

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
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Newsletter

Term 6 Week 3 | 21.06.2024

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June 2024

Mon 24th – Creepy Claws visit to school
Weds 26th – Year 2 Canterbury Cathedral Schools Day
Weds 26th – Year 1 Visit to Duncan Downs
Thurs 27th – Year R Trip to Westgate-on-sea
Thurs 27th – 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
Mon 8th – Pearls Castle Visit
Tues 9th – Oysters Castle Visit
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

September

Mon 2nd – Staff Development Day
Tues 3rd – Start of Term 1 (Year R-2)
Weds 4th – Start of Term 1 for Sunbeams

Oysters Bead Jar Treat – Monday 24th June

To celebrate filling their bead jar, Oyster Class have voted to have an afternoon of bike and scooter fun on the playground! This Marble Jar Treat will take place on Monday 24th June. Please could your child bring in a scooter or bike from home on this day if possible.

Please do not worry if this is not possible, we have lots of bikes and scooters in school that we can share out between the children to ensure they all get to participate and enjoy the afternoon. We will also be providing a snack and squash.

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 for the Summer Fair tombola.

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

Sunbeams/ After School Club Fees Invoices

All Sunbeam and after school club invoices have now been sent home. Please keep an eye out for these in your children’s book bags. These will need to be settled by the date shown on the invoice and before the end of the school term. Thank you.

Community

Sunday 23rd June, 1.30pm, Whitstable Beach (near the Neptune)

Join Plastic Free Whitstable for a Beach Clean with Merjin Tinga aka the Plastic Soup Surfer. Merjin is windsurfing over 900 miles between London and Paris on a surfboard made of recycled plastics and mushrooms to raise awareness of plastic in our oceans. Come and hear about his adventure.

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 9:30am - 11:30am Paradise Memorial Park, Kings Road, Inverkeppel, CT16 5PQ	Whitstable Family Hub 2nd Friday of the month 9:30am - 11:00am Tower Parade, Whitstable, CT16 1BE	Riverside Children's Centre 3rd Friday of the month 9:30am - 11:00am Kingsroad Road, Canterbury, CT1 7JH
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SEND Hubs: 01622 535555 | STLS Website: www.stls.org.uk | Kent Learning Council: www.kentlearningcouncil.org.uk

SEND support Groups

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St Alphege Church Summer Fair

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



Family Learning Online courses
starting in June and July 2024

Course Code	Course Title	Start	End	Day	Start Time	End Time
ONL/141949/N/PF	Autism Awareness	19/06/24	10/07/24	Wednesday	18:00	20:00
ONL/142385/N/PF	Fathers Matter	18/06/24	18/06/24	Tuesday	19:00	21:00
ONL/142403/N/PF	Understanding your Teenager	11/06/24	02/07/24	Tuesday	19:00	21:00
ONL/143039/N/PF	Supporting Your Child's Anxiety	15/07/24	15/07/24	Monday	09:30	11:30
ONL/143125/N/PF	Stepping up into Secondary	18/06/24	18/06/24	Tuesday	13:00	15:00
ONL/143127/N/PF	Understanding your Teenager	05/07/24	05/07/24	Friday	09:30	11:30
ONL/143129/N/PF	Autism Awareness	08/07/24	08/07/24	Monday	19:00	21:00
ONL/143461/N/NC	Careers Information Workshop with CXX	17/07/24	17/07/24	Wednesday	13:00	14:30

To book a place on our FREE courses go to www.kentadulteducation.co.uk and click on Course Areas then Family Courses and view all

We want you to enjoy learning with us. To help us provide the best possible experience for you, please let us know if you or your child have any disabilities or particular support needs.

FREE, fun & informal courses



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<https://www.kentadulteducation.co.uk/learning-with-us/learning-in-the-community/family-courses/parenting-courses/>

King Alphege Attendance Lion

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



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W/E 14.06.24
Pebbles Class – 94.3%

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
Ronnie – Pearls Class



Amazing Relationships
Layla – Seagulls Class



Valiant Vocabulary
Isabelle – Puffins Class



Excellent Reading
Eden & Reuben –
Oysters Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
Rosie - Pebbles Class



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Mabel – Shells Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

From Mrs Humphreys

This week has been Art Week and Sunbeams have been getting creative around the theme of journey and fantastic landscapes. We created clouds using various materials, some were printed and others were made with a stained glass effect. Our topic this term is Pirates, so we have been very interested in maps, particularly treasure maps! We made our own maps and used the stories 'The Somethingosaur' and 'Green Light for the Little Red Train' to inspire the story maps we drew. All of these will be displayed at the art exhibition next Thursday at the end of the day, in the school hall. We have enjoyed small world play with a pirate theme, but also with the basket of wild animals such as lions, tigers and crocodiles. So much so, that crocodiles featured in some of our maps!

Year R

From Mrs Keeble and Mr Mead

We have had such a wonderful week enjoying all things arty! On Monday we found out that our Art week would be inspired from the story 'Oh, The Places You'll Go!'. We kicked things off by building our very own and unique hot air balloons, they looked amazing hanging in our classroom. We then spent time listening to our Reception Art leaders on how to make special bees ready for the art show next Thursday. They met with our Artist visitor and fed back to the whole class on how we had to paint our hands and use fine black pencils to create our bees. All the children thought of some wonderful designs and created some beautiful bees. Throughout the week the children had lots of fun looking at transport and animals that migrate, allowing us to produce lots of lovely work. We used lots of different types of media – paint, pastels, pens, collage, chalk – to decorate 5 strips of paper that our artist is going to transform into a massive hot air balloon for our Art show. In English we revisited rhyming words and tried to spot them in our focus text 'The Snail and The Whale'. The children produced fantastic creation pages for their English books with lots of rhyming pairs! In Maths we looked at measuring for height and length. The children used lots of different resources such as hands, feet, blocks, cubes and dominos to measure different items in the classrooms and on the big playground. Well done Reception for a wonderfully creative week!

Year 1

From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Malley

The big news from Y1 this week has been our fabulous art week, based on the Dr Seuss text 'Oh! The Places You'll Go!' We discussed the stunning images in the text, created our own magical worlds, fantasy transport, winged creatures and then curated our pieces by mounting them and writing some information. We are really looking forward to the show and seeing everyone else's work – special extra thanks to our fantastic support staff Mrs Apps, Mrs Perry, Mrs O'Neill and Ms Weller who worked so hard at organising and managing the whole process, they were superstars! The second big excitement was in our VIPERS reading session, when Miss Hughes managed to catch three real live newts from our school pond in The Nest. We had decided to look at them under the visualiser and then discuss what we saw and ask questions. Pearl Class had the first go, but we got a big fright when we realised that one of the newts had escaped! Luckily, Ms Weller and Mrs Perry had a big search and found the cheeky runaway, hiding in the dinosaur box – phew....

We have been learning lots about animal classification in science this week, working out the characteristics of different animals and what families they belong to. In Maths, we revisited number lines and the skills needed to count on and count back, and used a Numicon challenge to apply this – could they build a Numicon tower, work out the value of the tiles, and then write out a number sentence, using their number line to find the total? The children loved this so much that we put it in our Rainbow challenges on Friday. Next week, we are excited to tell you that we have two fantastic events – our Creepy Claws workshop on Monday, and a walk to Duncan Downs on Wednesday afternoon, to look at animal habitats and try some pond dipping. If anyone would like to join us for the walk to Duncan Downs, please let Ms Hughes or Mrs O'Malley know. It looks like summer is here at last, so please enjoy a lovely sunny weekend!

Year 2

From Mrs O'Keeffe, Mrs Cook & Mr Humphreys

What a wonderful Arts Week we have had in Year 2, with lots of fun activities! We have created abstract maps using string and charcoal rubbings, beautiful collaged maps and journey sticks! We're really looking forward to sharing all this work with you next Thursday afternoon at the Arts Exhibition.

We have an exciting week coming up with Creepy Claws coming in to show us lots of interesting creatures on Monday! On Wednesday we can't wait to visit Canterbury Cathedral to take part in a shared worship with other schools. We will also be continuing our recount letter in English and finishing learning about money in Maths. Have a wonderful weekend in the sunshine!
