

St Alphege  
Values



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## Newsletter

Term 3 Week 3 | 24.01.2025

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If online payment details are required, please contact the school office.

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

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### February 2025

Fri 7<sup>th</sup> – Reception Parent Drop-in 2.15pm  
Fri 7<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 Parent Drop-in 8.45am  
Mon 10<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 Parent Drop-in 8.45am  
Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> – Reception Hearing Screening  
Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> – Sharing the learning 2.30pm  
Fri 14<sup>th</sup> – End of Term 3  
Mon 24<sup>th</sup> – Start of Term 4

#### March 2025

Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> – World Book Day  
Fri 14<sup>th</sup> – Sharing the Learning 2.45pm  
Fri 21<sup>st</sup> – Comic Relief  
Weds 26<sup>th</sup> – Parents Consultations (3.30pm-7pm)  
Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> – Parents Consultations (2.00pm-4.30pm)

#### April 2025

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> – End of Term 4  
Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> – Start of Term 5

### 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**  
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.

### Parents Consultations

We will be holding our mid-year parents consultations at the end of next term. These will be between **3:30pm and 7:00pm on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> and between 2.00pm and 4.30pm Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March**. Further details of these will be sent out next term, including information about how to book your appointment slot. We have listened carefully to your feedback regarding parent's evenings and the vast majority have stated that a virtual meeting is their preferred method, as it enables appointments to be booked around other commitments. We appreciate that not everyone will love meeting online rather than face to face and are therefore also offering a sharing the learning opportunity where you will be invited into class to share your child's work with them and look through the wonderful learning that has taken place. This will be on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 2:30pm**. We hope that by offering both of these sessions, this will enable our parent community to feel fully informed and connected to the school. Please remember, that you do not need to wait until parent's evenings if you have something you wish to discuss with us. We are always here and happy to help at any time!



## Would you like to join our Governing Body?

We are looking for a parent to join our enthusiastic and friendly Governing Body as part of the Finance and Resources Team. We are looking for someone with specific skills in, or a willingness to learn about Buildings, Maintenance or Health and Safety. If you are interested in finding out more, please see the attached flyer or speak to the school office.

## Chicken Pox

We wanted to inform you that we have had a few recent cases of chicken pox in school. As chicken pox is highly contagious, children must stay at home for at least five days from the start of the infection and until all of the spots have dried and scabbed over. The following symptoms might appear before the onset on spots; a high temperature, aches and pains, and generally feeling unwell, loss of appetite. If you are at all concerned, please contact your child's GP for advice.



# SUNBEAMS NURSERY

## ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

### Open Sessions

Come and see our environment and speak to the teaching staff during our open sessions. Please call to book your place.

Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	3:30pm – 4:15pm
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	3:30pm – 4:15pm
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	3:30pm – 4:15pm
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	3:30pm – 4:15pm

We offer 15 hours free provision from 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday  
We have 30 hour places to offer!

Sessions are led by experienced teachers and a highly qualified staff team, in a nurturing and creative environment where children can learn, share, laugh and grow.

Open daily in term time:

Morning Session	Mid-Day Session	Afternoon Session
8:30am-11:30am	11:30am-12:15pm	12:15pm-3:15pm

### September 2025 Places Available

St Alphege CE Infant School and Sunbeams Nursery, Oxford Street, Whitstable CT5 1DA  
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## September 2025 Sunbeams Nursery Spaces

We have spaces available for September 2025

Please phone the office to book onto one of our open sessions.

## Community



### RAF Manston History Museum

Over the February half term, from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup>, the museum will be hosting the Bricks at the Museum event. For this event the museum will house several Lego displays of all different types.

There is no need to pre-book for this event, simply show up on the day and pay for entry.

### Pokémon Craft Event

Whitstable Library is running a craft event on Saturday 22 February, free of charge. The event will run for one hour and we will be making Pokémon characters



## 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 17.01.25  
Reception

## Weekly Awards

### Whole School Awards!

Our awards this year represent our School Development priorities: ORBITS. The children have been busy designing our new stickers to accompany each of the areas of our School Plan. It was a very difficult choice, as their drawings were all brilliant, but we have settled on the final six below. Each class nominate one child to celebrate their achievements each week.



**O**utstanding Writing

Eli – Seagulls Class



**R**etrieval of Learning

Indigo – Shells Class



**B**uilding Connections

Indi -Oysters Class



**I**nspirational Curriculum

Rafe A – Pearls Class



**T**alents and Creativity

Louis – Puffins Class



**S**imcha (Shared Joy)

Sonny – Pebbles Class

## Weekly Year Group Recap

### Sunbeams

### Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have been exploring positional vocabulary in practical ways, moving around the equipment and resources outside as well as through games. We have also been enjoying lots of rhyming songs and activities. We are aware that more and more of our Sunbeams children are bringing toys into the setting from home. Whilst we are happy for children to have some sort of comfort object during periods of settling in or for a specific reason you have discussed with us, we would ask otherwise that you keep them at home. We are finding that the toys the children bring in from home are increasingly causing upset in the setting when they are maybe not shared as readily as our own resources would be. Although we ask children to keep toys tucked safely in bags, sometimes they make their way out. Thank you for your help with this.



Year R  
Mrs Keeble and Mrs Jones

We have had another fun filled week in Reception! Our *Drawing Club* story this week was the 'The Train Ride' by June Crebbin. The children chose some brilliant places to travel to on a train, using our vocabulary 'journey' 'all aboard' 'excited' and 'bumpity bumpity' – the children are really challenging themselves with their speaking and writing. In Maths we have been finding the numbers 6, 7 and 8 and in phonics have been continuing to work on blending our sounds and recognising common exception words (the words that are 'trying to trick us'.) In *Heartsmart* we talked about our feelings, how it's ok to feel cross but that it's important not to stay that way. In music the children learnt to play the chime bar, wooden blocks and claves to make the sound of horses and bells for one of our songs 'Bell Horses.' In PE we learnt how to balance using points (hands, feet and elbows) and patches (tummy, back) – perhaps your child could show you? This term in Design and Technology, linking with our transport topic, we are going to be designing and making our own vehicle. If you have any toilet rolls or boxes (smaller than cereal box size) please do bring them in to share.

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Year 1  
Miss Hughes and Mr Mead

It has been Production week in Year 1, and we have written some beautiful sentences about trips and adventures – real and imaginary – that we have been on. We wrote these sentences in our English books in our best writing. Our Teachers were very impressed with our independence! Our Maths lessons have involved us counting to and back from 20, placing emphasis on our teen numbers and writing and saying them correctly. You can help us with this at home by practising counting out loud from any number up to 20. You could also look for these numbers on houses! We loved our theme of 'travelling' in Gymnastics this week, and exploring the rounders bats and tennis rackets in our Games P.E session. We have been looking at hot and cold places in our Geography lessons: if you have any photos from holidays of hot/cold places, please send them in for us to do a little show and tell! We have been learning about the different groups of animals: this week we learnt about the characteristics of mammals! Perhaps you could spot some mammals over the weekend in and out of your home! Thank you for another super week of learning!

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Year 2  
Mrs O'Keeffe, Mrs Cohen and Mrs Cook

It's been another fun and fantastic week in Year 2 and we simply can't believe how quickly the weeks are flying by! We have been busy writing our secret war time diaries in English as it is Production Week. The children have decorated the front covers and they look amazing! Next week it is Imagination Week. With a view to writing an information guide to Whitstable for war time evacuees we will be doing lots of fun activities including a walk around the local area to look at key landmarks, making our own evacuee suitcases, creating identification labels to wear, and thinking about what life in schools would have been like WW2! We would be really grateful for any cereal boxes/ card in to help us create our suitcases please – please bring these in on Monday or Tuesday. Thank you! In Maths we have moved on to the brand-new topic of multiplication and have been looking at creating equal groups and repeated addition. Next week we will be looking at arrays and creating multiplication sentences, using lots of concrete maths resources to help us. In History we considered how families kept safe during WW2, and went out on the playground to create our own air raid shelters. In Science we carried out a fun experiment this week, testing the viscosity of different liquids. Next week we will be creating our own bubble mixture and trying to blow a bubble within a bubble! In PE we have learnt how to dribble and pass the ball in hockey, and in gymnastics we have discovered all the different body parts we can balance on, and learnt many different ways of rolling including the egg roll and teddy bear roll! Next week we will be looking at the different ways in which we can jump. Have a wonderful and restful weekend!

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