

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



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Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March 2025

Mon 3rd - Sunbeams Stay and Play 2.15pm

Thurs 6th – World Book Day

Fri 21st – Comic Relief

Weds 26th – Parents Consultations (3.30pm-7pm)

Thurs 27th – Parents Consultations (2.00pm-4.30pm)

April 2025

Fri 4th – End of Term 4

Tues 22nd – Start of Term 5

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



Exciting Playground Developments

Thank you all for bearing with us whilst the works have been completed on our new playground renovations. There has been such a buzz of excitement in school this week as the children have watched the final stages of the installation and seen their ideas come to life! We are due to have the works signed off today, so the new equipment will be open and ready to use on Monday morning. From next week, all normal routines will be resumed and you will be able to access the school site from both the high street and Argyle Road as normal. We cannot wait to see the children making good use of their new equipment and we have no doubt that this will help to make playtimes an even more enjoyable part of the school day!

Sunbeams Stay and Play – Monday 3rd March

Sunbeams Parents and Carers are invited to stay and play on Monday 3rd March from 2.15pm. Please enter via the school office.

Readathon 3rd March – 17th March

As part of world book day, children are invited to take part in a sponsored readathon. Your child will be given a sponsor form for any wonderful reading they do between Monday 3rd March – Monday 17th March. You can also visit the website to learn more. <https://readforgood.org/>





World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 6th March. This year we will be inviting children to come to school dressed as a book character. If your child does not want to dress up, they are welcome to come to school in non-uniform. Children may also bring favourite books from home to share with their friends on this day.

Extreme Read

We would love to see your children reading books in unusual places or situations! Please take a photo of your child reading a book in an unconventional way and give it to your class teacher or email a photo to the school office by Friday 21st March. These will be added to a school display in our library.

Red Nose Day - Friday 21st March

Red Nose Day is back on Friday 21st March and we will be having a non-uniform day in school. Please wear something red if you are able to. All monetary donations to support the Comic Relief charity will be gratefully received.



Community



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 14.02.25
Oysters Class – 97.1%

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

Harper – Oysters Class



Retrieval of Learning

Kelechi - Seagulls Class



Building Connections

William – Puffins Class



Inspirational Curriculum

Daisy MM - Pearls Class



Talents and Creativity

Leonora - Shells Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)

George - Pebbles Class

Marvellous Milkshake Meeting

Children are chosen for consistently going above and beyond when demonstrating our school expectations: Ready, Respectful, Safe. What brilliant members of the St Alphege family they are!

Alfie P - Shells Class
Bella - Pebbles Class
Rafe A - Pearls Class
Willow & Indi - Oysters Class
Maeve - Seagulls Class
Louis & Reuben Puffins Class



Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have been thinking about how we can help things other than ourselves or each other. We have learned that the wild birds in our garden often need our help during the winter months when food is scarce. With that in mind we have been making bird feeders and have hung some of them up around our outside area. Mrs Memmott sang action songs with us on Tuesday. We have been reading the story Goldilocks and the Three Bears and thinking about size, comparing things with each other before saying which is taller, shorter, longer, bigger or smaller. Over this term we will be welcoming various visitors into the setting and going on a few local trips as we explore 'our community'. If you think you might be able to volunteer your time to accompany us on any of the trips, please let us know.

Year R
Mrs Keeble and Mrs Jones

Thanks for a wonderful first week back after half term! In *Drawing Club* we read the beautiful story, 'Last Tree in the City,' which will be our focus in English for the next two weeks. We learnt our vocabulary, 'environment', 'skyscraper', 'barren' and 'flourishing' – perhaps your child can show you the actions and tell you what the words mean? We thought of other words to describe the tree and then wrote brilliant sentences, using our phonics sounds to help us spell. Our topic this term is nature, and in music we learnt songs about different birds, and also the traditional song 'Mary Mary quite contrary' where we moved and danced to tell the story in the song. Perhaps your child has noticed flowers beginning to grow on the way to school? In Maths we have been learning to make 9, using different coloured counters to show the different number bonds (e.g. '5 and 4 – altogether there is 9'). In RE the children began their new big question, 'Why do Christians put a cross in an Easter garden?' and they had the opportunity to explore many different types of crosses. Please make sure that you have reading records and reading books in your child's book bag every day, as we will be reading throughout the week. Thank you.

Year 1
Miss Hughes and Mr Mead

Welcome back everyone after a lovely half term! We have been looking for signs of Spring, and for flowers, plants and trees starting to grow. Our Science topic this term is plants, and we are learning to name different plants as well as their parts and their functions. Maybe you could spot some plants, trees and flowers at the weekend or on your way to school? We are learning to count to 50 in Maths, and to partition these numbers into tens and ones: e.g. $23 = 20 + 3$. When you are out walking, perhaps you could look for house numbers and try to read them! Our English text is 'Jasper's Beanstalk' and we have been looking at the pictures in the book, so that we can write our own sentences and create the story. We looked at the different verbs and nouns in the pictures and tried to figure out what Jasper was doing! We also pretended to be cats around our classroom and playground. This term in P.E we will be learning about living a healthy lifestyle. We have started looking at healthy food and what to eat and when. We have loved watching the builders creating our new playground and spotting the differences each day! We can't wait to use all of the new equipment on Monday. We are very excited that Creepy Claws have rescheduled and will be visiting us next week. Have a lovely weekend and see you all on Monday.

Year 2
Mrs O'Keeffe and Mrs Cohen

We have had a lovely first week back after half term in Year 2! We looked at the question 'Where on Earth am I?' by learning that there are seven continents and naming them. We then created our own passport and are looking forward to learning about each of the continents in more detail throughout the term. We are focusing on the text 'The Magic Paintbrush' in English and for Imagination week we completed many exciting activities to immerse ourselves in the story including invisible painting, using different tools to mark make, lots of role play and ending with a party! In Maths we have been recapping our money knowledge and adding coins up to £1. Next week we will continue to work with money and adding over £1 as well as comparing values. We loved visiting the pond at the Junior School for Science where we are learning about habitats. We looked at the different areas and thought about what might live where and why. We also enjoyed a visit to Tales on Moon Lane book shop and had a really exciting story time there to get us ready for World Book Day next week. Next week we will be visiting the Library on Thursday and we will experience story time in school with a variety of adults. Please don't forget to dress up on Thursday as either your favourite book character or in your own clothes! Our Readathon also starts on Monday – you will receive your sponsor form and more details are in the separate letter explaining how to sponsor! Have a fabulous weekend!
