

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



Koinonia

Loved, Inspired, Shining

Newsletter

Term 3 Week 5 | 07.02.2025

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February 2025

Mon 10th – Year 2 Parent Drop-in 8.45am
Thurs 13th – Reception Hearing Screening
Thurs 13th – Sharing the learning 2.30pm
Fri 14th – Sunbeams Stay and Play 2.15pm
Fri 14th – End of Term 3
Mon 24th – Start of Term 4

March 2025

Mon 3rd – Sunbeams Stay and Play 2.15pm
Thurs 6th – World Book Day
Fri 14th – Sharing the Learning 2.45pm
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

Sunbeams Stay and Play Sessions

We would like to invite our Sunbeams families to join us at one of the following stay and play sessions:

Friday 14 th February	2:15pm - 3:15pm
Monday 3 rd March	2:15pm - 3:15pm

Please enter via the school office.

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 26th** and **between 2.00pm and 4.30pm Thursday 27th 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 13th 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!



September 2025 Sunbeams Nursery Spaces

We have spaces available for September 2025

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

- Friday 16th May 3.30pm-4.15pm
- Monday 9th June 3.30pm-4.15pm
- Thursday 26th June 3.30pm-4.15pm
- Thursday 8th July 3.30pm-4.15pm

Community

RAF Manston History Museum

Over the February half term, from the 15th to the 23rd, 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



**WHAT'S ON
CANTERBURY**

TUES 25TH FEBRUARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am-12pm - Hangout & Play for ND children not in school 1-2:30pm - Autism Peer Support Group
TUES 4TH MARCH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30am-12:30pm - Autistic & ADHD Adults Social Space 4-5:30pm - After School Club @ soft play
TUES 11TH MARCH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am-12pm - Hangout & Play for ND children not in school 1-2:30pm - Autism Peer Support Group
TUES 18TH MARCH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10-11:30am - Parenting Support Group for parents of autistic/ADHD children 12:30-2pm - ADHD Peer Support Group
TUES 25TH MARCH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am-12pm - Hangout & Play for ND children not in school 1-2:30pm - Autism Peer Support Group
TUES 1ST APRIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30am-12:30pm - Autistic & ADHD Adults Social Space 4-5:30pm - After School Club @ soft play

For details or to book, email jo@ndharbour.org.uk




**The Parenting Harbour
Community**

Monthly peer support group for parents of autistic or ADHD children

Tuesday 18th March
Tuesday 29th April
Tuesday 3rd June

10am-11:30am
Canterbury

Email jo@ndharbour.org.uk to book



**After School Play Session
for Neurodivergent Children**

Tuesday 4th March
4pm-5:30pm
Sunshine Children's Centre, Herne Bay
£3 per child
Suitable for ages 0-12
Adults & babes in arms free with paying child
No diagnosis necessary. Sibings welcome.

Email jo@ndharbour.org.uk to book
The ND Harbour is a registered charity (1208857)



ND Play & Connect

Tuesdays 10am-12pm
Fortnightly (term time only)
Sturry Social Centre
Starting Tuesday 28th Jan 2025
Free of charge - book to attend

For autistic/ADHD children not in school (home schooled/part time timetable/temporarily out of school etc).
No diagnosis required to join.
Suitable for ages 3+
Volunteers on hand to facilitate activities for children & young people, but parents remain responsible for their child at all times.

Booking essential - email jo@ndharbour.org.uk

Registered Charity 281588

**WHITSTABLE
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Saturday 29th
March 2025 7.00pm

Tickets: £15
(£2-18yr £5,
under 5yrs free)
through website
or on the door
(plus card payment fee)

www.whitstablechoral.org



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 31.01.25
Seagulls Class - 98.3%

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

Faith – Shells Class



Retrieval of Learning

Albie – Puffins Class



Building Connections

Mabel – Oysters Class



Inspirational Curriculum

Beau – Seagulls Class



Talents and Creativity

Caleb – Pebbles Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)

Connie – Pearls Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have been combining subitising with counting actions when playing What's the time Mr Wolf? We have been playing some interactive maths games which have given the children an opportunity to demonstrate their subitising and counting skills, and some children are beginning to combine two small amounts when subitising. During our HeartSmart session we created a friendship web as we shared kind words and actions with each other. We have been talking to the children a lot this week about our school rules Ready, Respectful, Safe and how our hands can be used to keep ourselves safe and are definitely not for hurting others. We hope some of you can join us for our Stay and Play session on Friday afternoon next week. You are welcome to pop in with your Sunbeam child even if it isn't their normal session if you would like to. We will be having another stay and play session next term.

Year R
Mrs Keeble and Mrs Jones

In *Drawing Club* this week the children wrote about their adventures zooming to 'Button Moon' – they really impressed us with their imaginative ideas and how they are using their different skills to write creatively. In maths we have been learning to find and show one more and one less, using our stem sentence, 'one more/less than ____ is ____.' Perhaps your child could show you one more/one less at home? In RE the children have been thinking about our learning question: What do Christians believe is special about Jesus and the message he brings? We have learnt that for Christians, Jesus wanted to be friends with everyone and that Christians believe Jesus can bring peace. The children have explored different stories using drama, music, and role play. The children have enjoyed planning and making different vehicles using junk modelling and we will continue this next week. We continue to work on our routines and expectations to make sure that we are being ready, respectful and safe, and we have been challenging ourselves to choose different activities and play with different friends. On Monday we will be visiting church for collective worship and on Tuesday look forward to a visit from the Whitstable Flute Group

Year 1
Miss Hughes and Mr Mead

What an amazing, full week of learning in Year 1! In English this week we have been looking at the -ed suffix and using it to turn verbs like 'walk' into past tense. You can help us with past tense at home by gently correcting us when we use the incorrect tense, like 'goed' instead of 'went'! We also learnt about Nouns this week! Nouns are people, places, animals and objects. Could you go on a Noun hunt in your home or out and about this weekend?! In Maths we have started to learn our doubles to 20. We need to learn these facts by heart, so it would be amazing if you could practise some double out loud with us on our way to and from school! E.g. Double 4 = ? We loved practising our jumping in Gymnastics and using hockey sticks to practise striking in our P.E Games slot. We talked about climate change in our Geography lesson this week and practised using different types of paintbrushes in our Art lesson. We learnt about Carnivores and Omnivores in Science, and sorted animals into what they eat. Next week we will learn about Omnivores! Well done everyone for your hard work this week!

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

This has been another really lovely week in Year 2! In English we have started writing our information leaflets for evacuees coming to Whitstable. We have told them all about our fantastic school, what they can expect to see and do in Whitstable, and what to pack! We have used commas to separate lists, powerful adjectives and conjunctions in our writing. Next week in Production Week we will create our leaflets with illustrations and subheadings. In Maths we have been continuing learning about multiplication and division, with lots of practical activities to consolidate our learning. This week we learnt about division being the inverse operation to multiplication and used this to write fact families. Next week we will be learning our x2, x5 and x10 times tables, and related division facts. In Science this week we made lava lamps which was amazing! In Gymnastics we learnt different ways in which we can jump off and on apparatus. In Hockey we learnt about attacking and defending; next week we will put all the skills we have learnt this term into practise and play a game! In RE we continued to learn about Humanism and how it differs to Christianity. Next week both classes will have their marble jar treats on Friday – a lovely way to end the term! Have a great weekend.
