# ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

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## All Things Christmassy

### Christmas Cards



If your child would like to send individual cards to their classmates, friends in other classes or staff members then our school post box will be open from Tuesday 1st December. **Please ensure the recipients full name and class is clearly written on the envelope** because a group of children, from a different class each day, will be sorting and delivering the cards. We don't want to end up with cards we can't deliver to the correct children because the full name and class are missing from the envelope. The post box will close on Tuesday 15th December. You can find the post box in the corridor between the two Reception classes at the bottom of the Year 2 stairs. Please note, we are unable to give out lists of children's names.

### 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 soon with further information.

### Whole School Christmas Church Service - Monday 7th December



All parents are warmly invited to attend our Christmas church service on **Monday 7th December at 9.10am** at St Alphege Church, where we will be thinking about Advent.



### 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 with the children with further information during Term 2. 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.

Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



## A Special Visit from Father Christmas – Thursday 10th December

We are delighted to say that we are expecting a visit from Father Christmas and his elf on **Thursday 10th December**. He will be hosting "an audience with Father Christmas" in the school hall and each class will visit him to ask questions and hear some festive stories. He has let us know that he may be bringing a special present for each class to enjoy in school.

## Reception, Year 1 & 2 Gulbenkian Trip to see 'There's a Monster in Your Christmas Show' – 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 are very grateful to our Friends Association who have covered the cost of a ticket for each child with the money raised through their fundraising efforts. 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.

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| 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 – (written themselves!) |
| Thursday 17th December at 9.30am | Year R Nativity |

## 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.



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

## Christmas Party – Sunbeams

We would like to invite all of our Sunbeams into nursery on **Wednesday 16th December** for the morning session 8.30am – 11.30am even if this is not their usual session to come in. We will perform our nativity to parents and then have some Christmas party fun. If your child does not usually attend on Wednesday, please Mrs Humphreys know if your child will join us for this session.

**The last day of term is Friday 19th December and we will finish at the normal time of 3.15pm.**
**We will return to school on Monday 4th January 2027.**

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## Church Events at Christmastime



### St Alphege Church Services

Everyone is welcome to attend the services at St Alphege Church over the Christmas period.

**Saturday 28th November** – 1 - 4pm Christmas Fair
**Sunday 29th November** – 6.00pm Advent Carol Service (St John's Church Swalecliffe)
**Sunday 13th December** – 4.00pm Trees of love Service in partnership with Pilgrims Hospice
**Sunday 20th December –** 5.00pm Candlelit Service Readings and Carols followed by mulled wine and mince pies
**Thursday 24th December** – 4.00pm Crib Service, 11.30pm Midnight Mass
**Friday 25th December** - 10.00am Holy Communion
**Thursday 31st December** – 2 - 4pm Church open for private prayer

Visit the church website for more service information https://stalphege.org.uk/services/



