

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

# ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege  
Values



Koinonia

Loved, Inspired, Shining

## Newsletter

Term 4 Week 3 | 14.03.2025

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

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### March 2025

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> – Comic Relief

Weds 12<sup>th</sup> – Parents Consultations Booking Opens 7pm

Weds 26<sup>th</sup> – Parents Consultations (3.30pm-7pm)

Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> – Parents Consultations (2.00pm-4.30pm)

#### April 2025

Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> – Wellbeing Parents Coffee Morning  
(8.45am) Octopus Room

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> – End of Term 4

Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> – Start of Term 5

#### May 2025

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> – End of Term 5

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

### Red Nose Day - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March

Red Nose Day is back on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> 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.



### Parent Coffee Morning – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

The wellbeing team would like to invite you to the first of our parent coffee mornings. Everyone welcome, for coffee, tea and even a biscuit!

The first meeting will take place in the Octopus Room on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 8:45am straight after drop off. Come along and meet parents, enjoy a drink and a chat, and have a say in how we shape these sessions moving forward.

## Year 1 Swimming Lessons

Year 1 swimming lessons will be starting after Easter on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Please can your child wear their swimming costume and bring a towel to school in a separate bag. The children will walk to and from the pool and be back at school before lunchtime.



The lessons will be subsidised by the school but we are requesting a contribution of **£35.00 payable in advance of the first lesson.**

Please pay by cash at the school office or by direct bank payment in to the school bank account. Instalments are available if you would like to spread the cost. Please email the office to advise us that you have made a bank transfer so we can reconcile the payment on the bank statement. If for any reason you are unable to pay or require support with this payment, please contact the office where we will be very happy to help or advise you on your options.

The children will swim on Friday

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> in term 5 and  
June 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> term 6.**

There is no swimming on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May as this is the half term holiday.

## Lost Property Bin



The lost property bin is overflowing with un-named jumpers and cardigans. The bin is placed outside the Year 2 doors daily at school pick up. Please come and have a rummage if you think you are missing some uniform. Please can we ask that all uniform comes to school named, this will help us to reunite the clothing to the children. All unclaimed items will be donated to Whitstable Community Wardrobe at the end of the school year.

## Community

**TOTAL SPORTS COACHING**

**CAMPS FROM £17.50 A DAY**  
offer ends 8th March

**FLASH SALE**

**CAMPS ACROSS EAST KENT**

**EASTER HALF-TERM**

7TH APRIL - 18TH APRIL

**WHITSTABLE EASTER HOLIDAY CAMPS**

SPORTS, GAMES, ARTS AND CRAFTS ALL IN A SAFE & FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT. FOR AGES 5 - 18 YEARS OLD.

**COST** FREE FOR ALL CHILDREN WHO RECEIVE INCOME BASED FREE SCHOOL MEALS

**INCLUDED** DAILY NUTRITION AND DELICIOUS LUNCH PROVIDED

**WHERE** WHITSTABLE AND SEASALTER ENDOWED, WHITSTABLE, CT5 1AY

**WHEN** MONDAY 14TH - THURSDAY 17TH APRIL, 10AM-2PM

**BOOK** USE YOUR E-VOUCHER APP AND SELECT 'INCLUSIVE SPORT WHITSTABLE CAMP' OR CONTACT [INFO@INCLUSIVESPORT.NET](mailto:INFO@INCLUSIVESPORT.NET)

**INCLUSIVE SPORT**

Holiday Activities and Food Programme Kent



Sign up now! OFSED registered. £120 for 3 days 10-4pm. Performance at the end of the workshop for friends and family. \*\*pay with Childcare vouchers /gov tax free payments\*\*  
<https://www.stagecoach.co.uk/whitstable-and-faversham>



**Volunteer to cook, share and care**

Food Friends is a registered charity working hard to bring our community together through food and friendship

We run a meal sharing initiative, that connects volunteers - who would like to share an extra portion of their home cooked food - with a neighbour - who would benefit from a delicious meal and a doorstep chat

If you could deliver a home cooked meal to someone living locally, as and when you can, get in touch today

Check out our website and follow us on socials @foodfriendsuk

**www.food-friends.co.uk**  
**01227 250 410 hello@food-friends.co.uk**

Food Friends is an innovative meal sharing initiative, which connects volunteers – who are willing to deliver an extra portion of their home cooked food – with a neighbour, who would benefit from a nutritious meal and doorstep chat. Since we began, our volunteer network has delivered more than 12,000 portions of home-cooked meals to neighbours in need. The volunteering opportunity is simple, uniquely rewarding, built on people’s love of food and its ability to connect those in a community who would otherwise never cross paths.  
<https://food-friends.co.uk/>



Teamtheme holiday camps, hosted at **St Mary's Catholic Primary School**, are designed to provide children with a fun, active, and engaging experience during the school break. With a range of exciting activities, it's a great way for children to stay active, learn new skills, and make lasting memories! We are offering an **early drop-off option at 8:30 AM** and an **extended day until 5:30 PM** to provide more flexibility for working parents. Parents can find all the details and book online at <https://www.teamthemekent.co.uk/holiday-camps>.

Easter Trail & Craft Fair at Demelza Kent on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th April

About the event:

Our hospice gardens will be beautifully decorated for a whimsical Easter trail, where families can hunt for hidden eggs, unscramble a secret word, and win a prize! There will also be a craft tent, exciting stalls, delicious refreshments from local vendors, and a chance to hear Sittingbourne's 106.9 SFM broadcasting live. All funds raised will support Demelza's vital work in caring for children and families who need it most.



## King Alphege Attendance Lion

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



King Alphege Attendance Lion  
W/E 07.03.25  
**Seagulls Class – 95.9%**

## 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**  
Ned – Puffins Class



**Retrieval of Learning**  
Rafe A – Pearls Class



**Building Connections**  
Leon – Pebbles Class



**Inspirational Curriculum**  
William – Shells Class



**Talents and Creativity**  
Alex – Seagulls Class

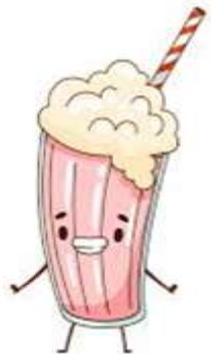


**Simcha (Shared Joy)**  
Bobby – Oysters Class

## 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!

Catherine B - Shells Class  
Frankie G - Pebbles Class  
Malakai P - Pearls Class  
Indi W - Oysters Class  
Amaia H - Seagulls Class  
Rudie S - Puffins Class



## Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams  
Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have been using our phonic skills when playing I-spy and distinguishing the initial sound we can hear in a word. We have been practising our subitising skills as we independently explore different ways we can fill a five frame using the small patterns of number we can see. We have really enjoyed our Empathy Week activities which have helped us to understand that we can have empathy for ourselves and empathy for others. Each day we have watched a short clip that helped us to think about how someone else feels and why they might feel that way. We have also used our Colour Monster to help us identify and talk about our own feelings and why we might feel a particular way. We have had some lovely discussions with the children this week as a result.

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Year R  
Mrs Keeble and Mrs Jones

In Maths this week we learnt about subtraction and practised taking away one using children, toys and cubes e.g. '4 subtract 1 is 3.' We read the beautiful book by Eric Carle 'A tiny seed,' and as part of our imagination time we planted seeds in pots, which we will nurture through the spring at school. The children drew and wrote about the different places where their seed travelled to. In music the children continued to learn songs about nature, this week including playing the tambor, the triangle and the metallophone to help sing and act out the song 'a tiny seed.' Thank you for encouraging your child with the readathon sponsored read – please return any money to school. We are enjoying growing seeds this term - if anyone has anything that they could donate to help with this we would be very grateful, especially any seeds, pots, plants or compost. Please make sure that your child has their reading record and reading book at school every day so that we can record in the book when we read with them. Have a lovely weekend!

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Year 1  
Miss Hughes and Mr Mead

Wow, what a busy week in Year 1! This week was Empathy Week and each day we have had different activities and discussions about what it means to show empathy. We have been trying to show care for people and things this week. Each day we learnt about a different person and what their 'spark' is. We spoke about our own 'sparks' and what gives us joy and excitement! We loved visiting Moon Lane Book Shop and hearing some stories read to us by different adults. We have also loved seeing our beanstalks start to grow and caring for them in our classrooms. In Maths we have really enjoyed being introduced to measure and learning about height, width and length. We have been using cm rulers to measure how long different items are inside and outside. We finished reading Jasper's Beanstalk in English and writing the story ourselves. Some of us wrote the most we have ever wrote in Production week! We have been trying to use words like 'because' and 'so' to make our sentences longer. Have a wonderful weekend everyone, and don't forget to look for signs of Spring if you are out about!

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Year 2  
Mrs O'Keeffe and Mrs Cohen

Year 2 have had a fun filled week of learning this week! We have continued to use our money knowledge and have been adding pounds and pence as well as finding different combinations to make the same total. Next week we will be moving on to measuring length and height in cm and m. In English we finished our creation week by writing about a mythical creature and a bad character and are looking forward to using the draft to write a narrative using exciting vocabulary and a writerly voice. In art we made stunning paper sculptures by using techniques such as spiralling, fringing and zig zagging. Next week we will be creating sculptures using wire! We learnt all about the equator in Geography and where it is located in the world. Next week we will learn about Inuits and how people survive in cold climates. This week has been empathy week and each day we have learnt about somebody and what they have as their 'spark'. We have thought carefully about empathising with them and understanding that all people are different and have varying views. Have a lovely weekend!

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