

# SUNBEAMS NURSERY

# ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege  
Values



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## Newsletter

Term 6 Week 5 | 05.07.2024

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### July 2024

Mon 8<sup>th</sup> – Pearls Castle Visit  
Tues 9<sup>th</sup> – Oysters Castle Visit  
Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> – Summer Fair from 3.15pm in the school  
playground  
Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> - Year 2 Duncan Downs - Puffins  
Fri 12<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 Duncan Downs - Seagulls  
Fri 12<sup>th</sup> - Year 1 Concert (school hall) 9.15am (Time  
change)  
Fri 12<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 Concert (school hall) 2.30pm  
Mon 15<sup>th</sup> – Shared worship with the Endowed at St  
Alphege church-. Parents welcome. 2pm  
Tues 16<sup>th</sup> – Year R Concert (school hall) 9.30am  
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  
Weds 17<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 Trip Quex Park  
Weds 17<sup>th</sup> – Year R Concert (school hall) 2.30pm  
Fri 19<sup>th</sup> – End of Term  
Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> – Staff Development Day  
Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> – Staff Development Day  
September  
Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> - Staff Development Day  
Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> – Start of Term 1 (Year R-2)

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

#### Congratulations to Mr Humphries!

Today marks Mr Humphries final day at St Alphege as he has now completed his teacher training with us. As a school, we invest heavily in developing new teachers and leaders and it has been a pleasure to be a part of his journey into teaching. He has been expertly mentored by Mrs O'Keeffe and supported by the Year 2 team and it has been wonderful to see the development in his teaching over his placement year, thanks to this support. Mr Humphries has been successful in obtaining a teaching job at Blean Primary school in September and we wish him every success in his future career.

#### Year 1 Castle Visits

To celebrate the end of the school year, Year 1 will be visiting Whitstable Castle to explore the grounds, play on the climbing equipment and (hopefully) enjoy a picnic in the sunshine!

**Pearls:** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July

**Oysters:** Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July

#### Year 2 Duncan Downs

Year 2 will be walking to Duncan Downs and spending the morning there on the following dates:

Puffins – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July

Seagulls – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July

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

### Summer School Fair – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 3.15pm-4.30pm

Our fabulous Friends Association are organising summer school fair in the playground after school. Please bring **some small change** for face painting, ice creams and drinks etc and stay to enjoy the fun!

### Year 1 Concerts

Parents are invited to attend one of the two 30 minute performances below:

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 9.15am in the school hall – **change of time to allow for the Endowed Sports Day**

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm in the school hall

### Shared Worship with the Endowed School - Monday 15th July 2pm

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 16<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am in the school hall

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm in the school hall

### Year 2 Leavers Service at Church - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2.15pm

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

### Sunbeams - End of year performance and party – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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. We hope you are able to join us.

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

## Community

St Alphege Church, High Street



# Summer Fair

Sat 13<sup>th</sup> July 2024

11 am – 2 pm

Books, Cakes, Games, Tombola, Plants, Café

All Welcome!

St Alphege Church Summer Fair

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

### Free parenting app now available for parents of young children in Kent

Kent Family Hubs has commissioned the [EasyPeasy app](#), which has now been launched to support parents, carers, and early years practitioners of babies and children aged zero to five-year-olds across the area and transform everyday parenting moments into playful learning activities.

The app includes information, activities, and tips on a range of topics including:

- wellbeing
- bedtime
- nutrition
- speech and language
- mindfulness.

The EasyPeasy app also allows parents and carers to create and share their own parenting tips and experiences, building peer-to-peer support systems in local communities.



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EasyPeasy for free!



[easypeasyapp.com/kent](https://easypeasyapp.com/kent)

The best tips and activity ideas, shared by our community of parents and early years experts.



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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

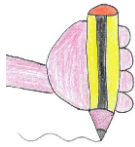


King Alphege Attendance Lion  
W/E 28.06.24  
Pebbles Class – 97.8%

## 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**  
Delilah – Pearls Class



**Amazing Relationships**  
Kachi – Puffins Class



**Valiant Vocabulary**  
Atlas – Shells Class



**Excellent Reading**  
Bluebell -Oysters Class



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



**St Alphege Values**  
Daisy M- Pebbles Class

## Weekly Year Group Recap

### Sunbeams

#### From Mrs Humphreys

We had a great start to the week with our nursery sports day. It was lovely to have so many of our Sunbeams join us as we raced around the tyres (and sometimes the whole playground!), balanced eggs on our spoons, jumped around in a sack and much more! We enjoyed the support of our families cheering us on, as well as some siblings and the odd grown-up. On Tuesday we had a lovely music session with Mrs Memmott in the hall. We used our listening ears when playing musical games, following Mrs Memmott around the hall as she sang a song which gave us instructions for actions and movements. We sang familiar songs and finished off accompanying Mrs Memmott as she played on the piano, with drums or chimes. On Thursday our nursery leavers spent the morning in Reception for their final formal transition event – those that returned to the nursery after were bursting to share with us all the wonderful things they got up to with Mrs Keeble and Mrs Jones.

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## Year R

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

What another busy week we have had in Reception this week! Our week began with our fantastic Sports afternoon. The children were amazing, adapting well to the changes, being on the Junior School playground and being watched by a huge audience of family to share their afternoon. They all performed with enthusiasm and great team spirit, well done Reception! In our English this week we have been writing using our rhyming words that linked to our text 'The Snail and the Whale', building our sentence writing stamina. We then had two very important and exciting transition sessions with our new Year 1 Teachers. Again, we adapted brilliantly and had a fun time getting to know them as we move towards the end of our first School year. We have also been rehearsing for our End of Year performance which we are excited to share with you in the final week of term.

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## Year 1

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

Our week started with all the fun of Sports Day – the children all took part so well and were fantastic sports, enjoying the different challenges and showing off their skills. In Maths, we continued learning about money, and the children worked hard to think about adding amounts, only using the coin values they were given – it's trickier than you might think to get a total of 10p when you have to use four coins! In English, we finished up our work on 'The Bog Baby' by writing in character as a creature that lives in a pond. Some of us were amphibians, some of us were fish, and some of us were pond insects like dragonflies or water- boatmen. We wrote letters introducing ourselves, describing our characteristics and habitats, and asking questions. The children produced some lovely writing, using lots of knowledge from the story and lots of knowledge from their visit to Duncan Downs. This week, the children visited their new Year 2 classes and met their new teachers. It is a bittersweet moment for us, they are all absolutely ready for the move and the challenge, and we are so proud of everything they have achieved in Year 1. We will continue to talk to them and prepare them for the change but the visits were very successful and positive! Dates for your diary: Next week, we are looking forward to our end of year celebration trips to Whitstable Castle Gardens. Pearls go on Monday 8th July and Oysters on Tuesday 9th July. Please ensure your child has sun cream applied, water and a sun hat, and fingers crossed for some sunshine! We also have our Concert performances on Friday 12th July. The morning performance is 9.30 and the afternoon performance is 2.30. We look forward to seeing you! Have a wonderful weekend

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## Year 2

### **From Mrs O'Keeffe & Mrs Cook**

What a jam packed week we have had in Year 2! The children have been busy preparing for their exciting new learning journeys in their new schools by writing letters to their new teachers in English, telling them all about their lives and favourite things. In Maths, they have begun to create a booklet on the 4 operations and how to solve each one which will be kept in their classes to help the new children coming into Year 2 next year. They have also been practicing songs for their leavers services, whilst reflecting on their favourite memories and best things about St Alphege. Next week is full of even more amazing learning! To finish our Geography focus this term, the children will be visiting Duncan Downs with Mr Thomas-Friend. Puffins will be visiting on Thursday morning and Seagulls on Friday and both classes will be back in school in time for lunch on each day. Please make sure your child is wearing clothing suitable for the weather on these days, including a sun hat and sun cream if necessary. Finally, we are very excited to announce that Year 2 will be hosting the very first The Great St Alphege Sausage Roll Off on Wednesday. Children will be learning about food technology, taste testing, designing, making and evaluating their very own sausage rolls. Wishing all our families a bright and sunny weekend.

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