

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

# ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege  
Values



Koinonia

Loved, Inspired, Shining

## Newsletter

Term 2 Week 3 | 22.11.2024

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### *December 2024*

Weds 4<sup>th</sup> – Reception Parent Christmas Craft 9.30am (School Hall)  
Fri 6<sup>th</sup> – Non-Uniform Day (Chocolate/Bottle) for the School Tombola.  
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)  
Weds 11<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Lunch  
Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children  
Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Fair (School Hall) from 3.15pm  
Mon 16<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 Nativity 2.30pm (School Hall)  
Tues 17<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 Nativity 2.30pm (School Hall)  
Weds 18<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 Concert 9.30am (School Hall)  
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Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> – Sunbeams Nativity 9.30am (School Hall)  
Fri 20<sup>th</sup> – End of Term 2

#### [Reception Parent Christmas Craft – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December](#)

Parents and carers of children in Pebbles and Shells classes are invited to join the children for a Christmas craft morning from 9.30am to 10.30am in the school hall on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

#### [Non-Uniform Day – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December](#)



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December is a non-uniform day and in return we would like to ask for donations of **chocolate or bring a bottle** for the tombola at the Christmas Fair. This can range from a bar of chocolate to a bottle of wine. Any chocolate/ bottle item will be appreciated.

#### [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.



# Community



<https://www.rafmanston.co.uk/events/>

## The Family Food Bank

CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2024

### SPARKLE & SHINE

Christmas can be an expensive time for everybody but for those already on a tight budget, the added expenses of increased winter fuel bills, and the pressure to buy Christmas presents, can plunge many people into crisis, leading them to make difficult choices.

**How you can help...**

From the **4th November until 16th December 2024** we are asking you to **"SPARKLE & SHINE"** to sing out loud and donate to our Christmas appeal

The food listed is very important to us, as these products are key to making our food boxes.

*If you are planning to donate advent calendars please can these be delivered by the 22nd November so we can give these out for the 1st December.*

Once you have finished collecting, all the key information to make your donation can be found on our website: [www.familyfoodbank.org/christmas-2024](http://www.familyfoodbank.org/christmas-2024)

To find out your nearest distribution centre, you can also get in touch by calling **01227 500472** or emailing [familyfoodbank@children-families.org](mailto:familyfoodbank@children-families.org).  
To find out more please follow us on [facebook!](#)

*This year please take the decision to donate and together we can make this Christmas a time to remember for all the right reasons!*

Donate with JustGiving

The Family Food Bank is part of Children's Families Charity Group  
Registered Charity No: 1215490

Follow us on the page

## Reverse Advent calendar

Help us get ready to help people this Christmas!

Simply add one item each day to a Bag For Life during the month of November, and please consider sharing the list with your colleagues and friends

1 box of cereal* 	2 long life milk* 	3 tuna 	4 tin of ham 	5 dried pasta (500g)* 	6 Christmas chocolates* 
7 baked beans 	8 tooth paste 	9 tin of fruit 	10 washing up liquid 	11 biscuits 	12 peanut butter 
13 tin of carrots 	14 crisps 	15 coffee 	16 shower gel 	17 tin of peas 	18 deodorant 
19 pasta sauce 	20 tin of soup 	21 shampoo 	22 tea bags 	23 mince pies* 	24 Christmas pudding* 

\*Please consider free range products

We will have collection points in early December, so keep an eye on our social media. If you have collected a lot with your school/group/workplace and would like us to collect, call our Operations Manager on **01227 936450 (option 4)** or email [warehouse@canterburyfoodbank.org](mailto:warehouse@canterburyfoodbank.org).

If you need support, please call **01227 936450**,  
WhatsApp **01227 501944** or email [info@canterburyfoodbank.org](mailto:info@canterburyfoodbank.org)  
[canterburyfoodbank.org](http://canterburyfoodbank.org)



Canterbury Food Bank is a registered charity (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 15.11.24  
Oysters Class 98.9%

## 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

Ivan -Oysters Class



Retrieval of Learning

Isak - Puffins Class



Building Connections

Daisy T – Pearls Class



Inspirational Curriculum

Freya – Pebbles Class



Talents and Creativity

Bowen – Shells Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)

Alex – Seagulls Class

## Weekly Year Group Recap

### Sunbeams Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have been noticing patterns in art. We have had opportunities to share with each other the things that stand out to us when looking at art by artists such as Kandinsky, Goldsworthy and Mondrian to name a few. We were then inspired to create our own art using a range of materials. Several of our Sunbeams were so inspired, they have created not just one but several different artworks of their own. In our HeartSmart session we thought about the characteristics we have that make us special. We discovered that we have a lot of helpful, friendly, brave and funny individuals within our Sunbeams community! Earlier this week we sent home photo and video permission forms for your child in relation to some research we are going to be carrying out over the year in Sunbeams with MakeBelieve Arts. Please make sure you return them as soon as possible so that we can process your responses.

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**Year R**  
**Mrs Keeble and Mrs Jones**

Well done children on another fantastic week of learning in reception! In Drawing Club we explored the traditional tale 'The Little Red Hen' and enjoyed using new vocabulary such as 'ingredients', 'concocting' and 'just deserts.' Perhaps your children could show you the actions and tell you the meanings of the words? It was a joy to hear the children creating strange creatures for their farm and drawing and writing about a disgusting ingredient for the bread in the story! In maths we have been showing how to make the numbers 4 and 5, using different combinations of patterns and different representations. In music with Mrs Memmott, we have continued to learn the songs for our nativity and, inspired by one of the songs, we enjoyed moving and dancing in circles, using different moves and actions. In PE we learnt some moves for a line dance, practised putting them together to music, as well as some free style moves! Our phonics book this week was 'Sit in!' We encourage your child to read this as often as you can using the Big Cat ebooks link, until they are reading fluently, without sounding out each sound. Please check book bags for a note about clothes for the nativity.

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**Year 1**  
**Miss Hughes and Mr Mead**

We have had another super week in Year 1! We loved getting out of school on Friday and going to Whitstable Museum. It was lots of fun, and we loved spotting old toys and looking at images and artefacts from History. We also loved practising our underarm throws in Games, with target practice aiming at zombies and ghosts! Our dance P.E. lesson was great fun this week as we explored ballet. We didn't realise just how strong ballet dancers' legs need to be and had a great time practising jumps, leaps and balances! Our Maths lessons this week saw us exploring addition within word problems. We used a number line to help us with the jumps we needed to make, to get to our total. We also practised writing our numbers, as sometimes they are backwards or formed a little incorrectly – perhaps you could help us practise these at home! It was production week in English and we wrote sentences with verbs ending in -ing, and also used the word 'because'! We learnt a mnemonic to help us spell this word – maybe you could ask us about it and get us to show you how to spell this word at home! We were very proud to learn such a big word! Please find us if you have any questions about ebooks! Have a wonderful weekend and we will see all of your lovely smiling faces on Monday!

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**Year 2**  
**Mrs O'Keeffe and Mrs Cook**

We've had another lovely week here in Year 2! The children wrote an exciting narrative from the perspective of a deep-sea diver discovering a polluted ocean in Production Week in English. Using a range of rich and vibrant vocabulary such as adjectives, verbs, adverbs and time connectives, they described what they saw in the murky waters. The finished writing was wonderful and the children should be really proud of themselves! Next week is Imagination Week and we will be looking at the non-fiction book Here We Are by Oliver Jeffers. We have lots of exciting activities planned including drama and creating a collage of the world! In Maths we continued with subtraction, solving number sentences in which we subtracted a multiple of ten from a two-digit number, and then a two digit number from another two digit number. The children used a range of concrete resources such as dienes and number lines to help them. We will continue this next week. In Science we investigated the properties of different materials such as plastic, glass, rock, metal and stone with a fun practical activity. We also talked about ways in which these different materials can be used. In Art we learnt about primary, secondary and tertiary colours and created a colour wheel using watercolours. Next week we will be learning more about Jackson Pollock and painting in his style using fun resources such as marble and string! We continued our Dance topic with a ballet lesson on Thursday, and next week we will be trying some Irish dancing! Have a lovely weekend

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