

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



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Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

July 2024

Mon 1st – Sunbeams Sports Day from 9.30am
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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
Fri 12th – Year 1 Concert (school hall) 9.30am
Fri 12th – Year 1 Concert (school hall) 2.30pm
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

Art Exhibition

On Thursday afternoon we celebrated our annual Arts Week with a stunning exhibition in the school hall. This featured all of the work created by the children throughout Arts Week. They were inspired by the book: "Oh the places you will go" and explored a variety of themes using creative mediums. It was so wonderful to see so many families walking around the different artworks and we hope you were very impressed by the standard of work on display. We would like to thank Lucy from [Animate Arts Company](#) for coming in to work with our Art Leaders and inspiring such beautiful creations. A huge credit must also go to our fabulous Mrs O'Keeffe for planning and leading another triumphant Arts Week and a colourful celebration of our creativity!



Congratulations to Rev Rachel who is celebrating the 20th anniversary of her ordination this Sunday.

All of the St Alphege school community send their love and best wishes!



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.

Non-Uniform Day – Tuesday 2nd July

Our fabulous Friends Association have organised a non uniform day on Tuesday 2nd July in exchange for a bottle and/or box of chocolates for the Summer Fair tombola.

Year 2 Duncan Downs

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

Puffins – Wednesday 10th July

Seagulls – Thursday 11th July

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

Summer School Fair – Thursday 11th 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 performances below:

Friday 12th 9.30am in the school hall

Friday 12th 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 16th 9.30 am 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

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. 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 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 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.

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

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

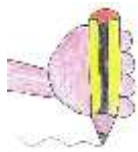


King Alphege Attendance Lion
W/E 21.06.24
Pearls Class – 98.3%

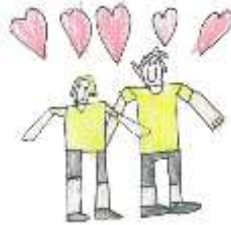
Weekly Awards

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
Monty – Seagulls Class



Amazing Relationships
Woody & Zander
Oysters Class



Valiant Vocabulary
Olivia – Puffins Class



Excellent Reading
Frances- Pearls Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
Jacob – Shells Class



St Alphege Values
Rory – Pebbles Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

From Mrs Humphreys

We have had a lovely week in Sunbeams as we have begun our rehearsals for our end of year performance. The children are learning the story we are going to share with you and are already doing it beautifully! We started the week with great excitement as we welcomed Creepy Claws into the school. We met creatures such as tarantulas, snakes, giant snails, scorpions and a very sweet Madagascan tenrec. We were blown away by how many of our children were up for handling the snakes and spiders, unlike the adults! On Thursday we made the most of the reception classes being out on their trip and took our soon to be nursery leavers through to spend some time exploring the environment and resources they will soon be attending. They came back to nursery keen to share the things they were most excited about. We look forward to seeing as many of you as can make it on Monday morning for our sports day event

Year R

From Mrs Keeble and Mr Mead

What a busy week Reception have had this week! In our English this week we have been reinforcing our knowledge of rhyming words, engaging in a variety of activities to revisit this. In maths we have been learning about 3D shapes, learning about their properties. This week we have also been very busy practising for our Sports Day, everyone has showed lots of skill jumping, crawling, running and throwing. We can't wait to see everyone in action next week. We had the best day on our trip to Westgate Beach on Thursday. We loved getting on the train and seeing our name on the station board telling us about our reserved carriage! We had fun exploring the rock pools, making sand castles on the beach and digging holes before getting to choose an ice cream or ice lolly from the local kiosk. We behaved impeccably and were absolutely respectful ambassadors of our school! Well done Reception! Next week we look forward to Sports Day on Monday afternoon and our two transition events in our Year 1 classes.

Year 1

From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Malley

We have had an action-packed, fun-filled week in Year 1, starting off with an incredible workshop with Creepy Claws. Michael from Creepy Claws brought along a stunning selection of animals from different classifications and told us lots about them. We met a Tenrec - a little bit like an African hedgehog, who lives in trees and hitches rides on elephants in order to eat the bugs that live on their backs! His name was Womble and he was very cute indeed. We also met a Royal Python, a Tarantula, a tree frog, an amazing orange coloured Gecko called Tango as well as millipedes, a giant African snail and more. It was an incredible experience for the children to meet these wonderful creatures up close and has really supported our learning in science. On Wednesday we had a fabulous afternoon on Duncan Downs, exploring the different habitats and trying out some pond dipping. We found lots of small water creatures like pond skaters, water boatmen and dragonflies, and also two perfect and very tiny frogs. We saw a rabbit, a squirrel and heard lots of birdsong. We will use this experience to inform next week's writing, from the point of view of an amphibious creature who lives in a pond. Finally, this week was our whole school art show. We worked hard to complete, mount and annotate our pieces based on the Dr Seuss story 'Oh! The Places You'll Go!' and the finished exhibition was wonderful, filled with different interpretations of magical creatures, fantasy transport and creativity. Next week, we are looking forward to Sports Afternoon on Monday. Please send your child to school in their PE kit, so we are all ready to go; it will also be our last Year 1 swimming lesson on Friday 5th July, the children have worked very hard to pick up skills or improve their existing ones, we are very proud of them all! Have a fantastic weekend everyone.

Year 2

From Mrs O'Keeffe, Mrs Cook & Mr Humphreys

Wow, what a wonderfully busy week it's been in Year 2 this week, the highlight being our trip to Canterbury Cathedral on Wednesday in the sunshine! We enjoyed a lovely shared worship with Herne Infants and the children sang beautifully. We then got the chance to explore the cathedral and grounds which everyone enjoyed! We were very proud of the children and had a great day out. On Monday we met Michael from Creepy Claws who brought along lots of different animals for us to meet. We met a Tenrec, which is like an African hedgehog, a royal python, a tarantula, and a giant land snail! It was fascinating and we got to stroke them and ask questions. A really interesting afternoon! We also showcased our amazing art work at the show on Thursday. The children's work looked wonderful and we hope you got the chance to come along and have a look! Next week is another busy but fun week. On Monday afternoon we have Sports Day, and in celebration of this we will be doing sports-themed maths! Thursday is Transition Day, when your child will spend time in their new school. We will also be spending some time in English writing a letter to our new teacher. We have spent the last two weeks practising letter writing, so the children should now be experts! In Maths we will be revisiting the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division).
Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the sunshine!
