

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June 2024

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**
Weds 26th June – **Year 1 Visit to Duncan Downs**
Thurs 27th June - **School hall 'gallery' space open for parents/ careers to visit this year's Art Show 3.15-4pm**

July 2024

Mon 1st – **Sunbeams Sports Day from 9.30am**
Mon 1st – **Sports Day from 1.30pm**
Tues 2nd – **Non-Uniform Day**
Weds 3rd - **Transition afternoon**
Thurs 4th – **Whitstable transition morning**
Thurs 11th – **Summer Fair from 3.15pm in the school playground**
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**



We had the great joy of sampling some exceptional ice cream at Bears Ice Cream Imaginarium this lunchtime. Incredible flavours and the best company from our fabulous Mr Bear! It is always lovely when we can celebrate achievements alongside our families and we would like to congratulate Phil on his Gold Taste of Kent Award. If you have not yet popped in to sample some of his creations, we would highly recommend! We came away with full tummies and happy smiles on our faces!



Mrs Thomas-Friend is delighted to be delivering a sermon at St Alphege church at 9:30am this Sunday. She will be talking about Simcha - shared joy and how this is embedded here at school. It is a really good example of school and church communities learning from one another and finding out about how JOY is essential in our daily lives.



Arts Week

Next week we will be celebrating Arts Week! This years theme is inspired by the Dr Zeuss book, 'Oh, The Places You'll Go!' Every class will be exploring themes of adventure, journeys and travel and celebrating the skills, techniques and artists they have learnt about throughout the year to create some magical, adventurous art work in lots of different forms.

We are also very lucky to welcome artist Lucy Stockton-Smith, who will be working with our children to create a very special installation for the school hall.

In true St Alphege style, we will be opening our school hall 'gallery' space **for parents and careers to visit** this years Art Show: Oh, The Places You'll Go! On **Thursday 27th June** from **3.15-4pm**

We look forward to sharing our wonderful work with you all.

Year 1 Duncan Downs

Year 1 will be walking to Duncan Downs and spending the afternoon there on Wednesday 26th June.

Please ensure your child has sun cream applied in the morning, a hat, and has plenty of water.

Please let the class teacher know if you would like to be a parent helper.



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!

Sunbeams Sports Day – Monday 1st July – 9.30am

We would like to invite our Sunbeams parents and families to join us for our Sports Day on Monday 1st July at 9:30am in the main school playground. If your Sunbeams child would not normally be in on a Monday morning, please feel free to come along with them at 9:30am to join in with us.

Save the dates:

Tuesday 2nd July- Non uniform day in exchange for a bottle and/or box of chocolates.

Thursday 11th July – Summer School Fair from 3.15pm-4.30pm

Community

SEND support Groups

SEND
Special Educational Needs + Disabilities
Information, Advice and Support Drop in
for All children diagnosed or undiagnosed.

We can help you with:

- Understanding your child's needs
- Tips and strategies to help at home
- Signposting to local SEND support services
- Getting the best from your child's education

You'll also be able to:

- Meet other parents/carers
- Make your views about SEND known at a strategic level to help improve services.

Poppy Family Hub
1st Thursday of the month
10:00am - 11:30am
Parsons Memorial Park, Kings Road, Margate Bay, CT8 8PQ

Whitstable Family Hub
2nd Friday of the month
9:30am - 11:00am
Tower Parade, Whitstable, CT8 2BE

Riverside Children's Centre
3rd Friday of the month
9:30am - 11:00am
Kingsmead Road, Canterbury, CT2 7HR

SEND Hub: 01227 854444
STLS Website: 01227 854444
Kent County Council

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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 07.06.24
Shells Class – 95.4%

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
Indi – Shells Class



Amazing Relationships
Emilia - Oysters Class



Valiant Vocabulary
Leo – Puffins Class



Excellent Reading
Rafe T – Pebbles Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
Beau – Pearls Class



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Charlotte -Seagulls Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

From Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have been exploring symmetry and pattern. We explored symmetry using mirrors to see how shapes and objects change against their mirror image, as well as playing interactive games and painting onto folded paper. We read the story Pirates Love Underpants and created our own patterned pants using coloured pens to make repeating patterns. We also created repeating patterns using loose parts such as pine cones and shells. Some of our older Sunbeams enjoyed a craft event this week as part of their transition arrangements and brought back their creative creations to show us – which were amazing! We have been busy making Father's Day cards, using the opportunity to develop our pen control and fine motor skills.

Year R

From Mrs Keeble and Mr Mead

This week we have had a wonderful time in Reception! We have continued to explore the Julia Donaldson story of The Snail and the Whale. The children had lots of fun exploring the beach on a seaside scavenger hunt! We worked collaboratively with our friends to find all the items on our lists. In maths we have been looking at time. We had lots of fun using our own clocks to make the time and work out the sequence of what happens at certain times in our school day. We had lots of fun using our knowledge of o'clock times to play – What's the Time Mr Wolf! The children also created some beautiful pieces of artwork this week including chalk snail drawings, still life drawing of the snail and the whale and playdough models. In PE this week we enjoyed continuing to explore Hockey and learnt new vocabulary such as dribbling! Well done for a fab week everyone, we can't wait for Arts week next week!

Year 1

From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Malley

Oysters and Pearls have had an excellent week! In English, we have continued to explore our text The Bog Baby, and also discovered another text by the same author and illustrator, Jeanne Willis and Gwen Millward, called The King of Tiny Things. Both texts are magical, do look out for them when you visit the library, or find an online read aloud version to share at home. Our text links beautifully with our science learning, we have looked at pond habitats by visiting the pond in Whitstable Juniors (please check out our Facebook page to see some brilliant photos) and created a mini pond in the nest area to see if we can attract any living things! Also in Science, we began to learn about animal classification, and spent time sorting toy animals into their different 'families'. We enjoyed playing 'Guess My Animal' when lining up or walking back from swimming, where you are only allowed to answer yes or no to a question to see if your guess is correct! Great questions included, "does it have fur? Can it fly? Does it have four legs?" and so on. Why not try at home? In Maths, we continued with partitioning numbers beyond 50, and tried out a few challenge stickers to check out number knowledge. Next week, we revisit the use of number lines, and writing out number sentences of two or more parts. Next week is also Arts Week, we are so excited and looking forward to meeting our guest artist, and preparing for a new installation. More of this later from Mrs O'Keeffe! In our own class art lessons, we continue exploring natural materials and transient art, inspired by Andy Goldsworthy. This week we will start creating clay shells, which we will decorate and varnish over the next few weeks. Have a fabulous weekend everyone.

Year 2

From Mrs O'Keeffe, Mrs Cook & Mr Humphreys

What a wonderfully busy but fun week it's been in Year 2! On Monday we went on a walk around Whitstable – with a twist! We got 'lost' and had to squeeze down a tiny alley to get to our final destination – the park! We thought of lots of amazing vocabulary to help us write a recount of our walk, which we started this week. We will be continuing this next week. In Maths we finished our topic on telling the time and starting recapping money. The children made their own café menus (with delicious food prices at realistic prices!) and they will be using these next week to add together amounts of money and work out change. We had an amazing afternoon this week conducting a science experiment into whether bubbles burst! Using the mixture we made last week we tried to blow bubbles on our tables with a straw. Some children managed to create enormous bubbles with 4 smaller bubbles inside! It was so much fun and the children loved it! Next week we have a very exciting week...it's ARTS WEEK! We have some wonderful activities planned for the children, all inspired by the book Oh, The Places You'll Go! By Dr Seuss. We will be making our own journey sticks, inspired by the Aboriginal people of Australia. They will be exploring and collecting different materials collected on their 'journey' to create a story of their travels! We will also be making collage maps using textured painted paper, and creating beautiful maps using charcoal and rubbing, inspired by a famous artist who uses maps as inspiration. We can't wait to share our amazing work with you at our Art Show! Have a wonderful weekend!
