

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

# ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege  
Values



Koinonia

Loved, Inspired, Shining

## Newsletter

Term 2 Week 1 | 08.11.2024

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

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### November 2024

Sat 9<sup>th</sup> – **Open Morning for 2025 Reception**  
Tues 12<sup>th</sup> – **Individual school photos**  
Fri 15<sup>th</sup> – **Non-Uniform Day – Children in Need**

#### December 2024

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> – **Whole School Christmas Church Service (2.30pm)**  
Tues 10<sup>th</sup> – **Year R Nativity 9.30am (School Hall)**  
Tues 10<sup>th</sup> – **Sunbeams Stay and Play 2pm-3.15pm**  
Weds 11<sup>th</sup> – **Year R Nativity 9.30am (School Hall)**  
Mon 16<sup>th</sup> – **Year 2 Nativity 2pm (School Hall)**  
Tues 17<sup>th</sup> – **Year 2 Nativity 10am (School Hall)**  
Weds 18<sup>th</sup> – **Year 1 Concert 9.30am (School Hall)**  
Weds 18<sup>th</sup> – **Year 1 Concert 2.30pm (School Hall)**  
Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> – **Sunbeams Nativity 9.30am (School Hall)**  
Fri 20<sup>th</sup> – **End of Term 2**

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

### Open Morning – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November

Is your child due to start school in September 2025?

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

The poster features the school logo and the motto 'Loved, Inspired, Shining'. It warmly welcomes parents to the St Alphege family and lists several activities for the Open Morning on Saturday 9th November 2024, including creative arts, forest school, music sessions, and a chance to meet the staff and see the school grounds.

### 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 12<sup>th</sup> November

Vancols School Photographers will be in school on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024 and 15<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024 and 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

## Children in Need – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> December

All parents and carers are warmly invited to attend our church service on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> 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

**Kent Family Hub**  
**Canterbury Family Hubs**  
**Timetable**  
4th November to 13th December 2024

**Coastal Family Hubs:**  
Herne Bay: 02000 422888  
Whitstable: 02060 421534  
Briary: 02060 420907

All of our groups and services are free to attend. Please Book! Signing in will not be available until 10 minutes before the session starts. Family Hub Sites are run by Kent County Council. [www.kent.gov.uk/familyhub](http://www.kent.gov.uk/familyhub)

Day	Location	Activity	Time
Monday	Whitstable	Baby Group	10:00am - 11:30am
	Whitstable	Music Workshop	5:00pm - 8:00pm
Tuesday	Whitstable	Talking Walk-in	9:30am - 11:30am
	Herne Bay	Stay and Play	10:00am - 11:30am
	Whitstable	Triple P for Baby	10:00am - 12:00pm
	Herne Bay	Ready for Baby	11:30am - 1:00pm
Wednesday	Herne Bay	Talking Walk-in	9:30am - 11:30am
	Whitstable	Introducing Solid Food Workshop	1:00pm - 2:00pm
	Briary	Baby Group	1:00pm - 2:30pm
Thursday	Herne Bay	SEND Drop In	9:30am - 11:00am
	Herne Bay	Little Talkers	10:00am - 11:00am
	Whitstable	Bookstart	10:00am - 11:00am
	Briary	Explorers	12:15pm - 1:45pm
Friday	Whitstable	Child Health Clinic and Breastfeeding Support Group	9:30am - 11:30am
	Whitstable	SEND Drop In	9:30am - 11:00am
	Herne Bay	Baby Group	10:00am - 11:30am
	Herne Bay	Baby Massage	1:00pm - 2:00pm

**Useful Contact Numbers:**  
Health Worker: 0300 7900 144  
Mouthy: 01227 28707

**Free for 2:**  
Some 2 year olds, plus one under 15, receive 2 free children's tickets per week for these activities and events.

**Healthy Start Voucher:**  
Are you eligible for Healthy Start Vouchers? Fill in the form on the back of the leaflet.

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**City Family Hubs:**  
 Kingsmead: 03000 413999  
 Kingsmead Road, Canterbury, CT1 9PL  
 CanterburyFH@kent.gov.uk  
 Wincheap: 03000 410014  
 Holleswell, Wincheap, Canterbury, CT1 8BP  
 CanterburyFH@kent.gov.uk

All of our groups and services are free to attend.  
 Please Note: Signing in will not be available until 10 minutes before the session starts.

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Wincheap</b> Bookstart 10:30am - 11:30am	<b>Kingsmead</b> The Communication Tree 1:00pm - 2:00pm		
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Kingsmead</b> Baby Group 1:00pm - 2:30pm	<b>Virtual</b> Raising Children 7:00pm - 8:00pm		
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Kingsmead</b> Introducing Solid Foods 11:30pm - 2:00pm	<b>Kingsmead</b> Baby Massage 1:00pm - 2:00pm	<b>Wincheap</b> Young Parents 1:00pm - 2:30pm	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Wincheap</b> Talking Walk-in 9:30am - 11:30am First and third Thursday of the month	<b>Wincheap</b> Baby Group 1:15pm - 1:45pm	<b>Kingsmead</b> Child Health Clinic and Breastfeeding Support Group 1:30pm - 3:30pm	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Kingsmead</b> Talking Walk-in 8:30am - 11:30am Fourth Friday of the month	<b>Kingsmead</b> SEND Drop in 8:30am - 11:00am Third Friday of the month	<b>Canterbury Salvation Army Hall</b> Tots to Teens Emporium 10:00am - 11:30am	<b>Wincheap</b> Stay and Play 10:00am - 11:30am

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**ND Harbour**  
 PEER SUPPORT TO NEURODIVERGENT

**Peer Support Group  
 For Parents of Children with  
 Autism or ADHD**

**Tuesdays, 12:30-1:30pm, Canterbury**  
**5th November 2024 – 4th February 2025**

Free to attend. Over 18s only. Your child does not need a formal diagnosis for you to attend.

These group sessions aim to help you meet like minded people locally, and to improve your mental health by providing a safe space to talk about all things related to parenting a neurodivergent child.

- Talk about whatever is on your mind, or be guided by our weekly prompts
- Only talk if you want to – no pressure
- Attend as many/few sessions as you like
- Fidget toys and pens and paper available during the session

Email [jo@ndharbour.org.uk](mailto:jo@ndharbour.org.uk) for more details & to book your place.

Visit [ndharbour.org.uk](http://ndharbour.org.uk) or Facebook.com/theNDharbour  
 The ND Harbour is a registered charity (1008867).  
 This event is supported by funding from Kent County Council and NHS Kent & Medway

**Reverse Advent calendar**

Help us get ready to help people this Christmas!

Simply add one item each day to a Bag For Life during the month of November, and please consider sharing the list with your colleagues and friends

1 box of cereal*	2 long life milk*	3 tuna	4 tin of ham	5 dried pasta (500g)*	6 Christmas chocolates*
7 baked beans	8 tooth paste	9 tin of fruit	10 washing up liquid	11 biscuits	12 peanut butter
13 tin of carrots	14 crisps	15 coffee	16 shower gel	17 tin of peas	18 deodorant
19 pasta sauce	20 tin of soup	21 shampoo	22 tea bags	23 mince pies*	24 Christmas pudding*

We will have collection points in early December, so keep an eye on our social media. If you have collected a lot with your school/group/workplace and would like us to collect, call our Operations Manager on 01227 936450 (option 4) or email [warehouse@canterburyfoodbank.org](mailto:warehouse@canterburyfoodbank.org).

If you need support, please call 01227 936450, WhatsApp 01227 501944 or email [info@canterburyfoodbank.org](mailto:info@canterburyfoodbank.org)  
[canterburyfoodbank.org](http://canterburyfoodbank.org)

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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



**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.



Outstanding Writing

Nate – Pearls Class



Retrieval of Learning

Orla – Pebbles Class



Building Connections

Jim – Seagulls Class



Inspirational Curriculum

Alice – Puffins Class



Talents and Creativity

Max – Shells Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)

Dexter – Oysters Class

## 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 chinks 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.

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**Year R**  
**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.

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**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!

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**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!

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