

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March 2025

Fri 21st – Comic Relief

Weds 12th – Parents Consultations Booking Opens 7pm

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

May 2025

Fri 23rd – End of Term 5

June 2025

Mon 2nd – Start of Term 6

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

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 (e.g. at the park or on the beach) 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.



A visit from our local Firefighters

There was a buzz of excitement in school on Thursday as we celebrated World Book Day. We were delighted to have a special visit from some of our local Firefighters who came to join in the Book Day fun! They spent time in all year groups, reading with the children and sharing their favourite stories. The children loved spending time with them and it is always a pleasure to welcome them into school. We are hopeful that this may become a regular thing as we think they may have enjoyed it as much as we did!



Our new playground

After months of planning, idea generating and meeting with leaders to discuss their ideas, this week, our awesome TED Team have been reviewing the impact of their work. They are delighted with the end product and have enjoyed seeing everyone using the new equipment and having lots of fun. Huge thanks must go to Mrs Humphreys for leading the TED team and enabling them to have such a big voice in school. Who knows... we may have some budding project managers of the future!



World Book Day

We all had a wonderful day celebrating World Book Day on Thursday. The children (and staff) all looked incredible in their costumes and we must thank you all for your creativity and efforts! All year groups have also visited the Whitstable Library this week to explore the books on offer and celebrate a love of reading. We would like to thank the library staff for enabling these visits and for giving up some time to share a story with us during our visit. Throughout the day on Thursday, the children also visited different spaces around the school to listen to stories read by a range of school adults. We had such a fabulous day!

Community



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 28.02.25
Seagulls Class – 96.9%

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
Amber
Pearls Class



Retrieval of Learning
Frances
Seagulls Class



Building Connections
Lulu
Pebbles Class



Inspirational Curriculum
Mabel
Oysters Class



Talents and Creativity
Maia
Puffins Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
Truly
Shells Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams Mrs Humphreys

We started our week in Sunbeams with a visit to Whitstable Library. We enjoyed looking at all the different books and particularly enjoyed Barry, the librarian, reading us a story about Shaun the Shy Shark. We loved welcoming many of our families in Monday afternoon for our Stay and Play session. Keep a look out on the newsletter for future dates and please join us if you can. Thursday was all about World Book Day and we had an amazing day sharing our love of reading with each other. Mrs Strike visited Sunbeams in the morning to share a couple of her favourite books and then Mrs Spinks popped in during the afternoon to do the same. The weather was glorious, so we were able to spread some blankets outside on the ground and make the most of the mild weather and sunshine while we read our books. We had an extra special visit from Whitstable firefighters who also joined us during the day to read with us.

Year R Mrs Keeble and Mrs Jones

In YR, our learning question is 'Where do we find nature?' As part of our vocabulary gathering in Drawing Club, we went on a nature walk to Cornwallis Park. We talked about what we could see, hear, smell and touch from nature. The children loved enjoying the spring sunshine, exploring the park and using their senses to help them describe nature around us. They also had a fantastic time playing on the park and we were so proud of the way they represented the school by being safe, respectful and taking turns with the equipment. In maths, the children used Numicon shapes to find number bonds to 10 (e.g. '2 and 8 – altogether there is 10') and in RE they heard and re-told the story of Palm Sunday. In Heartsmart the children enjoyed a fun dance to help them think about how we can include everyone in our play. We talked about playtimes and how good friends include everyone. We have been celebrating our love of books in a special way this week. The children were so respectful on our visit to the library and really enjoyed having such a choice of books to read. On World Book Day they travelled around the school to different places for a special book day story with different members of staff and enjoyed talking about their favourite books. Thank you for encouraging your child with the readathon sponsored read – please return any money to school next week.

Year 1 Miss Hughes and Mr Mead

Wow! What a busy and exciting week we have had in Year 1! On Monday we met Michael from Creepy Claws who brought in some different animals for us to learn about and have hands-on experiences with. We loved meeting his animals and deciding whether they were amphibians, mammals, reptiles, fish, birds or insects. On Tuesday we loved decorating our pancakes (and of course, eating them!) We learnt about the meaning of Shrove Tuesday and how Lent is starting for Christians. On Wednesday some of us who love to read, were lucky enough to visit the Author Event at the Horsebridge. It was so much fun and we all laughed a lot! We also loved visiting the Whitstable Library as a whole class, and reading different stories. Thursday was World Book Day and didn't we all look amazing! It was wonderful to see everyone dressed up so brilliantly, and we loved sharing our books with our friends. We went to different classes to hear stories read by other adults in the school. It was lovely to experience some different classrooms and readers. We have also loved exploring our new playground apparatus, it has been so exciting to finally get to climb and balance! We have shared the equipment with others beautifully. What a week! Have a wonderful weekend everyone

Year 2
Mrs O'Keeffe and Mrs Cohen

This week we have loved completing world book day activities – we loved seeing the different costumes on Thursday and enjoying sharing our love of books. We have had so many story times with a variety of adults which has been really fun! In Maths we have been learning all about money and adding coins and notes. Next week we will continue to work with money and learn how to subtract in order to give the correct amount of change. In English we made a story map of our own version of 'The magic Paintbrush' and we began to write short sentences to create a plan. Next week we will continue our plan and include a mythical creature as well as think of an alternative ending to the story. We loved manipulating clay this week in art and creating our own coral reefs. Next week we will continue to learn about sculpture and create our own paper sculpture. Next week in Geography we will be learning about the equator and where it is located in the world. We will use lots of resources to find it including globes, atlases, iPad and maps. In Science we have learnt about Polar and desert habitats and next week we will learn about woodland and ocean habitats. We will explore the nest and think about which animals and plants live there and describe how the habitat is suitable to meet their needs.
