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St ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

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Newsletter

Term 1 Week 7 | 16.10.2026

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Click here for our School & Nursery Term Dates

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October 2026
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
Mon 30th – Maths Parent Workshop with subject leader (Hall 9.30am)



We are delighted to introduce to you our newest 'member of staff': Pamplemousse.

Pamplemousse is a 6-year-old dachshund shi-tzu poodle cross, originally from New Zealand. He is a family dog and belongs to Rev Ripeka and Rev Eddie and is very used to children. Pamplemousse has recently trained and qualified as a Pets as Therapy (PAT) dog. From term 2, he will be volunteering with us in school once a week, accompanied by Rev Ripeka.
Please see the separate letter for more information and a link to the PAT website. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of the Senior Leadership Team.

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



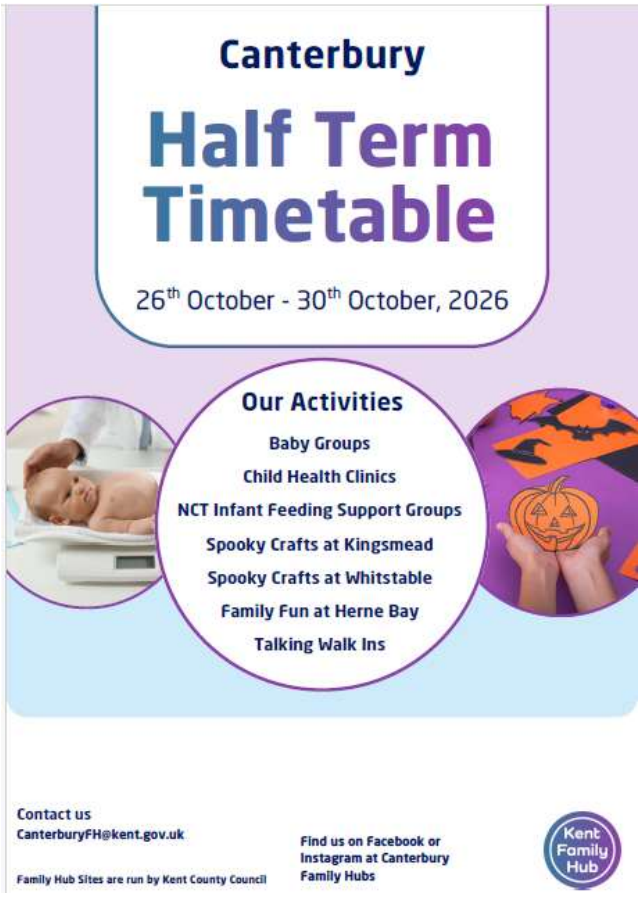


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KENT POLICE
SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER
GATES OPEN 2PM
IN AID OF
MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT
& 2 SECAMB COLLEAGUES
CHILDREN INVITED TO
DRESS UP
IN HALLOWEEN COSTUMES!
PRIZES FOR THE BEST COSTUMES!
ENTRANCE FEE
ADULTS £5
CHILDREN £2.50
UNDER 3'S FREE
FACE PAINTING!
RAFFLE!
TICKET
TOMBOLA!
CHANCE FOR KIDS TO TAKE PART IN A
PENALTY SHOOTOUT
AT HALF TIME!
BAR OPEN
FOOD HUT OPEN
SUPPORT OUR HEROES
SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY


Visit Kent Police Museum in Faversham and become a detective!
FREE entry
Follow clues, explore real crime stories, discover fascinating police equipment, and enjoy interactive displays.
Learn how crimes were solved in the past and see unusual objects from more than 200 years of Kent Police history.
Looking for something to do this October half term?
The museum will be open from Tuesday 27 October to Saturday 31 October, 10am to 4pm. For the latest opening times and visitor information, please check the museum website before you visit.
Kent Police Museum
Bringing Our History to Life
@kpolicemuseum


Canterbury
Half Term Timetable
26th October - 30th October, 2026
Our Activities
Baby Groups
Child Health Clinics
NCT Infant Feeding Support Groups
Spooky Crafts at Kingsmead
Spooky Crafts at Whitstable
Family Fun at Herne Bay
Talking Walk Ins
Contact us
CanterburyFH@kent.gov.uk
Family Hub Sites are run by Kent County Council
Find us on Facebook or Instagram at Canterbury Family Hubs
Kent Family Hub


Canterbury Family Hubs
Talking Walk In
Concerned about your pre-school child's speech, language or communication skills? Talking Walk-Ins are play-based drop-in sessions where you can speak to a speech and language therapist or other staff. Available for preschool-aged children only.
9:30am - 11:30am
Herne Bay FH: 28/10/2026
Herne Bay Family Hub, Memorial Park, Herne Bay, CT6 5RG
Baby Groups
A welcoming space to bond with your baby and meet other parents. Includes songs and sensory play.
For babies who are pre-walking.
Mondays 10:00am - 11:30am Whitstable Family Hub, Tower Parade, Whitstable, CT5 2BJ
Tuesdays 1:00pm - 2:30pm Kingsmead Family Hub, Kingsmead Road, Canterbury, CT2 7PH
Wednesdays 1:00pm - 2:30pm Briary Family Hub, Greenhill Road (West), Herne Bay, CT6 7RS
Thursdays 1:00pm - 2:30pm Wincheap Family Hub, Hollowmede, Wincheap, Canterbury, CT1 3SD
Fridays 10:00am - 11:30am Herne Bay Family Hub, Memorial Park, Herne Bay, CT6 5RG
NCT Infant Feeding Support Groups
Friendly, free infant feeding support from pregnancy through early parenthood. Trained peer supporters help you feel supported and connected. A great way to meet other parents!
Tuesdays 1:30pm - 3:30pm Herne Bay Family Hub, Memorial Park, Herne Bay, CT6 5RG
Thursdays 1:30pm - 3:30pm Kingsmead Family Hub, Kingsmead Road, Canterbury, CT2 7PH
Fridays 9:30am - 11:30am Whitstable Family Hub, Tower Parade, Whitstable, CT5 2BJ
Spooky Crafts with Kent Adult Education
Make memories with your child as you design and create Spooky Crafts. Help build relationships, learn together, express creativity and have fun!
Suitable for ages 3 - 11 years.
To book, please visit: https://www.kentadulteducation.co.uk/
Kingsmead FH: 26/10/2026 10:00am - 12:00pm Kingsmead Family Hub, Kingsmead Road, Canterbury, CT2 7PH
Whitstable FH: 27/10/2026 1:00pm - 3:00pm Whitstable Family Hub, Tower Parade, Whitstable, CT5 2BJ
Requires Booking
Family Fun
Join us for a fun morning for children aged 0-5 and their families, with activities, entertainment and opportunities to meet local services for advice and support. A welcoming chance to play, learn, connect and have fun together.
10:00am - 12:00pm
Herne Bay FH: 29/10/2026
Herne Bay Family Hub, Memorial Park, Herne Bay, CT6 5RG
Healthy Child Clinics
A drop in clinic for you to come along, have your baby weighed and speak to a member of the Health Visiting Team. Please arrive no later than 15 minutes before the end of the clinic.
Tuesdays 1:30pm - 3:30pm Herne Bay Family Hub, Memorial Park, Herne Bay, CT6 5RG
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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 09.10.26
Seagulls Class – 99.4%

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
Heidi – Pearls Class



Retrieval of Learning
Rufus - Seagulls Class



Engaging Curriculum
Evie S – Puffins Class



Awe, Wonder & Spirituality
Thomas – Shells Class



Tremendous Maths
Chester – Pebbles Class



Excellent Writing
Teddy Mo – Oysters Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams
Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have been thinking about size through our story of the Three Billy Goats Gruff. We used our problem solving and noticing skills to find three Sunbeams who could play the smallest, medium size and biggest Billy Goat when we acted out our story outside using the bridge on our climbing equipment. We had a lot of fun pretending to be the troll under the bridge and we have been saying a lot of the repeated phrases from the story in our self-initiated play too. We watched a short miniscule clip about two caterpillars who were different sizes and that inspired us to make our own caterpillars using play dough, demonstrating our understanding of size as we made at least two caterpillars, one bigger or smaller than the other. During our mindful mark making, we used a pen to push a gem around a sheet of paper, attempting to keep it on the sheet and not lifting the pen off the page. We have been looking for patterns of number within random arrangements and circling the patterns we see when subitising. We have begun painting tin cans with a view to making some colourful mobiles for our outside area. Next week we will decorate sticks and use natural materials for our mobiles and wind chimes, as well as adding the finishing touches to our cans that we painted this week.

Year R

Mrs Keeble and Mrs Hopkins

This week in Reception, we have learnt our last set of sounds for the term – h, b, f &l. Next week will be our phonic assessment week so you will find a sticker in the reading record books reminding you of all the sounds we have learnt to date. In Maths, the children have learnt to recognise and create repeating patterns, using two or more natural objects. In Music with Mrs Memmott, the children showed remarkable listening skills as they continued to develop their singing, awareness of pitch and movement. The children loved going on their first walk out of school on Thursday when we visited St Alphege Church for the first time together. The children were respectful of the religious space and asked lots of interesting questions to find out more about the church and what they could see. We look forward to returning on Monday with the rest of the school for our Harvest worship together. We look forward to seeing you there if you can join us.

Year 1

Mrs Brown, Mrs Cohen and Mrs Cater

We have had a lovely week in Year 1! In Maths we have been practising our number formation to 10 and creating our very own number books throughout the week! Next week we will play lots of retrieval games to consolidate our learning from this term. In English the children have been working so hard on writing sentences! They used their senses to describe what it would have felt like to have been Elmer and his friends during the flood. The children had a great time exploring melting and freezing in Science. They held ice cubes, made their own ice lollies and enjoyed exploring ice and water during their learning through play. Next week we have a fun filled week. The children will be visiting the beach on Monday to create art using natural objects as well as following a recipe to bake an autumnal pie! We have adapted so well to Year 1 and as a year group have filled our class bead jars so we will be celebrating this with a whole year group dance party on Friday afternoon! We hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Year 2

Mr Mead and Mrs Martin

What a fantastic week we have had in Year 2! In Maths, the children consolidated their knowledge of counting in multiples of 2, 5, 10 and 3. They worked hard to recognise patterns in numbers and recorded these in their books. In English, the children enjoyed writing their own versions of Emma Jane's Aeroplane. They used their imagination and creativity to develop their own stories, inspired by the original text. In OAA we enjoyed a wonderful visit to the beach, where the children took part in an exciting scavenger hunt. They had a fantastic time exploring their surroundings, searching for different items and working together to complete the challenge. In History, we learnt about Christopher Columbus and his famous voyages across the world. Next week promises to be another exciting one! In English, the children will be putting on their chef's hats as they bake and learn how to write clear, step-by-step instructions. We look forward to seeing them develop their instructional writing skills while having fun! In Maths, we will consolidate our learning from across the term through a carousel of engaging activities, giving the children an opportunity to revisit and practise the skills they have worked so hard to develop. On Wednesday afternoon, we will enjoy a special whole-year-group treat to celebrate filling up our bead and marble jars! The children have worked incredibly hard to earn their rewards, and we are excited to celebrate their fantastic efforts together. We hope you all have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to another fun-filled week ahead.