

# SUNBEAMS NURSERY

# ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege  
Values



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## Newsletter

Term 5 Week 6 | 24.05.2024

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### May 2024

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> – End of Term

#### June 2024

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> – Start of Term 6

Weds 5<sup>th</sup> – PAC Performance – Playhouse - 6pm

Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> - Sunbeams Parent Stay and Play Session  
2.15pm-3.15pm

#### July 2024

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> – Sports Day from 1.30pm

Tues 16<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 Leavers Service at church – 2.15pm

Weds 17<sup>th</sup> – Sunbeams end of year Performance  
(School Hall) 9.30am

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> – End of Term

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> – Staff Development Day

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> – Staff Development Day

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



#### Bubble Rush

Congratulations to Nate and his brother who took part in a Bubble Rush to raise money for Demelza. They managed to raise an impressive £100 for this worthy charity.

Well done boys!



#### Performing Arts Club Show

Our talented Year 2 PAC Club are ready to perform their self-written production of S.O.S on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm. Tickets are available to purchase from the Box Office at the theatre. The rest of the school will be attending our dress rehearsal at the theatre on the afternoon of Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June to allow us to perform to an audience before our big night. We have no doubt they will love it!

#### Gorrell Nature Reserve Competition

We are delighted that our school has been invited to take part in a competition to name one of the newly developed spaces at Gorrell Nature Reserve (Duncan Downs) Ashley Clarke will be coming into school after half term to explain the competition to the children and show them some images of the newly developed area. The winner will be selected by Ashley and we will be planning an unveiling of the area involving the whole school community in term 6. More details of this will be sent nearer to the time once they have been finalised.

## Wonderful Writing

It was such a pleasure to welcome our families into school this afternoon to celebrate our Wonderful Writing. We hope you have been impressed by the quality of the children's writing and how much progress they have made throughout the year. We will be sharing some of the children's writing on the school Facebook page, so please do have a look. It is truly fantastic and we are very proud of them all.



## Whole School Sports Day Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July

Gates open at 1:30pm

This is always a lovely occasion where you can watch your child participate in sports and games. Come and enjoy this afternoon with us!

## Sunbeams Stay and Play Sessions

We would like to invite our early years families to join us at the following session:

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June                      2:15pm - 3:15pm

## Bailey Yanik Cup

In honour of a previous pupil who sadly passed away, we award the Bailey Yanik Cup once each term. This cup is awarded to a little person who has the gift of finding joy in everything, and makes a big difference to everyone around them. **Term 5 is awarded to Quinn in Year 2.**



# Community

## Teamtheme Kent - May Half Term Sports Camp

As a big thank you Teamtheme will be giving the families of St Alphege a discount if they use the code MAYDAY10 at checkout.

Click the link to below to book:

[Teamtheme Kent booking](#)

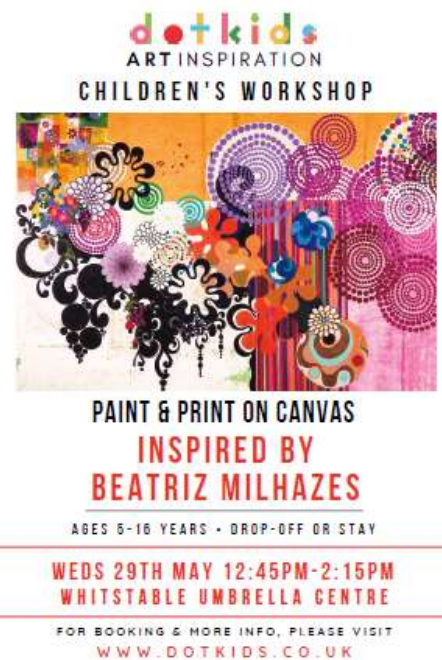


[The RAF Manston History Museum](#)

The RAF Manston History Museum is holding an event on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> of May called Flyin' At The Museum, in association with LAA. No need to book!

[DotKids Art Inspiration](#)

DotKids are holding a Children's Art Workshop at Whitstable Umbrella Centre on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May. Please book via the website.



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King Alphege is awarded to the class with the highest percentage attendance each Week

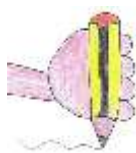


King Alphege Attendance Lion  
W/E 17.05.24  
**Seagulls Class – 98.1%**

## Weekly Awards

### Whole School Awards

Our awards this year represent our School Development priorities: WAVES. During our Celebration Worship on a Thursday, each class will nominate one child to celebrate their achievements.



**Wonderful Writing**  
Beau - Pearls Class



**Amazing Relationships**  
Eyobel – Puffins Class



**Valiant Vocabulary**  
Larna – Oysters Class



**Excellent Reading**  
Sherrie-Ann – Pebbles Class



**Simcha (Shared Joy)**  
Jacob – Seagulls Class



**St Alphege Values**  
Eli – Shells Class

## Weekly Year Group Recap

### Sunbeams

From Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have continued to observe the changes in our beans and butterflies. Our observations over the term have given us rich opportunities to develop our understanding of growth and changes over time, as well as for developing our noticing and classifying skills. We have used our subitising skills to track the changes over time and to record when they happened, such as when the caterpillars begun to spin their chrysalis's. We have been able to use the vocabulary of size when describing and comparing the things we've observed and introduced measure when observing the growth of our bean plants. It has been a busy term! As the weather improves, we would like to remind you all again to apply sunscreen to your child before dropping them at Sunbeams and to provide them with a sunhat. We wish you a great half term break and look forward to all that next term will bring!

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## Year R

### **From Mrs Keeble and Mr Mead**

What another busy week we have had in Reception this week! In our English writing we have been using our minibeast facts to inform our sentence writing and developing our stamina in building good solid sentences using our phonic knowledge and cursive writing skills. We really enjoyed having the opportunity to share this writing with our Grown Ups on Friday afternoon, thank you for so many of you who came in to see us. In our Maths we have been learning about odd and even numbers. We have engaged in a range of practical activities to develop our understanding of this concept. In our PE we have consolidated all of our athletic skills this term into our final session this morning. We loved our beach session on Thursday afternoon, using the litter pickers to undertake a beach clean before having time to do a final hunt for minibeasts in the sunshine. After successfully filling our bead jars in class we were able to finish the term with our Teddy Bears Picnic at the park. What a great term we've had! We wish you all a fun, and sun filled half term and look forward to hearing all about it when we return for term 6.

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## Year 1

### **From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Malley**

It is hard to believe we are at the end of Term 5!

In English this week, Year 1 finished up our work on the story of 'Dogger' by writing our own stories about a missing toy. We are sure you will agree that the children have produced some wonderful stories and are benefitting from our fresh approach to English and writing. Next term, we start with a beautiful text which weaves in perfectly with other areas of learning – watch this space! In Maths, we have enjoyed a week of practical retrieval lessons, looking at shapes (reinforcing 2D and 3D shape knowledge) and also looking at halving and quartering with numbers and objects, as well as positional language. After half-term, we return to working on number, with an emphasis on numbers between 50 – 100. We completed our Science topic on the senses by taking part in a carousel challenge – tasting, touching, looking, listening, smelling. It was great fun, and harder than we imagined to identify something by smell alone, without seeing what the item was! Next term, we will be learning about seasonal changes and also categorising different groups of animals. We recapped our learning in Geography with two tasks; could we identify geographical language in a word search, and could we create a map of the school, by cutting out and organising labels with areas of the school written on? The children worked hard and we were impressed with their recall of vocabulary related to maps. A reminder that our visit to Chatham Memorial Synagogue takes place on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June, and our best wishes for a lovely half-term break.

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## Year 2

### **From Mrs O'Keeffe, Mrs Cook & Mr Humphreys**

We have had such a busy but lovely week in Year 2! In English we finished our Production Week masterpieces based on the book 'Perfectly Norman' – non-chronological reports about an animal with wings. The finished reports look amazing; the children have worked so hard! After half-term our new text is 'Oh The Places You'll Go!' by Dr Seuss. We have some exciting Imagination Week activities planned, including planning a trip to a dream destination, looking at different types of maps, designing and drawing a map of your ideal town, drama and building vehicles with recycling materials. How exciting! Please send any suitable junk modelling materials in with your child after half term. In Maths we finished our capacity topic with lots of fun practical activities outside with water. After half term we will revisit telling the time, concentrating on telling the time to 5 minutes. The children will be drawing hands on clocks and also reading the time. It would be helpful if you could practise this skill with your child in any spare moments during half term! As our Learning Question for the term is How Can I Get There?, we will be using compasses in Geography to direct our partner around the playground. In PE next term we will be doing athletics, and in our first lesson we will learn how to run faster! It has been a lovely half term and the children have worked hard and had fun. We enjoyed a well-deserved sunny trip to the beach yesterday afternoon to celebrate filling our marble jars! We wish you a relaxing half term break and we look forward to seeing you all next term.

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