

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

# ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege  
Values



Koinonia

Loved, Inspired, Shining

## Newsletter

Term 1 Week 7 | 18.10.2024

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

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### October 2024

Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> – Year 1 Marble Jar Treat  
Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> – Flu Immunisations  
Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> – Sunbeams Stay and Play 2pm-3.15pm  
Fri 25<sup>th</sup> – End of Term 1

#### November 2024

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> – Staff Development Day  
Tues 5<sup>th</sup> – Start of Term 2  
Tues 5<sup>th</sup> – Applications for Reception places open  
Tues 5<sup>th</sup> – Applications for Junior places open  
Fri 8<sup>th</sup> – Non-Uniform Day  
Sat 9<sup>th</sup> – Open Morning for 2025 Reception  
Tues 12<sup>th</sup> – Individual school photos  
Fri 15<sup>th</sup> – Non-Uniform Day

#### December 2024

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> – Whole School Christmas Church Service (2.30pm)  
Tues 10<sup>th</sup> – Year R Nativity 9.30am (School Hall)  
Tues 10<sup>th</sup> – Sunbeams Stay and Play 2pm-3.15pm  
Weds 11<sup>th</sup> – Year R Nativity 9.30am (School Hall)  
Mon 16<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 Nativity 2pm (School Hall)  
Tues 17<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 Nativity 10am (School Hall)  
Weds 18<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 Concert 9.30am (School Hall)  
Weds 18<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 Concert 2.30pm (School Hall)  
Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> – Sunbeams Nativity 9.30am (School Hall)  
Fri 20<sup>th</sup> – End of Term 2

#### Year 1 Marble Jar Treat

To celebrate filling their marble jar, Oysters and Pearls Class have voted to have a Party! Marble jar treat will take place on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Your child is welcome to bring in a toy from home and a change of party clothes for the afternoon.

#### Whole School Christmas Church Service - Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December

All parents and carers are warmly invited to attend our church service on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm** at St Alphege Church, where we will be thinking about Advent. We will return to school afterwards and you can collect your child from school at 3.15pm as usual.



## Open Morning – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November

Is your child due to start school in September 2025?

We warmly invite you to come along to our Saturday Open Morning on 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

### School Tours

Wednesday	23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2024	9.30am
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	9.30am
Monday	11 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	1.30pm
Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	1.30pm
Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	1.30pm
Monday	25 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Full
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Full
Friday	29 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	9.30am
Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2024	9.30am



**ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL**  
*'Loved, Inspired, Shining'*  
 We warmly welcome you to the St Alphege family.

We are a vibrant and creative school who celebrate childhood.

**Our Open Morning is on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

Come and see for yourselves what our fabulous school has to offer!

Come and join the fun between 10:00am and 12:00pm

Make something creative with Jo from our long-standing Arts Partners at Animate Arts Company!

Take part in some Forest School activities with our Forest School Teacher!

Join in with a fun music session with our specialist Music Teacher, Mrs Memmott!

Wander freely around our school site, meet our incredible staff team and see all the treasures we have to show you!

Meet our Outstanding Early Years team and spend time playing and exploring in our Inspiring Early Years environments.

## All Wrapped Up - Non-Uniform day Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November

We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November and asking for a monetary donation of £1 to support the Riverside project. If you would like to give more than £1 any additional donations big or small are welcome.

**All Wrapped Up** is a project of Riverside Church working with our local schools and partners to provide Christmas presents and food hampers to families in need.

Last year they mobilised 110 volunteers in their 'Winter Wonderland' to provide presents for over 500 children, with 267 families receiving food vouchers to feed over 1200 people.

Riverside are open between 10am and 4pm Monday – Friday, if anyone wishes to donate any new toys that can be added to their Christmas collection.



## Children in Need – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November



This will be a non-uniform day for the children with donations going to Children in Need. Please send in the donations with your child at the start of the school day.

## The Lost and Found Bin

The lost and found bin can be found outside by the Year 2 door opposite the 'Zen Zone'. In here you will find all of the lost and found items. Please can you make sure that all school uniform/coats are labelled with your child's name. Thank you.



## Clubs on Offer Term 2

### Achieve Sports Year R, 1 & 2

We will continue to run our sports clubs next term and we are pleased to offer them to Year R children too!

Achieve sport clubs will start week commencing Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November and run for 6 weeks until Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October. If your child hasn't attended before you will need to complete the emergency contact and photo consent forms.



Monday  
Thursday

Year 1 & 2  
Year R

Multi Sports  
Multi Sports



### Creepy Claws Year 1 & 2

The After School Animal Club is an opportunity for your child to Learn and Interact with lots of different species of animals. Over the 6 weeks they will see Rabbits, Guinea Pigs, Small Rodents, Snakes, Lizards, Tarantulas, Insects, HedgeHogs, Birds, Amphibians and lots more.

The cost of the club is £36 for the 6 weeks. (Payment must be made in full before the first session via on-line details which will be sent once your place is confirmed). There are only 30 places available.

To book a place, please email Michael directly at [creepyclawsclub@gmail.com](mailto:creepyclawsclub@gmail.com)  
Michael will need to know the School, Pupils name and Class



Places will be allocated and then email you to confirm your place & give on-line payment details.

### French Club Year 1 & 2

French club is run after school on Wednesdays 3.15pm-3.45pm  
By Vicki at La Jolie Ronde.

To book please email Vicki directly [lajolierondevicki@gmail.com](mailto:lajolierondevicki@gmail.com)

[www.lajolieronde.co.uk](http://www.lajolieronde.co.uk)



**French**  
at St Alphege

These award-winning classes allow children to learn French the happy way.

Our after-school club is open to children in Year 1 and 2  
Wednesdays  
3.15 pm - 3.45 pm  
£7 per class

Songs  
Stories  
Games  
Rhymes

**RESERVE A PLACE FOR YOUR CHILD NOW!**

For further info contact:  
07889 495577  
[lajolierondevicki@gmail.com](mailto:lajolierondevicki@gmail.com)  
[www.lajolieronde.co.uk](http://www.lajolieronde.co.uk)

**ANDREW PARRY**  
MUSIC

Andrew Parry Music Lessons

Andrew Parry provide music lessons in over 50 schools all across Kent, as well as group rock school workshops and one-to-one lessons outside of school. Please contact Andrew Parry if you would like to book a lesson. Lessons are currently held in school during the school day on a Wednesday.

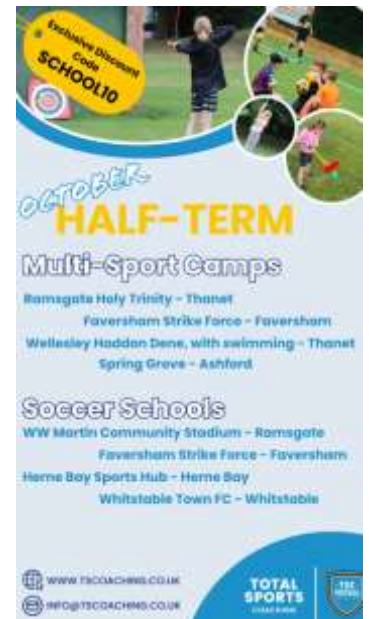
<https://www.andrewparrymusic.com/lessons>

## Community

### Total Sports Coaching

Total Sports Coaching are running multiple holiday camps throughout October Half Term.

We have been provided with a 10% discount code **SCHOOL10**



### TEAMTHEME Kent

Looking for fun activities this half term? TEAMTHEME Kent **Halloween Half Term Camp** offers games, sports, arts, and spooky-themed activities for all ages!

[TEAMTHEME Kent Bookings](#)

## 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 11.10.24  
Pearls Class -97.5%



## 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**  
Catherine – Shells Class



**Retrieval of Learning**  
Frances – Seagulls Class



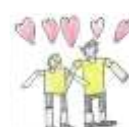
**Building Connections**  
Connie – Pearls Class



**Inspirational Curriculum**  
Polly – Oysters Class



**Talents and Creativity**  
Wilfred – Puffins Class



**Simcha (Shared Joy)**  
Aurora – Pebbles Class

## Weekly Year Group Recap

### Sunbeams

### Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have continued to explore size, seeking inspiration from watching funny mini clips about caterpillars, butterflies and spiders! We have used playdough to make our own minibeasts, giving us opportunities to compare their size and use the appropriate vocabulary. We have also continued to seek opportunities to develop our scissor skills. Mrs Memmott led a lovely music session on Tuesday afternoon. Each of our Sunbeams had a musical instrument so that we could accompany Mrs Memmott while she played her ukulele. While doing so we were able to explore rhythm as well as following her lead as to whether to play our instruments loudly or softly or stop altogether. We have used musical instrument in our phonics games this week too as we have used our listening skills to differentiate between the different sounds they make. Next Thursday we are inviting all our Sunbeams and families to a stay and play session, 2 – 3:15pm. Do pop in with your Sunbeam even if it isn't their day to be in Sunbeams and let them show you some of their favourite activities when they are here.

Year R  
Mrs Keeble and Mrs Jones

We have enjoyed another busy and fun week in Reception. In Maths, we have been learning to describe and compare the mass (or weight) of different objects. We used balance scales, the words heavy, light, heavier and lighter and the children used their hands to predict which way the scales would fall. We learnt that not all big things are heavy! We continue to work hard with blending sounds in phonics and this week the children learnt how to segment words (identifying the individual sounds), to help spell words like d-o-g and m-u-m. In our topic we thought about the season of Autumn and what happens at Harvest time, linking with our learning in RE about how Christians show that God is important. We had a lovely visit to Church - the children really impressed us with the respect that they showed and the safe way in which they walked through town with their partner! We continue to work on our fine and gross motor skills through squiggle, practising our different handwriting patterns to build up our muscles for handwriting. The children are getting more confident at changing for PE – this week we practised safe, active listening, balancing and travelling in different ways. Some highlights from learning through play have been Autumn craft, building a train and role playing in the construction area, and the development of gross motor skills by sweeping the water on the patio! Next week, we look forward to sharing our learning via Tapestry. Please check your e-mails to make sure you have activated your account.

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Year 1  
Miss Hughes and Mr Mead

A wonderfully busy week in Year 1 has come to an end! This week we have been looking at part-whole models in our Maths lessons. We have been using these to help us with the addition number sentences and making different totals up to 10. It has been production week in English and we have all been writing sentences in our books. These sentences described an animal hiding at the beach, just like our story: 'Who's Hiding at the Seaside!'. We used adjectives to describe animals and location. Practising using adjectives at home to describe things would be a great way to help us with memorising vocabulary! Our first candidates for the Marvellous Milkshake Meeting have been chosen, and we are incredibly proud of these children for always showing us how to be ready, respectful and safe! We have also filled our marble jars, and are looking forward to a class treat next week! We will be having a party next Wednesday, your child may bring a toy from home and a change of party clothes for the afternoon. Thank you for taking time to talk to us in our parents evenings, we hope you found the process supportive and informative. Have a lovely weekend everyone! :)

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Year 2  
Mrs O'Keeffe and Mrs Cook

Another busy and fun week has flown by in Year 2! It was Creation Week in English this week. On Monday we created our own Fairy Tale cafes and then wrote a menu for them – starter, main course and dessert - using all the rich vocabulary we generated last week. Some of the descriptions the children wrote about their food had our mouths watering! Next week we will be using persuasive language to persuade customers to come to our cafes and try all the delicious food! In Maths we continued learning about addition and subtraction fact families with numbers up to 20. We then moved on to related facts and will continue this next week. The children took part in a week-long Rainbow Challenge in the afternoons, with a variety of fun curriculum activities. They made Roman mosaics, explored Purple Mash on the laptops, made a fact file about an animal we have learnt about in Science, and created a 'heart map' in which they considered all the people closest to them. They also enjoyed our end of term marble jar treat on Wednesday afternoon with a film and popcorn! Next week we will be drawing Picasso style self portraits in Art, finishing off our Science topic on Survival with looking at how humans stay healthy, and consolidating our History topic on how Whitstable has changed with a carousel of activities– so it will be another busy week! Have a lovely weekend.

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