SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL



Loved, Inspired, Shining

Newsletter

Term 2 Week 1 | 08.11.2024

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL

Executive Head: Liz Thomas-Friend **Head of School:** Jacqui Spinks

School Business Manager: Manda Cullen

Chair of Governors: Paula Trewin **Address:** St Alphege CE Infant School Oxford Street, Whitstable, CT5 1DA

Phone: (01227) 272977

Website: www.st-alphege.kent.sch.uk e-mail: headteacher@st-alphege.kent.sch.uk Facebook: www.facebook.com/stalphege Mrs Spinks School Mobile: 07535013075 Afterschool Club Mobile: 0794755370

Text number: 01227 250106

If online payment details are required, please

contact the school office.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November 2024

Sat 9th – Open Morning for 2025 Reception

Tues 12th – Individual school photos

Fri 15th – Non-Uniform Day – Children in Need

December 2024

Mon 9th – Whole School Christmas Church Service (2.30pm)

Tues 10th – Year R Nativity 9.30am (School Hall)

Tues 10th - Sunbeams Stay and Play 2pm-3.15pm

Weds 11th - Year R Nativity 9.30am (School Hall)

Mon 16th – Year 2 Nativity 2pm (School Hall)

Tues 17th – Year 2 Nativity 10am (School Hall)

Weds 18th – Year 1 Concert 9.30am (School Hall)

Weds 18th – Year 1 Concert 2.30pm (School Hall)

Thurs 19th – Sunbeams Nativity 9.30am (School Hall)

Fri 20th – End of Term 2

Click here for our School & Nursery Term Dates

Open Morning – Saturday 9th November

Is your child due to start school in September 2025?

We warmly invite you to come along to our Saturday Open Morning on 9th November. We cannot wait to show you everything that our school has to offer



A warm welcome to Mr Polo

This week, we have welcomed our new caretaker, Tom Polo to the St Alphege team. We feel very fortunate to have been able to find someone with his skills and we know that he will be a great asset to the school. Tom will be known to some of you, but please do stop and say hello if you see him on the school run!

Individual School Photos – Tuesday 12th November

Vancols School Photographers will be in school on Tuesday 12th November to take individual children's photos. We will also be able to take sibling photos this year for those children who have a sibling that attends our school or Sunbeams. If your Sunbeams child doesn't usually attend on a Tuesday morning, and you would like them to have their photo taken, please bring them via the school office at 8.35am.

School admissions for September 2025

Applications are made through Kent County Council at https://kent.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/Synergy/Admissions.aspx. You can submit your application between 5th November 2024 and 15th January 2025. More information can be found https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places. If you have any questions or need support with the application process, please speak to the school office.

Year 2 Parents - Junior school places for September 2025

Parents of Year 2 children will need to apply for a Junior school place for your child for September 2025. Both WJS and The Endowed have parent tours for you to book onto. Please contact the junior schools directly to book. All of our children will visit both schools next term and take part in activities and see the schools. If you do want to take your child with you onto one of the tours, please advise our school office of the date so we are aware of your child's absence.

Applications are made through Kent County Council at https://kent.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/Synergy/Admissions.aspx. You can submit your application between 5th November 2024 and 15th January 2025.

Children in Need – Friday 15th November



This will be a non-uniform day for the children with donations going to Children in Need. Please send in the donations with your child at the start of the school day.

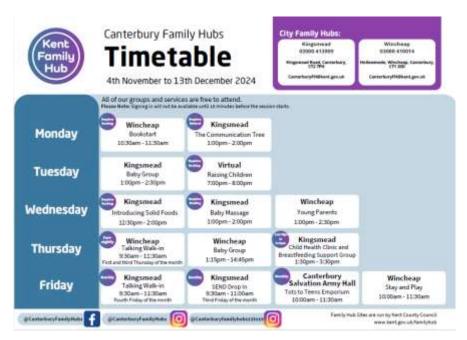
Whole School Christmas Church Service - Monday 9th December

All parents and carers are warmly invited to attend our church service on **Monday 9**th **December at 2.30pm** at St Alphege Church, where we will be thinking about Advent. We will return to school afterwards and you can collect your child from school at 3.15pm as usual.



Community









King Alphege Attendance Lion

King Alphege Attendance Lion

King Alphege is awarded to the class with the highest percentage attendance each week

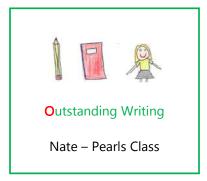


King Alphege Attendance Lion W/E 25.10.24 Oysters 95%

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.













Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have been thinking about bonfire night. We have watched firework displays on the big screen to inspire our ideas before using paints and chalks to create our own firework pictures, using some new techniques to achieve them. On Tuesday we had a music session with Mrs Memmott who shared two different types of musical instruments with the children so that they could accompany the music she played, using their listening skills to decide which instrument to play. They also focused on rhythm, playing faster or slower in response to how she played. We read the story Simon Sock and noticed that the illustrations show lots of different patterns. We then looked for patterns in our environment and created some of our own.

<u>Year R</u> Mrs Keeble and Mrs Jones

It has been so good to be back at school with your fantastic children! This week, we have spent time remembering our routines and expectations after our week off, and enjoying being back together. In maths we have learning to count objects, actions and sounds, linking the number to a numeral (1,2 and 3) and representing the number in different ways. We talked about fireworks and the children loved creating their own fireworks with paint, chalk, glitter, foam and construction! In phonics we recapped all of our phonics sounds and common exception words from last term, and then practised sounding out each sound and blending to read simple CVC words (e.g. h-u-g, b-i-g, l-u-ck). In RE, we heard the story of Noah from the Old Testament and in PE we used our balancing, stretching and travelling skills to remember and re-tell the story. Our reading book this week was 'Tip, Sip, Nap'. You can access this book and all our class phonics books through the Collins BIG CAT link in your child's reading record. We encourage you to read these books as often as possible, until your child is reading all the words independently and confidently, without having to say each sound out loud.

Year 1 Miss Hughes and Mr Mead

A warm welcome back to Term 2 to all our Y1 families – we have such an exciting term planned! This week in English we have been watching Toy Story! It's our imagination week this week so we have been exploring the story with a wide range of activities. We really enjoyed bringing our toys to school on Wednesday and dressing up as toys too! We have been focusing on verbs in English and we have been brilliant at using verbs to explain how our toys are moving. In Maths, we recapped our number bonds to 10. We have worked very hard, and have begun to record number sentences showing ways to make 10, as well as demonstrating our understanding using Numicon and ten-frames. Next week, we will use this number knowledge to move on to representation, and adding two amounts using a number line. In PE, we began our Dance unit with a very lively line-dancing lesson in the hall – we will look at different genres of dance over a few weeks, and then create our own dance at the end of term. We will also be looking at different Games in P.E this term, including Dodgeball and Football. We have started History this term and we have been thinking about timelines. We discussed things we know, that have happened in the past and tried to put them in order from old to new. Maybe you could talk about some things that have happened in history with your children at home this week to help them understand the past a little more! Well done for another fantastic week Year 1!

Year 2

Mrs O'Keeffe and Mrs Cook

What a wonderful first week back Year 2 have had! Our learning question this term is 'How can we Help?' and our new text in English is The Blue Giant. We used these as inspiration to create an incredible installation for our corridor using lots of recyclable materials. We created coral, made pasta seaweed and shells, and our very own Blue Giant! The children really enjoyed our arty day and the corridor looks fantastic! We also used musical instruments to narrate the story, focusing on onomatopoeia, and went to Whitstable beach for a litter pick. The children found lots of litter, including used fireworks! Next week we will be immersing ourselves in the deep blue sea and using lots of powerful vocabulary to describe the effects of pollution in the ocean on sea creatures. In Maths this week we continued our focus on addition, adding 3 one digit numbers using our number bond knowledge to help us. Next week we will be exploring subtraction using lots of practical resources. In Science the children looked at, and classified, a variety of different materials as this is our new topic for this term. Over the coming weeks they will be exploring the properties and uses of these materials. Have a wonderful weekend and see you all next week!