

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

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Newsletter

Term 6 Week 1 | 07.06.2024

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June 2024

Weds 12th – 2024 New Year R Pupils Craft Event 10am-11am
Thurs 13th – 2024 New Year R Pupils Craft Event 1.45pm -2.45pm
Tues 18th – New Year R class visit for parents and children 10am – 11am
Mon 24th – Creepy Claws visit to school
Weds 26th June – Year 2 Canterbury Cathedral Schools Day

July 2024

Mon 1st – Sports Day from 1.30pm
Weds 3rd – Transition afternoon
Thurs 4th – Whitstable transition morning
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
Fri 19th – End of Term
Mon 22nd – Staff Development Day
Tues 23rd – Staff Development Day

Year 2 Performing Arts Club

Words cannot express how immensely proud we are of our Year 2 Performing Arts Club, who put on a dazzling performance at the [The Playhouse, Whitstable](#) last night. We were honoured to be the first production to use their new scenery projector, which enabled us to showcase the work of other Year 2 pupils as part of the show. It also allowed us to project the special message recorded by our celebrity guest [Steve Backshall](#)! The children were involved in the writing of this unique performance, entitled SOS which told the story of sea creatures asking for help to protect their habitat from destruction. In typical St Alphege style, this poignant message was delivered with colour, enthusiasm, song and a sprinkling of humour, delivered with great comedy timing from our young children! We hope that this is the start of their journey in the theatre and that this night long lives on in their memories! They were all amazing! Huge thanks as always to the Playhouse for allowing us to perform in their beautiful theatre. Due to our unexpected visitors this week, we were not able to take the other children to watch the dress rehearsal as we have done in previous years. We are currently liaising with the theatre to try to arrange another opportunity to celebrate this achievement and potentially watch the recording on their big screen!



A massive thank you!

We would like to say a huge thank you to you all for your support this week as we have undergone our recent Ofsted inspection. We are unable to share the outcome until the final report is published, but wanted to express our gratitude for all the well wishes, gifts, smiles and kind words you have shared with our staff team. Thanks to those who completed the parent survey or took time to speak with the inspection team. Your responses were overwhelmingly positive and we are really grateful to have such a supportive school community. Your children have also been amazing (as always) and the inspectors commented on how wonderful it was spending time with them. We will obviously share the report as soon as we receive it, but until then, THANK YOU all and have a wonderful weekend.

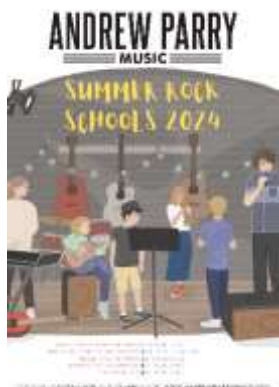


Whole School Sports Day Monday 1st July

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!

Community



APM - Summer Rock Schools 2024

Andrew Parry Music are pleased to let you know they are running their Summer Rock Schools again this summer. The primary courses are from Year 2 - 6, the secondary courses Year 7-10, and they are also running an Advanced course this year which is really exciting. It's a great opportunity if your child is learning an instrument and wants to get experience playing in a band, but it's also a great opportunity to try out some new instruments for the first time.

Please see their website for more info about the rock schools: <https://www.andrewparrymusic.com/rock-schools>

And to sign up, go here!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeMtPLbDNfbAB2c3eLztJIUKQvR7h4EvS8u42DQmrqmdN9Ngg/viewform>

If you have any other questions please do get in touch with them: andrewparrymusic@gmail.com. They have courses near Canterbury and in Maidstone as follows:

Near Canterbury - at Hernhill C of E Primary:

- Primary course - Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th July
- Secondary course - Wednesday 31st July - Friday 2nd August

Maidstone - at MGS:

- Primary course - Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th August
- Secondary course - Wednesday 7th - Friday 9th August

All courses end with a concert where families are invited to come and watch.

The Advanced course will take place Monday 5th - Thursday 8th August near Maidstone, venue TBC - please email Andrew if you are interested in this course to get more details: andrewjamesparry@googlemail.com.

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

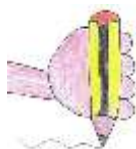


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W/E 24.05.24
Pearls Class – 97.9%

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
Dexter – Shells Class



Amazing Relationships
Preston – Puffins Class



Valiant Vocabulary
Serenity – Seagulls Class



Excellent Reading
Mary – Oysters Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
Rupert – Pebbles Class



St Alphege Values
Penny R – Pearls Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

From Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have been enjoying our play outdoors. We have been practicing our subitising and counting skills when playing games such as What's the time Mr Wolf? We have been developing our hand strength and dexterity, squeezing washing up bottles full of water to put out the fire (don't worry – we painted the flames). We've also been making potions using petals and flowers mixed with all sorts of 'interesting' things from our mud area! We often role-play an ice-cream parlour from the hut in our bike area, and this week there has been lots of mark making as they have written orders and prices down on clipboards and notepads. Indoors Sunbeams have been telling their own stories and acting them out during our Helicopter Story sessions. On Thursday afternoon we welcomed in several of our Sunbeams families in for a stay and play session, which was lovely.

Year R

From Mrs Keeble and Mr Mead

What a great fun first week back Reception have had, we can't believe we are in our last term together! This week has been a little bit crazy! Some of our days have looked a little different to our usual routine but the children have been exceptional and have taken it in their stride. We started our final theme of 'being beside the seaside'. On Monday we read the story The Snail and the Whale and explored lots of creative techniques to do with our new focus artist 'Joan Miro' to make beautiful artwork. In Maths we have enjoyed revisiting number bonds to 10. The children have retained lots of fantastic facts about their number bonds and have decorated the classroom with number bond paper chains! We have explored lots of PE this week! We started our new skill of moving with a ball in Hockey. The children were amazing and had a great time playing lots of fun Hockey games. We also worked on our team building skills and created obstacle course to pretend the floor was lava! Well done for a great first week back Reception, we are incredibly proud of how amazing you have been this week!

Year 1

From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Malley

What an exciting first week back for our last term this year! We have a new focus artist this term, and will be learning about Andy Goldsworthy, transient art, and sculpture. Andy Goldsworthy draws inspiration from his surroundings and natural materials, and for our first lesson we explored clay – how does it behave if you roll it, pinch it, squeeze it? What is the texture like? Can you create a shape? Later in the term, we will be exploring transient pieces and also creating a piece from clay. In English, we have started a new focus text, 'The Bog Baby' by Jeanne Willis and Gwen Millward. It tells the story of two small sisters, who find a mysterious little creature in a forest pond and decide to keep it as a pet. Who is this strange little creature, and what will happen next? As inspiration, we walked to The Nest and also to the wildlife pond at Whitstable Junior School to look at different habitats. In Science, we will be learning about animals, their habitats and their classifications, and linking this to History, where our focus is the life of Sir David Attenborough. We have begun to learn about Sir David's life, his love of all nature, and the amazing impact he has had at discovering different species, including having some named after him! In Maths, we are revisiting place value and the practical use of part-whole models, Tens and Ones boards and manipulatives like Dienes. Next week, we will be recording this knowledge in our maths books. The highlight of our week was a fantastic trip to the Chatham Memorial Synagogue in Rochester. We travelled by train and had a long brisk walk up the high street, where we were met by Kate, one of the educators at the Synagogue. We explored the beautiful interior, handled Jewish prayer books and scrolls, learned a little about similarities and differences between Christianity and Judaism and listened whilst Kate recited a few lines of the beautiful She'ma prayer, which is the first prayer recited in the morning and the last prayer recited in the evening. We were so grateful to all the parent volunteers that accompanied the trip, it makes such a difference to the children's experiences. Thank you and have a wonderful weekend.

Year 2

From Mrs O'Keeffe, Mrs Cook & Mr Humphreys

What a lovely first week back after half term it's been in Year 2! Our PAC children really enjoyed preparing for their performance, and came back with lots of stories to tell about their experiences. A huge well done to all of them! Our learning question for this term is 'How can I Get There?'. In English we used our new text, Oh! The Places You'll Go! By Dr Seuss as inspiration for lots of fun Imagination Week activities, including imagining our dream destination and planning a trip there! Next week we will be taking a walk around Whitstable (with a twist!) and the children will write a recount of this. In Maths we are continuing to learn how to tell the time, concentrating on 5 minute intervals. Next week we will move on to money and the children will be creating their own shops and cafes to help them understand finding totals and giving change, which will be lots of fun! In Science we are conducting an experiment into whether bubbles can burst, so we made bubble mixture and will be continuing with this next week! In Geography this term we will be looking at the features of maps so we will be walking around Whitstable and drawing our route on the map. Let's hope the lovely sunny weather continues! Have a wonderful weekend!
