

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



Koinonia

Loved, Inspired, Shining

Newsletter

Term 1 Week 4 | 27.09.2024

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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)
Tues 15th - Parents Evenings
Weds 16th - Parents Evenings
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
Mon 16th - Year 2 Nativity 2pm (School Hall)
Tues 17th - Year 2 Nativity 10am (School Hall)
Thurs 19th - Sunbeams Nativity 9.30am (School Hall)
Fri 20th - End of Term 2

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

Parents Evenings

We will be holding our virtual parent meetings towards the end of this term. These will be between 2.00pm and 4.30pm on Tuesday 15th and between 3.30pm and 7.00pm on Wednesday 16th October. Further details of these will be sent out next week, including information about how to book your appointment slot. 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!



Lost Property

We have a number of un-named jumpers and cardigans in school. These will be outside the community room next week, weather dependant, to be collected. Please come and have a rummage if you think you are missing some uniform. Please can we ask that all uniform comes to school named, this will help us to reunite the clothing to the children.

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.



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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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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.



Asda Rewards loyalty programme giveaway

In a game changing new campaign, fronted by Joe Wicks, Asda is offering to donate 0.5% of the value of any shop done at Asda until 30th November 2024 to customers' primary school of choice – when they shop using Asda Rewards.

Asda is kicking off each school fund with £50 and offering to top up with an extra £1 for every customer that selects their school. The retailer is projecting to donate around £7.5m through the campaign.

<https://corporate.asda.com/newsroom/2024/02/09/asda-rewards-makes-millions-available-to-primary-schools-with-industry-first-loyalty-programme-giveaway>

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

QR code

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/>



YOGA BY DONATION

PAY WHAT YOU CAN

ALL AGES, BODY SHAPES, BACKGROUNDS, AND FITNESS LEVELS ARE WELCOME.

STARTING EVERY THURSDAY 11 - 12 FROM OCTOBER 2024

AT THE WHITSTABLE
YOGA & WELLBEING CENTRE
83 CAFFERTERY ROAD, CT8 4BD

TO BOOK YOUR SPOT TIME: WWW.WYWC.CO.UK

FOR ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT YOUR TEACHER,
LARA ON 0796677963



[Whitstable Yoga and Wellbeing Centre - Yoga by Donation](#)

WCYW are starting a new Yoga by Donation class where people can attend and pay what they can.

If, for any reason, someone can't pay a donation, they can come for free. This is so we can make the benefits of yoga reach as many people locally as possible.

Please book via: <https://www.wywc.co.uk/>



This Harvest we would appreciate:

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| 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, Margate and villages.

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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
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.

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.

vickierandevicki@gmail.com (07889 495577)'. The poster includes illustrations of children and logos for 'bonjour', 'à bientôt', and 'St Julie's Primary School'."/>

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 20.9.24
Pearls / Puffins Class – 98.3 %

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. Each class nominate one child to celebrate their achievements each week.



Outstanding Writing
Poppy – Pearls Class



Retrieval of Learning
Prince – Puffins Class



Building Connections
Olivia – Seagulls Class



Inspirational Curriculum
Ava – Oysters Class



Talents and Creativity
Zephyr – Reception Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
Silvia – Reception Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we are learning about Boris the Robot who is made of junk from the scrapyards. Boris sometimes feels worthless because the Scrapman makes him feel like the junk he's made of, but Boris meets a family who love him and make him feel special. We talked about how we can all feel 'rubbish' at times, but then feel happy and loved at other times because of the special people in our lives. We then began making our own Boris from junk modelling. We have begun to develop our subitising skills this week. Subitising is being able to see what the quantity is without counting. We have played games to encourage the children to spot groups of one, two or three. During our welcome time, we use counters with 10 frames to help develop our subitising skills and number sense further. On Thursday we had a great deal of fun jumping in the puddles that the downpour of rain had left behind. Sunbeams thoroughly enjoyed splashing about – and yes, we did get extremely wet! Just a quick reminder to make sure you pack plenty of spare clothes and please return any that we lend your child.

Year R
Mrs Keeble and Mrs Jones

We have enjoyed another lovely week together in Reception. The children are enjoying learning their phonics sounds (this week i, n, m and d) and are learning to blend sounds to read words such as s-a-t and m-a-n. In Maths we have continued to practice subitising and have been learning to match and sort different objects according to different criteria. The children are enjoying thinking about our learning question for this term: What makes me special and unique? They practised colour mixing to paint a self-portrait. Thank you if you have been able to share a school book with your child this week. You will find a different wordless book in your child's book bag for the week ahead. We will be starting PE on Tuesday. Please make sure your child has a named PE kit in school at all times. We will practise changing into our PE kits independently. You might like to practise doing this at home over the weekend, encouraging your child to do this by themselves.

Year 1
Miss Hughes and Mr Mead

What a wonderful week we have had in Year 1! This week, in our Maths lessons we learnt to use the greater than/less than symbols to compare numbers. We created our own alligators; who like to eat what's **greater!** We are bringing them home with us, maybe you could help us compare some different numbers and quantities over the weekend. We had our first production week in English! We wrote sentences about saving the Storm Whale from our story. We then enhanced these sentences by adding adjectives. We are learning about using adjectives to describe things. Can you help us by practising using adjectives to describe things in your home this term e.g. our cat is: fluffy, orange, soft, cute, furry etc. In Art we created some drawings in the style of Hundertwasser in our Art books. They look amazing! We also used our senses in Science to identify different smells, and used our senses of touch and sight to identify objects. What an amazing week! Enjoy your weekend!

Year 2
Mrs O'Keeffe and Mrs Cook

Wow, another busy week of learning and fun has flown by in Year 2! This week in English it was Production Week and we have been busy writing a letter to our opponent ninja to frighten them! We used lots of exciting vocabulary to tell them exactly how we are going to defeat them and that they had better watch out! In Maths we have been learning about number lines – placing numbers, estimating numbers and problem solving. We went out on to the playground and drew number lines in chalk with missing numbers for our partner to solve! We also learnt about the inequality symbols, comparing numbers up to 100. Next week we will be looking at counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s, which will help consolidate the children's times table knowledge. In History this week we learnt all about the Stone Age, and imagined what Whitstable would have been like during this time. The children enjoyed making Stone Age huts, listening to the story 'Stone Age Boy' and pretending to be hunter gatherers! Next week we will be continuing to think about how people would have lived in Whitstable at this time, with a focus on Stone Age tools! In Art we used pebbles and stones collected from the beach to create wonderful works of art – we pushed them around our paper using charcoal, pens and crayons which created a lovely effect. Next week we will be looking at improving our drawing skills. Have a lovely weekend!
