

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
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Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December 2024

Fri 20th – End of Term 2

January 2025

Mon 6th – Start of Term 3

Weds 15th - K.I.C. Theatre Company

Thurs 16th - K.I.C. Theatre Company

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



A Christmas Message from St Alphege!

As we come to the end of a wonderfully busy and festive term in school, we wanted to take the opportunity to thank you all for your support throughout the year. We feel truly blessed to have such a fantastic school community. We would also like to thank our amazing children for the joy they bring us every day. We know that we have a school to be very proud of and they are the main reason that we love our jobs as much as we do. We hope that you all have a peaceful and happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all again in 2025!

Fun at the fair!

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Christmas fair. We had so many amazing donations for the raffle and would like to extend our thanks to the local businesses that so generously supported us. For those that won, we hope that you enjoy your prizes! We would also like to say a big thank you four of our parents: Ruth, Phil, Katie and Heidi who volunteered their time to run the stalls on the day. A huge thanks must also go to the staff for their time yesterday and a special thank you to Mrs Smith and Mrs Wratten, who worked very hard on the lead up to the event and secured many of our fabulous raffle prizes! Thanks to your generosity and support, we raised a massive £1,362.95 which will go towards the refurbishment of the school playground.



Bailey Yanik Cup

In honour of a previous pupil who sadly passed away, we award the Bailey Yanik Cup once each term. This cup is awarded to a little person who has the gift of finding joy in everything, and makes a big difference to everyone around them. **Term 2 is awarded to Jim W in Year 2.**



Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you for all of your donations to Save the Children Christmas jumper day. We donated £100 to the cause. The JustGiving page is still live so there is still time to donate if you haven't done so.

JustGiving page via the following link: [Save the Children JustGiving Page](#)

Achieve Sports – Year R, 1 & 2

Achieve sport clubs will start week commencing Monday 6th January and run for 6 weeks until Thursday 13th February.



Monday	Year R, 1 & 2	Team Games
Wednesday	Year R, 1 & 2	Dance
Thursday	Year R, 1 & 2	Gymnastics

Sunbeams Parents - Reception school places for September 2025

Year 2 Parents - Junior school places for September 2025

Applications are made through Kent County Council at www.kent.gov.uk/ola and must be submitted by **WEDNESDAY 15TH JANUARY 2025.**

More information can be found at www.kent.gov.uk If you have any questions or need support with the application process please speak to the school office.

Community



Concerned about your pre-school child's speech, language or communication skills?

Talking Walk-ins are play-based drop-in sessions where you can speak to a speech and language therapist or other staff.

Just turn up – no need to book!

Available for preschool-aged children only. This service runs in other parts of Kent.

Family Hubs	Day/session
Wincheap Family Hub 16 Woods, Canterbury CT1 3SD Tel: 0300 041 0014	Time: 09:30-11:30 On first and third Thursdays of the month: 2/1/25, 16/1/25, 6/2/25, 20/2/25, 6/3/25, 20/3/25, 3/4/25, 17/4/25
Kingsmead Family Hub Kingsmead Rd, Canterbury CT2 7PH Tel: 0300 041 3999	Time: 09:30-11:30 On fourth Friday of the month: 24/1/25, 28/2/25, 28/3/25, 25/4/25
Herne Bay Family Hub Kings Road, Herne Bay, Kent, CT6 5RG Tel: 0300 042 2889	Time: 09:30-11:30 On second and fourth Wednesdays of the month: 8/1/25, 22/1/25, 12/2/25, 26/2/25, 12/3/25, 26/3/25, 9/4/25, 23/4/25
Whitstable Family Hub Tower Parade, Whitstable, Kent, CT5 2BJ Tel: 0300 042 1554	Time: 09:30-11:30 On first Tuesday of the month: 7/1/25, 4/2/25, 4/3/25, 1/4/25

Talking Walk-ins provide you with advice or ideas to try at home. We may signpost you to other support or invite you to a follow-up with the speech and language therapy service. They run in school holidays, but not on Bank Holidays or between Christmas and New Year. Check the Canterbury Family Hub Facebook page for updates.



If you do not have parental responsibility for the child you are bringing, please ensure you bring written consent from the person with parental responsibility. If we do not have this, we will be unable to see the child.



JAZZ AT THE HORSE BRIDGE

SUNDAY DECEMBER 22ND 2^{PM}

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CHILDREN FREE

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Jazz for Juniors takes the audience on a jazzy adventure, bringing music to families in a fun and exciting way with lots of participation.

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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



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W/E 13.12.24
Shells Class – 96.8 %

Weekly Awards

Whole School Awards!

Our awards this year represent our School Development priorities: ORBITS. The children have been busy designing our new stickers to accompany each of the areas of our School Plan. It was a very difficult choice, as their drawings were all brilliant, but we have settled on the final six below. Each class nominate one child to celebrate their achievements each week.



Outstanding Writing

Grace – Seagulls Class



Retrieval of Learning

Kobi P – Shells Class



Building Connections

Aurabella – Pearls Class



Inspirational Curriculum

Eden – Puffins Class



Talents and Creativity

Jacob – Oysters Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)

Oliver F – Pebbles Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams
Mrs Humphreys

WOW! What a week this has been! We delivered the performance of the year on Thursday with our Sunbeams version of the Nativity story. The story was completely in their own words and rather helpfully reassured us all (in case you had ever wondered) that Baby Jesus was never in any danger in the manger – because all the animals in the stable were herbivores! It was a very special retelling of the story and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. We have thoroughly enjoyed playing with the wooden puzzles Father Christmas gave us last week, which will help to develop our noticing and shape skills. Mrs Memmott sang Christmas songs with us on Tuesday and brought her 'jingle stick' along with her. We danced around in a circle and stopped to adorn our imaginary tree with different imaginary decorations. We would all like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you in 2025!

Year R
Mrs Keeble and Mrs Jones

Well done children on a fantastic final festive week! We have had a lovely time enjoying Christmas crafts, singing Christmas songs and completing Christmas themed activities. In music we composed songs about the presents we would love to receive and pretended to be puppets, dancing along with Mrs Memmott's puppet as we responded to the music. The children were really respectful watching the Year 2 nativity and Year 1 concert and enjoyed seeing the older children performing. In Forest School the children made a special natural Christmas tree decoration, developing their fine motor skills – we hope you enjoy it for years to come! We loved our Christmas party including playing party games and dancing to Christmas music in our special clothes. Thank you for a brilliant term. We hope you have a wonderful time with your fantastic children over the holiday – enjoy playing and having fun together! We look forward to more fun and learning in the new year.

Year 1
Miss Hughes and Mr Mead

We have been absolutely full to the brim of Christmas joy this week in St Alphege! We have managed to fit in so many festive things in Year 1! We loved performing our Christmas concert to you all, we hope you enjoyed watching us sing and sign! This week loved having our Christmas party, watching a Christmas film with some popcorn as a treat, wearing our favourite party clothes to school and bringing in a toy from home. We have had a lot of things to be excited about this week, and we are sure this excitement will be continuing and multiplying over the break! We have started learning about 3D shapes in Maths, maybe you could spot some of these and name them over the Christmas break! We are learning cube, cuboid, pyramid, cone, sphere and cylinder. We wrote some instructions using time adverbials such as 'First, Next, Then, After, Later and Finally'. Perhaps you could use these in your vocabulary if you do any baking or making things over the Christmas break! We just want to say an enormous thank you and Merry Christmas! Enjoy this special time with your loved ones. Best wishes!

Year 2
Mrs O'Keeffe and Mrs Cook

Wow, what a lovely last week of term it has been in Year 2! After weeks of hard work and practise the children dazzled us with two wonderful performances of The Big Little Nativity! We were very proud of them all and hope you all enjoyed the show! We also watched Year 1's singing concert and Whitstable Juniors Year 3 Nativity performance; both of which were lovely and really impressive. In class we have been doing lots of fun Christmas art, including making cotton wool snowmen, winter wonderland landscapes, snowmen Christmas cards and glittery baubles. Some of the children also used junk modelling to create a magical sleigh! The children also made natural wooden Christmas decorations as part of Forest School. It has been a busy but wonderful term. We wish you a merry Christmas, a very happy new year and we look forward to seeing you all next term.
