

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



Koinonia

Loved, Inspired, Shining

Newsletter

Term 1 Week 3 | 20.09.2024

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October 2024

Fri 4th - Year R NHS NCMP

Mon 7th – Year 2 Trip to Roman Museum (Canterbury)

Thurs 24th – Flu Immunisations

Thurs 24th – Sunbeams Stay and Play 2pm-3.15pm

Fri 25th – End of Term 1

November 2024

Mon 4th - Staff Development Day

Tues 5th – Start of Term 2

Tues 12th – Individual school photos

December 2024

Tues 10th - Sunbeams Stay and Play 2pm-3.15pm

Thurs 19th – Sunbeams Nativity 9.30am (School Hall)

Fri 20th – End of Term 2

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

Pre-loved Toy Donations

We are looking to refresh some of the toys in our Beach Hut play areas in the main playground as we want to introduce new equipment to keep the children engaged. We will be looking at fundraising opportunities with the TED Team and the Friends Association later in the year to add to our playground and make some repairs to the astroturf on the mounds, but we were hoping that our community may be able to help in the short term. We are wondering if any of our families have any pre-loved toys that you no longer wish to keep, that you would be happy to donate to us. These are stored outside, so we need to ensure the toys are appropriate for outdoor use. Thank you!

We are specifically looking for the following types of play equipment:

- Duplo or Lego bricks
- Small world play - dinosaurs, vehicles (cars, trucks etc), animals, Happy Land (or similar)
- Wooden bricks
- Outdoor games (hoopla, Jenga, noughts and crosses etc)
- Brio
- Mobilo
- Sensory toys - fidget cubes, poppers etc
- Puppets
- Soft toys and dolls

If you have anything that you no longer need and think may be useful, please drop it into the school office. Thank you!

School Tour Dates and Open Morning

Is your child due to start school in September 2025? We warmly invite you to come along to our Saturday Open Day on 9th November or book onto one of our school tours during the day to meet our incredible children and staff. We cannot wait to show you everything that our school has to offer. Please ring the school office on 01227 272977 to book on a tour.



ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

Tours with Mrs Spinks our Head of School and
Mrs Thomas-Friend our Executive Headteacher

Day	Date	Time
Wednesday	25 th September 2024	9.30am
Wednesday	2 nd October 2024	1.30pm
Friday	4 th October 2024	9.30am
Wednesday	9 th October 2024	1.30pm
Wednesday	16 th October 2024	9.30am
Wednesday	23 rd October 2024	9.30am
Thursday	7 th November 2024	9.30am
Monday	11 th November 2024	1.30pm
Thursday	14 th November 2024	1.30pm
Tuesday	19 th November 2024	1.30pm
Monday	25 th November 2024	9.30am
Wednesday	27 th November 2024	9.30am
Friday	29 th November 2024	9.30am
Monday	2 nd December 2024	9.30am
Saturday	9 th November 2024	10.00am—12.00pm

Please call the office to book onto one of the tours listed. There are limited places on each tour.
We are able to offer alternative dates if you are unable to attend any of the tours available.

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Nutrition
Partnership Award
Approved by OFSTED
Schools England

School Lunches

Free school meals are available for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Children can try a hot meal daily alongside their home pack lunch. The children can book their lunch with their class teacher or teaching assistant when they arrive in the morning.



Community

Folkestone Model Railway Club
MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone, CT20 2DZ
 Sat 5th & Sun 6th October 2024, 10am-5pm

Supported by:
BACHMANN
 Europe plc

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ADULT (16+): £8
 CHILD(5-15): £3 FAMILY: £21

www.folkestone-mrc.com

Folkestone Model Railway Exhibition will be at the Leas Cliff Hall in Folkestone on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th October 2024

<http://www.folkestone-mrc.com/>

HAPPY LITTLE LEARNERS

Toddler & Preschooler classes

Unique, educational play-based classes in Whitstable, Faversham and Canterbury

Movers Class
 A themed movement based class working on fine and gross motor skills for confident walkers up to 5 years.

Adventurers Class
 A storybook based class bringing books to life through play, crafts, songs and props. For 18 months up to 5 years.

Explorers Class
 Themed class with role play, messy play, crafts, small world play and water play. for 18 months up to 5 years.

QR CODE: SCAN ME

Monday	Movers Class :: 10-11am :: Swalecliffe Free Church Hall (Whitstable)
Tuesday	Movers Class :: 10-11am :: Dunkirk Village Hall (Canterbury)
Wednesday	Adventurers Class :: 10-11am :: Painters Forstal Village Hall (Faversham)
Thursday	Explorers Class :: 10-11am :: Swalecliffe Free Church Hall (Whitstable)
Friday	Adventurers Class :: 10-11am :: Swalecliffe Free Church Hall (Whitstable)
Sunday (once a month)	Explorers Class :: 10.30-11.30am :: Tyler Hill Memorial Hall (Canterbury)

Book your space at www.bookwhen.com/happylittlelearners

Happy Little Learners Toddler and Preschooler Classes.

Each classes has a different focus but they are designed to promote the development of gross and fine motor skills, education about the world around us, communication & social skills as well as literacy and numeracy

From the Food Bank:

As the needs of the people within our community continue to grow, we are once again asking for your support this autumn with donations of non-perishable food items, toiletries, household cleaning supplies and sanitary items.

We will be happy to collect any donations at a convenient time for you - all you need to do is email the following address to let us know a suitable day/time for collection:- warehouse@canterburyfoodbank.org

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that our online referral process is very quick and easy and we welcome referrals on behalf of anyone within Canterbury City Council district in need of extra support with food and signposting services - this includes any person experiencing short-term financial crisis for any reason at all.

Simply visit the 'Agencies' tab on our website at <https://canterburyfoodbank.org/agencies/> and fill in every box marked with a red asterisk in the format indicated and one of our amazing Signposters will process the referral.

If you have any queries, or if you would like to discuss any other ways in which we can work together to keep our community out of hunger, then please feel free to give me a call on 01227 936450 and I will be very happy put you in contact with our very lovely Community Development and Engagement Officer, Julia. She is doing a wonderful job, forging links across the district and strengthening our working partnerships.

Donations can be dropped off to St Alphege Church who are also collecting on behalf of the foodbank. These will be collected on Wednesday 16th October.



SUNDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 10AM-1PM

SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 10AM-1PM

KIDSTASTIC
PRELOVED KIDS MARKETS
KINGS HALL HERNE BAY

SELL
YOUR PRELOVED BABY AND CHILDRENS GOODS KEEP 100% OF YOUR TAKINGS

BUY
QUALITY PRELOVED BABY AND CHILDRENS GOODS AT AFFORDABLE PRICES

Free Entry

To book a table email baytasticevents@hotmail.com

Illustration of children at the bottom.

Kidstastic' preloved children's market age 0-16

Rent a preloved table for £10 and then sell any of your kids related preloved items. It is free entry for all so an affordable way to look for preloved items.

Kidstastic is different from the normal preloved markets as there will be activities for the children to do so they don't just have to walk around the market. Activities include Painttastic (plaster of Paris figures to paint and take home) and Glittertastic. The Sea Cadets will be attending with small activities to join in with like role the dice and higher lower etc.

The first Kidstastic event starts on the 29th September at 10am, at the Kings Hall Herne Bay. They will also be joined by some Kid related businesses; @bellaconfetti and @pokidom for the first event.



This Harvest we would appreciate:

Baked Beans	Cleaning Products
Tinned Peas & Carrots	Shampoo
Tinned Tomatoes	Showergel
Tinned Tuna	Washing Powder
Tinned Meatballs	Cat/Dog Food
Soup	Washing Up Liquid
Tinned Pasta	Jam / Peanut Butter
Pasta Sauce	Tinned Rice Pudding
Long Life Milk *	Tinned Fruit
Long Life Fruit Juice	Dried Pasta 500g *

*Please also consider Free-From options

Donations can be left in our supermarket collection bins - see our website for a full list of locations.

If you are a school, group or workplace who would like a big donation collecting, please email warehouse@canterburyfoodbank.org or call 01227 936450 (option 4) to arrange your collection.

If you need support please call 01227 936450, or WhatsApp 01227 501941, or email info@canterburyfoodbank.org



Serving Canterbury, Whitstable, Herne Bay and villages
Canterbury Food Bank is a registered charity no: 1153791

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 13.9.24
Oysters / Seagulls Class – 99.3%

Weekly Awards

Introducing Our New 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. This week the awards have only been given to Year 1 and Year 2 during our Celebration Worship. Next week the awards will also include Reception. Each class nominate one child to celebrate their achievements each week and their names will be added to the weekly newsletter.



Outstanding Writing
Elsie – Seagulls Class



Retrieval of Learning
Evie -Oysters Class



Building Connections
George – Pearls Class



Inspirational Curriculum
Woody – Puffins Class



Talents and Creativity
Sylvia – Puffins Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
Finley – Pearls Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have been very creative, making solar panels for our international space station that Animate Arts will be installing in the main entrance hall at the end of this week. We have been looking at images of space, satellites and the space station for inspiration and have been very impressed with the knowledge many of our Sunbeams have shared with us. We have also been talking about the people who are special to us and mark making in response, drawing members of our household and family. Later in the term we will be welcoming our Sunbeams families in for a stay and play session so that your children can show you some of the things they like to do when they are here. So please look out for the date and time on the newsletter.

Year R

Mrs Keeble and Mrs Jones

We have had a lovely week of fun and learning in Year R. It has been wonderful to see the children's personalities begin to emerge as they grow in confidence and develop new friendships. We began our phonics learning with the sounds s, a, t, and p and in Maths we practised subitising, which is when we can see a quantity (e.g. 3) without counting. We thought about the people who are important to us and in RE learnt that God is important to Christians. We heard a story about Boris the Robot, who helps us with our learning in Personal, Social, and Health Education (PSHE). Today, you will find a reading book in your child's book bag. Books will be changed once a week on a Friday. Please share this book at home with your child, as often as you can, and if you would like to you can date and sign the reading record. You will notice that the first books we send home are wordless books that tell a story through pictures alone. They help children to develop speaking and listening skills through creating and telling stories. One of the most important things for children at school is to develop a love for reading. You can support by encouraging your child to talk about what is happening on each page and tell you what or who the book is about. Thank you for naming your children's clothes, bags and water bottles. If you find you have taken another child's clothing home by mistake, thank you for returning it. We are continuing to learn how to recognise our own things!

Year 1

Miss Hughes and Mr Mead

We have had an excellent week together in Year 1. The children have loved our text 'The Storm Whale' and have used our imagination to think about how we would save the whale from the story. We had lots of fantastic ideas like using trucks, boats and rockets! We are continuing this text next week, and will be using our ideas to write a sentence. This week in Geography, we looked at different features of a map and what we were able to see. Once we had looked at a variety of maps we worked in teams to create our own 3D maps! The children added lots of building, rivers and roads. In Maths, we continue learning about numbers within 10, looking at one more and one less. The children worked hard in their practical maths activities, using different resources to show their understanding, including quite challenging models and images representing different numbers. In our PE, we have continued to explore OAA. This week we worked on our team building skills to work with our friends to complete tasks. We used our jumpers as blindfolds and worked in small groups to direct our friends to find a hidden item on the playground. This week we have completed our art challenges set by Animate Arts. Year 1 had the challenge of creating two huge control panels filled with lots of switches, leavers and dials! We also had to make all the wiring and starts to go with our space themed display. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Year 2

Mrs O'Keefe and Mrs Cook

Wow, what an amazing week of learning we have had in Year 2! Our classrooms have been a hive of activity as we have been completing the arts project that Animate Arts set us. The children have created some really lovely pieces of work and we are very proud! In English it has been Creation Week, and we used all the rich and powerful vocabulary we generated last week in Imagination Week in our writing. The children used some amazing adjectives and verbs and we were very impressed! Next week in Production Week we will be ninjas, writing a letter to our enemy to tell them we are going to defeat them in our next fight! In Maths we are continuing to look at place value with a focus on number lines – placing numbers on number lines and estimating where numbers will go. We will be doing some fun practical activities like creating number lines on the playground using chalk! In History this week we thought about what Whitstable would have been like in the Ice Age. We made icy landscape collages and rescued animals frozen in ice! Next week we will be looking at what life was like after the Ice Age. In Science we will be continuing to look at what animals need for survival, focusing on birds and amphibians. We still need some parent helpers for our Canterbury trip, so if you can help, please speak to Mrs O'Keefe or Mrs Cook. Have a lovely weekend everyone.
