

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



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Loved, Inspired, Shining

Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

July 2024

Mon 15th – Shared worship with the Endowed at St Alphege church-. Parents welcome. 2pm
Tues 16th – Year R Concert (school hall) 9.30am
Tues 16th – Year 2 Leavers Service at church. 2.15pm
Weds 17th – Sunbeams end of year Performance (school hall) 9.30am
Weds 17th – Year 2 Trip Quex Park
Weds 17th – Year R Concert (school hall) 2.30pm
Fri 19th – End of Term
Mon 22nd – Staff Development Day
Tues 23rd – Staff Development Day
September
Mon 2nd - Staff Development Day
Tues 3rd – Start of Term 1 (Year R-2)
Weds 4th – Start of Term 1 for Sunbeams

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

Summer Fair

We wanted to say a huge thank you to our fabulous Friends Association for organising our summer school fair this week. A special thank you to Ruthie for helping with the organisation and to Katie, Ele and Inta as well as Paula and Damian, two of our Governors, for giving up their time to help run the stalls. Thanks also to Phil from Bears Ice Cream Emporium, who donated lots of pots of his delicious ice cream for us to enjoy. It was also lovely to welcome back the local firefighters and police service to share in this fantastic event. We are very grateful to everyone who donated their time, items for the tombola or cake stall and to everyone who attended on the day to show their support. We are still adding up the total, but will share how much was raised very soon!

Nurture UK

This week, we gathered together to celebrate our successful achievement of the Nurture UK accreditation. Our plaque unveiling was completed by Emma Harrison who is the Canterbury District Lead for the Specialist Teaching Service. We were also joined by some of the parents who contributed to our assessment and some of our longstanding community partners: Peter from The Playhouse, Whitstable and Lucy from Animate Arts Company. This accreditation celebrates our commitment to placing Nurture and Wellbeing at the heart of all we do. We also discovered that we are the first school in our District to have achieved this prestigious award!

A Fond Farewell

Mrs Capelett has made the difficult decision to take early retirement at the end of this academic year. She has been a fabulous member of the St Alphege and Sunbeams team and we have valued her wealth of experience and expertise. She has touched the lives of so many children and families during her time with us and we know that you will join with us in wishing her all the very best of luck for her future adventures. Mrs Capelett has promised to keep in touch and we are sure that she will pop in every so often to say hello to the staff and children. We thank her for all she has given to the school over her many years of dedicated service.

Mrs Williams will also be moving on from St Alphege at the end of this academic year. Her warmth and creativity have been a welcome addition to the school and she has offered excellent support for some of our children with Additional Needs. We will be very sad to lose her from the staff team, but wish her every success for the future.

Before and After School Safety

We have been made aware that there are a few junior aged children coming to play football on our playground at the beginning or end of the school day. These children, although lovely, are much bigger than ours and we have lots of young children on site at this busy time. We want to prevent any challenges with them getting hurt by flying footballs, so we ask that no football is played by either our children or their siblings at these busy times.

Shared Worship with the Endowed School - Monday 15th July 2.15pm

End of Year Worship with the Endowed at St Alphege Church. All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

Year R Concerts

Parents are invited to attend one of the two performances below:

Tuesday 16th 9.30am in the school hall

Wednesday 17th 2.30pm in the school hall

Year 2 Leavers Service at Church - Tuesday 16th July 2.15pm

Leavers Celebration at Church. Year 2 parents are welcome to attend. Doors open at 1.45pm

Year 2 Leavers T-Shirt Signing

Please could all Year 2 children bring a spare school t-shirt into school to be signed by their friends and school adults by Thursday 18th July. Thank you.

Sunbeams - End of year performance and party – Wednesday 17th July

Parents are invited to watch our performance which starts at 9.30am in the main school hall. After the performance the children will return to the nursery for our end of year party. Please collect your children from Sunbeams at 11.30am unless your child would normally attend the lunch and afternoon sessions.

Year R – End of term fun week

To celebrate such a fantastic year we have planned a fun filled activity week beginning Tuesday 16th July. Below is a brief overview of what you can expect your child to be doing during this week. We have also included anything you may need to send into school with your child for each day. There will be resources in school that your child may use, please do not feel that you have to buy items specifically for this day.

Day	Activity	Things to bring
Tuesday 16 th	Bike Day	Bike or scooter
Wednesday 17 th	Board Games	Any board games, card games etc.
Thursday 18 th	Water Fun	Towel, spare clothes, water squirter
Friday 19 th	Summer Party/Picnic	Summer party clothes (can come to school in them)

Community

St Alphege Church, High Street



Summer Fair

Sat 13th July 2024

11 am – 2 pm

Books, Cakes, Games, Tombola, Plants, Café

All Welcome!

St Alphege Church Summer Fair

<https://stalphege.org.uk/>

Coastal School Uniform Company

10% discount - valid for this weekend only -
from FRIDAY 12th UNTIL SUNDAY 14th 2024.

The logo for Coastal School Uniform Company is circular, with 'COASTAL SCHOOL' at the top and 'UNIFORM COMPANY' at the bottom. Inside the circle, it says 'BY PARENTS' and 'FOR PARENTS' flanking a central illustration of a school suit. To the left of the logo is a blue graduation cap, and to the right is a yellow briefcase.

**Back to School
discount**

10% off all items on our website
using code -
Backtoschool10

www.coastalschooluniformcompany.co.uk
contact@coastalschooluniformcompany.co.uk

At the bottom of the advertisement, there are social media icons for Instagram (@coastal_school_uniform), Facebook (Coastal School Uniform Company), and Twitter. To the left is a blue and pink backpack, and to the right is a pink spiral notebook.

Organised by the CTS People's Forum Eco Group



Wild about Whitstable

Events include:

- Evening bat walk
- Sealife around The Street
- Art at Bruce Williams' gallery
- Birdwatching
- Folklore of wild plants
- Bee bomb making
- Moth evening
- Turtle dove talk
- Restoration of Thames habitats
- Sand under a microscope
- Seal watching boat trip
- Gardening for wildlife
- Childrens craft events
- Plant walk
- Ecofair

12-18 August 2024

A week of nature-focused events based in Whitstable

Grassroots events providing the community with the opportunity to discover more about the amazing variety of life that we have on our doorstep and how to protect it. Created by bringing local people and organisations together under the umbrella of the CTS People's Forum.

Our natural world: See it, celebrate it, save it

FOR MORE INFO visit our website:



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Wild about Whitstable

ECO FAIR

SATURDAY 17TH AUGUST 2024

11:00 - 4:00

St John's Methodist Church
Argyle Road, Whitstable

Stalls showcasing various organisations, both from the Whitstable area and wider Kent, that are involved in the natural environment, biodiversity, natural products and sustainability.

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www.ctspeopleforum.org



- Whitstable Bee Keepers
- Whitstable Museum
- Stream Walk Community Garden
- Prospect Field
- Whitstable Improvement Trust
- Birdwise North Kent
- Kent Wildlife Trust
- Whitstable's Marine Environment Group and more

Tipp Toes

PRE-SCHOOL BALLET FOR 18 MONTHS+

So much musical fun for boys and girls

Classes at:

- West Faversham Community Centre
- Tyler Hill Memorial Hall
- Swalecliffe Community Centre

Nursery & School visits available

3 week trial for £10

TO BOOK GO TO
www.missophiesdanceacademy.co.uk

At Miss Sophie's Dance Academy, we are running TippToes Ballet classes for pre-schoolers. These classes are a fantastic way of getting children involved in music and movement and we would love to spread the word about these classes.

<https://missophiesdanceacademy.co.uk/>

The RAF Manston History Museum is holding their Skirmish Through Time re-enactment event on the 13th and 14th of July. Normal entry prices apply.

Skirmish Through Time...

...breathing new life into history

13th - 14th July 2024

INTERACTION ENCOURAGED!

No need to book!

10am to 4pm

Normal museum entry prices apply

Ample free parking
What3Words: remarried.mornings.pave

Refreshments and toilets available
If you have any questions, please contact us at:
events@rafmanston.co.uk
www.rafmanston.co.uk

Some re-enactors may fire blank guns and cannons, which can be loud!

Subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances including, but not limited to, weather conditions, mechanical breakdowns and shortage of volunteers and/or exhibitors.

Charity Number: 1179962

King Alphege Attendance Lion

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

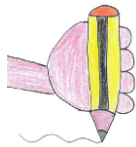


King Alphege Attendance Lion
W/E 05.07.24
Puffins Class – 98.5%

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
Elsie
Pearls Class



Amazing Relationships
George B
Pebbles Class



Valiant Vocabulary
Louis
Oysters Class



Excellent Reading
Vincent
Seagulls Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
George
Shells Class



St Alphege Values
George
Puffins Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

This week in Sunbeams we have been going down to the main school hall to practice our performance, which is going splendidly! We have also been creating art work to take with us to the whole school service at St Alphege Church on Monday. There is a seaside theme to the art, so we have produced a most beautiful Rainbow fish as well as individual fish that each of the children have created using hand prints which will be displayed during the service. On Thursday we joined the rest of the school for a special assembly to celebrate our Nurture UK award. Please remember that all our children are invited to join us on Wednesday morning for our performance and party. Please make sure **ALL** children are wearing leggings/shorts/trousers for modesty on the stage, and that they are wearing a block colour. We look forward to entertaining you then!

Year R

Reception have had a fantastic week! We started our week by visiting the beach for a special task. We had to collect pebbles that were smooth and beautiful. Later in the week we decorated these pebbles by drawing pictures of fish on them. When all the pebbles were decorated and put together, they made a bright and vibrant shole. They will be displayed in the church on Monday during our shared worship so everyone can see! We have been working hard this week preparing for our end of year concert. We have been creating art and practicing all of our songs ready to show you all next week, we can't wait are so excited! We had a fun PE session this week which we shared with Year 2. We used all the PE equipment that we have been exploring this term and had mini competitions with Year 2. We ended the week with a very special assembly. We found out that our school had been awarded the Nurture UK award! This is a very special award and Mrs Spinks told us all about it. We were given a sign that we can hang up in our school to show how amazing our school is. Remember next week is our last week in Reception! To celebrate this, we will be having a very fun week so you may want to bring some things from home. Please check the newsletter or the boards outside of class to see what you can bring in. What a fantastic week well done Reception!

Year 1

We have had a marvellous week in Year 1, starting off with a lovely trip to Whitstable Castle and Gardens where we played in the swings, enjoyed ring games on the green and ate our packed lunches picnic-style under the trees. We also bought lollies with our own money, checking our change and making sure we stayed in budget. Thank you to all the lovely parents and carers who came along to support us, it was wonderful to share our outing with you. In History, we learned a bit more about Sir David Attenborough, talking about his early life and education and watching a short film with key events from his long television career. The children then asked questions about what they had learned. The highlight of our week was undoubtedly our fantastic end of year concert today! We played instruments, sang songs (including one we wrote ourselves with Mrs Memmott!) and used signing and different languages in some of the songs. We also recalled lots of our learning over the year, and shared information with our audience and posed questions, like "Did you know the Arctic and Antarctica are the coldest places on the planet?" and "Did you know this year is the 200th anniversary of the RNLI?" It's hard to believe that next week is our last week together in Year 1. The year has flown by and we have all learned so much!

Year 2

We have had an amazing penultimate week of school in Year 2. Children loved the first ever Great St Alphege Sausage Roll Off, exploring their food tech unit through taste testing and design before making their award winning sausage rolls for 'Paul Hollywood' We have been spending this week reflecting on the incredible learning and progress the children have made throughout the year by looking through their learning journey documented in our curriculum floor books and the progress in both their Maths and English books. We also opened our time capsules which were created on their first transition day in Year 2 last year, and re-created the same activities this week to see how much they have changed. As we move into our final week together, the children are looking forward to their leaving trip to Quex Park on Wednesday. We will all be keeping an eye on the weather and crossing our fingers and toes for some lovely sunshine on this day! Please make sure that your child comes to school in school uniform on this day, wearing suitable shoes and either a coat or sun hat and suncream. They will also need to carry their own school or home pack lunch and have a water bottle too.

We are looking forward to celebrating the incredible journey Year 2 children have had at St Alphege at our leavers service on Tuesday afternoon. The rest of our week will be full of special activities in class and around school, to celebrate and send them off to their new adventures with lots of amazing memories. Could we please ask that all children bring in a spare school t-shirt or t-shirt of your choice which can be signed by all their friends and school adults as a special keepsake. As Mrs O'Keeffe finishes school on Thursday, we would like t-shirts to be brought into school before this day please. Wishing all our amazing children and families the happiest of weekends.
