 & Year 2 Gulbenkian Theatre Trip
Mon 14th – Reception Parent Christmas Craft (Hall 1.45pm)
Tues 15th – Year 2 Nativity (Hall 9.30am)
Weds 16th – Sunbeams Nativity (Hall 9.30am) and Party
Thurs 17th – Year R Nativity (Hall 9.30am)
Thurs 17th – Sunbeams Stay and Play (2.15pm)
Thurs 17th – Year 1 Party
Fri 18th – Year R and Year 2 Party

School Tour Dates

Is your child due to start school in September 2027? We warmly invite you to 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.

Available school tours:
Tuesday 17th November at 9.30am
Wednesday 25th November at 9.30am

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)



Speech and Language Therapist – Wednesday 18th November

We are pleased to be offering parents the opportunity to meet with our link NHS Speech and Language Therapist (SLT) for an informal 30-minute advice session. If you have questions about your child's speech, understanding, talking or communication, the session is an opportunity to talk about what you have noticed, ask questions and receive practical advice about ways to support your child at home and/or school. Parents can book a 30-minute appointment to discuss any questions or concerns and receive practical advice about supporting your child. Appointments are available between 9:00am and 12:00pm, either in person at school or virtually. There are six appointments available. To book, please speak to Mrs Strike and let her know briefly what you would like to discuss.

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!)

Non-Uniform Day –Wednesday 2nd December



Wednesday 2nd December is a non-uniform day and in return we would like to ask for donations of **chocolate or bring a bottle** for the tombola at the Christmas Fair. This can range from a bar of chocolate to a bottle of wine. Any chocolate/ bottle item will be appreciated.

Friends Association 'Elfridges' Shopping Event – Friday 4th December

The Friends Association will be holding a 'Elfridges' Shopping Event on **Friday 4th December** during the school day. A letter will be sent home next week with further information.



Cakes for the Christmas Fair

We are asking for contributions of homemade cake/biscuits/sweet treats to sell at our Christmas fair this year. All the money raised will contribute towards the development of our new art studio and purchase of some new outdoor learning resources.

Friends Association Christmas Fair –Tuesday 8th December 3.15pm – 5.00pm

Huge thanks to The Friends who are again organising our Christmas Fair with lots of festive fun for all the family. Raffle tickets will be sent home next week with the children. All the money raised will contribute towards the development of our new art studio and purchase of some new outdoor learning resources

Children's Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 9th December



This year the children will have their Christmas lunch on **Wednesday 9th December**. This will be roast turkey, roast potatoes, stuffing, mini sausage, peas, carrots and gravy plus a festive treat for dessert. Please note there is a vegetarian option available but we are unable to offer jacket potatoes or sandwiches on this day. All meals are free to all children in years R-2. If your child would like to bring their own packed lunch from home perhaps it could include a little festive treat on this day! Sunbeams nursery children who attend on a Wednesday will also be able to have Christmas dinner at the usual cost of £2.00.

Christmas Jumper Day –Thursday 10th December

This year we are again taking part in the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day. Children can wear a festive jumper instead of their school jumper (all other uniform items to be worn please.) Please do not feel that you have to buy a jumper. You could always add some festive sparkle to a jumper that you already own. We are asking for a monetary donation of £1, however any donations are welcome.

Reception, Year 1 & 2 Gulbenkian Theatre Trip - Friday 11th December



On 11th December, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be visiting the Gulbenkian for the morning performance of 'There's a Monster in Your Christmas Show'. We know that this will be a fabulous experience for our children and an opportunity for us all to enjoy the wonder of theatre as a whole school family.

Reception Parent Christmas Craft – Monday 14th December

Parents and carers of children in Pebbles and Shells classes are invited to join the children for a Christmas craft afternoon from 1.45pm to 2.45pm in the school hall on Monday 14th December.



Christmas Nativities to Parents

All year groups will be performing for parents in the hall. All family members welcome, but please be aware that space could be limited. We look forward to seeing you there.

Wednesday 9th December at 9.30am	Year 1 Concert
Tuesday 15th December at 9.30am	Year 2 Nativity
Wednesday 16th December at 9.30am	Sunbeams Nativity and Party
Thursday 17th December at 9.30am	Year R Nativity

Sunbeams Stay and Play Session

We would like to invite our Sunbeams families to join us on Thursday 17th December at 2.15pm for stay and play. Please enter via the school office.

Christmas Year Group Parties



Each year group will have a Christmas party. Please send your child to school in their party clothes on that day. Please ensure these are appropriate for outdoor play! No food items are required.

Thursday 17th December	Year 1 Party
Friday 18th December	Year R Party
Friday 18th December	Year 2 Party

Community



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 06.11.26
Puffins Class – 98.3%

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
George – Pearls Class



Retrieval of Learning
Ayda- Oysters Class



Engaging Curriculum
Jonah – Seagulls Class



Awe, Wonder & Spirituality
Mia – Pebbles Class



Tremendous Maths
Alfie E – Puffins Class



Excellent Writing
Alessia – Shells Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams
Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have been learning about Remembrance Day and the significance of the poppy that we wear. We spent much of the week making poppies in a variety of creative ways, starting with poppies for the wreath that was laid at the cenotaph on Wednesday by our school. We watched the short Remembrance film from the BBC that is child friendly and then reflected on how the characters in the film felt. We also talked about the people in our lives today that make us feel safe. Then on Friday we learned a little bit about Children in Need and how they raise funds to help children all over the UK that need it. We really enjoyed watching the Dance Dash dancers from Herne Bay High too! On Tuesday we welcomed many of our Sunbeams families in to the setting to play with us. It was a lovely opportunity to share with them some of our favourite resources and activities. If you couldn't make our stay and play this week, we hope you will be able to join us for the next one on the Thursday 17th December. In some of our phonic sessions we have been listening for the initial sound when pulling items beginning with 'd' out of our special chest. We have also been listening for the number of beats in a word when pulling items out of our cauldron. It is getting significantly cooler and we spend a lot of time outside, so please ensure your child has a warm coat with them as well as a hat and gloves.

Year R
Mrs Keeble and Mrs Hopkins

There has been a lot of excitement this week in Reception as we began 'Writing Club'. Writing club is not just about writing – it is when all the children get to develop their vocabulary, speaking, drawing and writing skills through the joy and magic of story. This week, our focus was 'Room on a Broom.' The children were really motivated and enthusiastic as they brought their characters and adventures to life! Our new sounds we have been learning this week are: v, w, x, and y. We have also started reading in small groups with books matched to your child's phonic knowledge. These will be the books shared with you on the Collins Hub each week for you to share together. In Maths, we have been exploring how the numbers 4 & 5 can be made and have been learning that the total stays the same. In PE we have started learning about and exploring dance as a way to move. This week the children learnt some steps to build a simple line dance sequence together. Please could all children have their PE kits in school for PE on Mondays. In music alongside some musical games we have begun to learn our songs ready to perform to you at our Nativity performance at the end of Term 2.

Year 1
Mrs Brown, Mrs Cohen and Mrs Cater

Year 1 have had a lovely week! The children have loved continuing to read the story 'Tad' in their English lessons and have described the character using adjectives! The children wrote down their favourite adjectives in their books and will use these adjectives to write sentences to describe Tad. In Maths the children have been using their addition number sentence skills to find fact families for example 4 + 3 = 7 and 3 + 4 = 7. Next week they will continue to find fact families and begin to find number bonds within and to 10. The children learnt all about remembrance and the significance of the day. They completed lots of poppy themed activities and reflected on the importance of remembering those who fought during the war. In science this week, the children learnt that in order to survive, animals need food, water, air and shelter. They then chose an animal and created a habitat including the basic needs. Next week, they will learn about mammals, fish and birds and how to identify them. The children finished the week reflecting on the importance of Children in Need and thought about why we support this day each year. Herne Bay High School visited and the children loved watching the dance dash to raise money for this day! We hope all of our families have a lovely weekend.

Year 2
Mr Mead and Mrs Martin

We have had another fantastic week in Year 2! The children have worked incredibly hard and enjoyed lots of exciting learning opportunities across the curriculum. In Maths, we have been learning our number bonds to 100, developing our confidence and fluency when finding pairs of numbers that make 100. In English, we have begun planning short, descriptive sentences that we will use in our production writing next week. We are looking forward to seeing the children's wonderful ideas come to life! In RE, we have been thinking about why Christmas is such an important time of year for Christians and exploring the meaning behind this special celebration. In Art, we have been exploring colour mixing! Using our knowledge of the primary colours, we experimented with creating secondary and tertiary colours and used these to build our very own colour wheels. We have loved seeing the beautiful range of colours the children have created. In Dance, we have had great fun exploring breakdancing! The children enjoyed learning new moves, showing off their best dance skills and, of course, busting out some fantastic moves of their own! On Friday, we are looking forward to wearing our own clothes as we raise money for Children in Need. We can't wait to see everyone's outfits while supporting such a wonderful cause! Well done, Year 2, for another brilliant week of learning and fun. We hope you all have a lovely, restful weekend!