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St ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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Click here for our School & Nursery Term Dates

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October 2026
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 & Siblings School Photos
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

Animate Arts Company CREATE Installation

Inspired by our new school plan acronym: CREATE, we have been busy making giant creations for our brand-new entrance installation! Jo and Tara from Animate Arts Company came back into school on Monday to pull all of the children's ideas and work into one giant masterpiece! It is colourful, CREATive and full of joy!

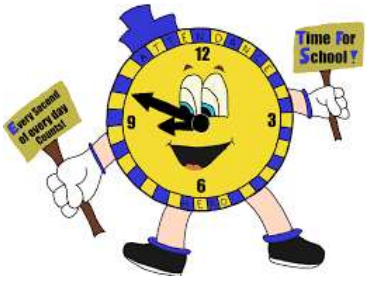








Reminder of School Hours

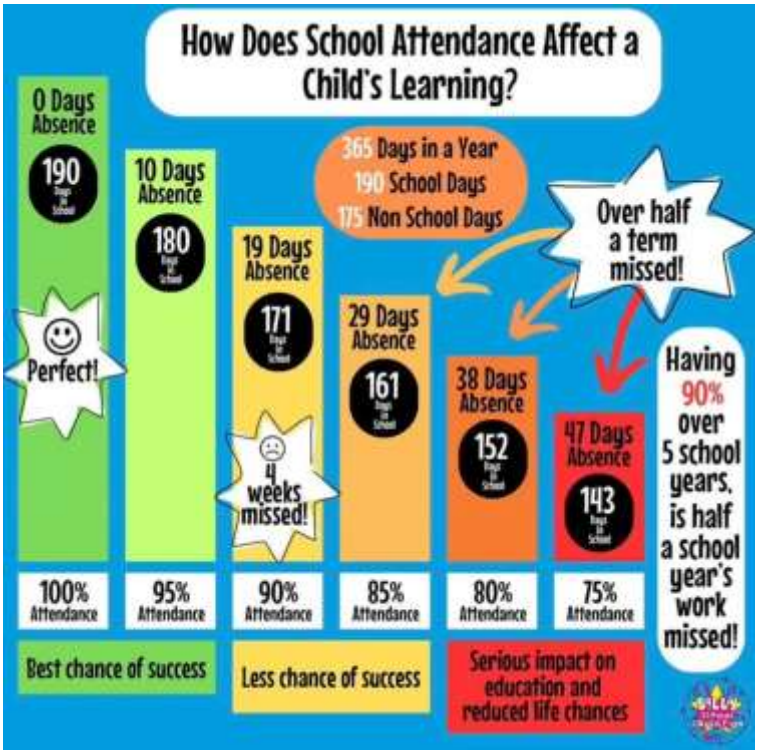


Gates will be open at **8.20am**
Class doors open at **8.35am** and children should be in school when the register is taken at **8.45am**
Class doors close at **8.45am**
Gates will open again at 3pm ready for a **3.15pm** finish.

Punctuality Really Counts

A late mark in the register **after 9.15am** will count as an **unauthorised absence**. If your child is late they will miss key learning and instructions at the start of the day. This may cause your child to fall behind, feel anxious or emotional and can be disruptive for the rest of the class.

How Does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning?



Regular school attendance is an important part of giving your child the best possible start in life.

Pupils with good attendance generally achieve better outcomes over time and enjoy school more.

Having a good education will help to give your child the best possible start in life and help prepare them for the next stage in their education.

Regular school attendance patterns encourage the development of other responsible patterns of behaviour, including independence and life skills.

A level of good attendance is 96% or more.

A child who has 10 days off in a year will have 94.7% attendance.

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

Please book your appointment via the following link: https://stalphegeinfant.schoolcloud.co.uk/
The booking system will close on Sunday 11th October at 7pm.

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 current 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 about how well your child has settled into school. It is an informed opportunity to enjoy a coffee and share your thoughts with staff.

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 'Ghoulish Goodies' Cake Sale – Thursday 22nd October (Playground 3.15pm)



Our fabulous Friends Association are organising a 'Ghoulish 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:

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 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.



Wednesday	14th October 2026	9.30am
Friday	23rd October 2026	9.30am
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

Community







IKK Whitstable is a family friendly run Karate Club, training at Swalecliffe School on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Parents can even join in too!

Tuesday and Thursday Evenings

Juniors (aged 6 - 11): 6pm - 7pm | Seniors (12+): 7pm - 8:30pm

Under 18s pay: £7, 18+ pay: £8 - paid in cash on the day with no direct debt

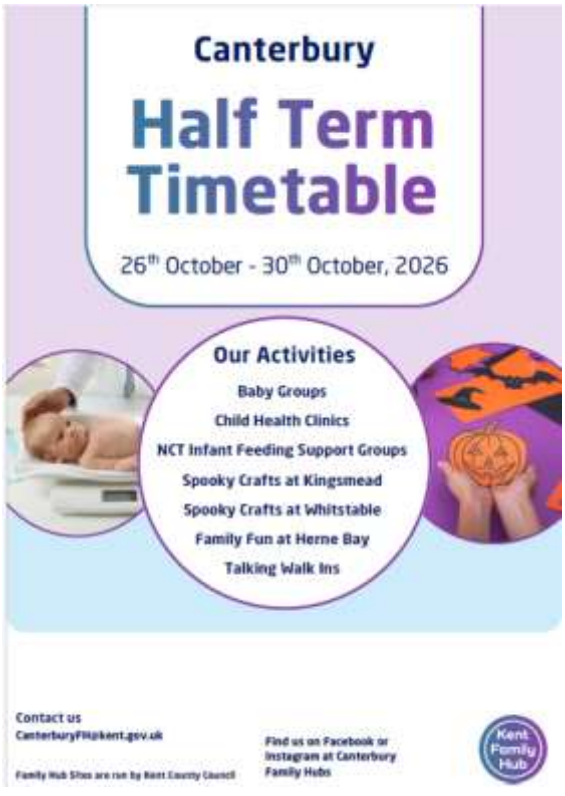


[Raring2go! Canterbury Magazine- Free for families]

Autumn edition below

[CLICK HERE FOR LINK]







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 02.10.26
Pearls Class – 97.9%

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
Kobi – Puffins Class



Retrieval of Learning
Bronte – Pebbles Class



Engaging Curriculum
Sonny – Oysters Class



Awe, Wonder & Spirituality
Beau -Pearls Class



Tremendous Maths
Levi – Shells Class



Excellent Writing
Orla – Seagulls Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams
Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have been celebrating making our mark through the story 'The Dot'. We walked up to the main school entrance to look at the art installation we had all contributed to in collaboration with Animate Arts and then read the book to inspire our mark making. We have used a variety of materials to create our own dots and we started the week using transient art materials and have ended the week using more traditional mark making materials such as paint, pencils and pens to make our marks with. We have also used some of the mark making movement from 'Squiggle While You Wiggle' and our mindful mark making to create our dots. We have been developing our subitising skills and beginning to demonstrate this skill by finding patterns of number within a random arrangement. We have explored rhythm when chanting poems and thinking about the beats we can count in a word. We have begun to explore size through simple comparisons to decide what is bigger or smaller and will develop our understanding of size further next week, through the story of the 'Three Billy Goats Gruff'. During HeartSmart we continued to think about how our facial expressions can inform others how we are feeling and gave examples of when we felt happy, sad or surprised. We then used play dough to create a facial expression for others to guess what it showed.

Year R
Mrs Keeble and Mrs Hopkins

What another fabulous week we have had in Reception! We continue to work on routines and expectations as we become more confident in the environment and in our friendships.
We are continuing to learn our phonic sounds, this week our sounds are: ck, e, u, and r. We are growing in confidence sounding out and blending the sounds to read simple CVC words. In Maths we are continuing to work on comparisons, this week thinking about mass, exploring practically which items are heavier or lighter as well as capacity, exploring and using the terms full and empty. We are loving engaging in our PE lessons, this term we are focusing on moving our bodies safely with control. We have shared the story 'The Dot' and created our own dot to display in the hall alongside every other child in the school. Thank you to all of you who also created a dot to add to our shared display. In RE we listened to the story of creation, thinking about the question: 'Who do Christians believe created the world?' and created our own light and dark pictures. Next week we will be walking to the church as part of our RE learning to learn about our local church and to find out what Christians do to show that God is important to them. It will also help us to know where we will be going for our School Harvest Festival Worship.

Year 1

Mrs Brown, Mrs Cohen and Mrs Cater

Pearls and Oysters have had a lovely week in school! The children continued to learn about different drawing skills in Art and explored density of lines and shapes. They used a variety of media including oil pastels, pencils and pens to draw a Whitstable building in the style of Hundertwasser. In Science the children explored whether materials are transparent or opaque by using a torch to see if the light shines through or not. They then chose suitable materials to create curtains for a house, testing whether they were opaque before sticking them on. Next week, they will explore the process of melting and freezing! In Maths this week, the children have been busy ordering numbers from smallest to greatest and greatest to smallest, carefully thinking about the quantity. Next week we will be focussing on our number formation and practising writing our numbers in a variety of fun and practical ways. In English, the children thought about how Elmer and his friends would have felt during the flood – they used their senses and wrote ideas using adjectives and nouns. Next week, the children will put these ideas into sentences! We have been thinking about the Whitstable flood in Geography and History and this week the children thought about what the town has done to prevent floods. They made tall sea walls, groins and added pebbles and stones to a tuff spot. We then poured water on to see how the three changes stop water from rising and overflowing! We hope all of our lovely families have a wonderful weekend.

Year 2

Mr Mead and Mrs Martin

It has been another busy week here in Year 2! The children have re-written parts of Emma Jane's aeroplane, using exciting verbs to think about how the aeroplane was travelling around different landmarks around the world. In Maths the children have been practically exploring counting in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s through hands-on activities and collaborative learning. They have been developing their understanding of number patterns and noticing how numbers change when counting in equal steps. Next week, the children will build on this learning by extending their counting skills and recording their findings in their maths books. In Art this week we have begun to look at the drawing style of Georgia O'Keeffe. We explored mark making using a variety of different sketching pencils and noted the different tones we could create with the different pencils. In Science we visited The Nest to explore microhabitats and the children found a huge variety of different minibeasts and plant life. Next week we will think about food chains, retrieving our learning of carnivores, herbivores and omnivores and creating our own food chains. In PSHE we thought about how making healthy food choices contributes to a healthy diet and the children all created a healthy plate of food thinking carefully about which foods we should have more of and which in moderation. On Friday we celebrated Dot Day, shared the story as a class and then created our own unique dot. We hope you have a lovely weekend.