

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



Koinonia

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Newsletter

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November 2024

Mon 4th - Staff Development Day
Tues 5th – Start of Term 2
Tues 5th – Applications for Reception places open
Tues 5th – Applications for Junior places open
Fri 8th - Non-Uniform Day
Sat 9th – Open Morning for 2025 Reception
Tues 12th – Individual school photos
Fri 15th – Non-Uniform Day

December 2024

Mon 9th – Whole School Christmas Church Service (2.30pm)
Tues 10th – Year R Nativity 9.30am (School Hall)
Tues 10th - Sunbeams Stay and Play 2pm-3.15pm
Weds 11th - Year R Nativity 9.30am (School Hall)
Mon 16th – Year 2 Nativity 2pm (School Hall)
Tues 17th – Year 2 Nativity 10am (School Hall)
Weds 18th – Year 1 Concert 9.30am (School Hall)
Weds 18th – Year 1 Concert 2.30pm (School Hall)
Thurs 19th – Sunbeams Nativity 9.30am (School Hall)
Fri 20th – End of Term 2

School Attendance

Thank you to those of you who have taken the time to speak with us following the recent letter regarding school attendance. Please do not worry. Absences will always be considered on a case-by-case basis and in the vast majority of situations, will be authorised (medical appointments, illness etc) It is only unauthorised absences that will ever incur further action and we will always manage this with the same nurturing approach as we would give to any interaction with families. We will always operate a "support first" approach and external action is only taken once all other avenues have been explored. We will still not be able to authorise any holiday requests during term time and we would appreciate your support with minimising the number of absences requested for this reason. We will write to you again in term 2 with further information and are very happy to answer any questions that you may have. We just wanted to reassure you prior to the half term break.

Bailey 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 1 is awarded to Malakai in Year 1.**



Poppies

We have poppies and poppy items available in school to support this year's Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. If your child would like any items or a poppy, please send some money in an envelope with your child. There are zip pulls and reflectors (suggested donations 50p), silicon wristbands, material bracelets and snap bands (suggested donations £1) as well as the traditional paper poppy.



School admissions for September 2025

Applications are made through Kent County Council at <https://kent.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/Synergy/Admissions.aspx>. You can submit your application between 5th November 2024 and 15th January 2025. More information can be found <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places>. If you have any questions or need support with the application process, please speak to the school office.

Year 2 Parents - Junior school places for September 2025

Parents of Year 2 children will need to apply for a Junior school place for your child for September 2025. Both WJS and The Endowed have parent tours for you to book onto. Please contact the junior schools directly to book. All of our children will visit both schools next term and take part in activities and see the schools. If you do want to take your child with you onto one of the tours, please advise our school office of the date so we are aware of your child's absence.

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School Lunch – Change to Menu – Thursday 7th November – Rocket Themed Lunch



All Wrapped Up - Non-Uniform day Friday 8th November

We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 8th November and asking for a monetary donation of £1 to support the Riverside project. If you would like to give more than £1 any additional donations big or small are welcome.



All Wrapped Up is a project of Riverside Church working with our local schools and partners to provide Christmas presents and food hampers to families in need.

Last year they mobilised 110 volunteers in their 'Winter Wonderland' to provide presents for over 500 children, with 267 families receiving food vouchers to feed over 1200 people.

Riverside are open between 10am and 4pm Monday – Friday, if anyone wishes to donate any new toys that can be added to their Christmas collection.

Open Morning – Saturday 9th November

Is your child due to start school in September 2025?

We warmly invite you to come along to our Saturday Open Morning on 9th November or book onto one of our school tours during the day to meet our incredible children and staff. We cannot wait to show you everything that our school has to offer. Please ring the school office on 01227 272977 to book on a tour.



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We warmly welcome you to the St Alphege family.



Make something creative with Jo from our long-standing Arts Partners at Animate Arts Company!

We are a vibrant and creative school who celebrate childhood!



Take part in some Forest School activities with our Forest School Teacher!

Our Open Morning is on Saturday 9th November 2024



Join in with a fun music session with our specialist Music Teacher, Mrs Memmotti



Wander freely around our school site, meet our incredible staff team and see all the treasures we have to show you!

Come and see for yourselves what our fabulous school has to offer!



Meet our Outstanding Early Years team and spend time playing and exploring in our Inspiring Early Years environments.

Come and join the fun between 10:00am and 12:00pm

School Tours

Thursday	7 th November 2024	9.30am
Monday	11 th November 2024	Full
Thursday	14 th November 2024	1.30pm
Tuesday	19 th November 2024	1.30pm
Monday	25 th November 2024	Full
Wednesday	27 th November 2024	Full
Friday	29 th November 2024	9.30am
Monday	2 nd December 2024	9.30am

Children in Need – Friday 15th November



This will be a non-uniform day for the children with donations going to Children in Need. Please send in the donations with your child at the start of the school day.

Whole School Christmas Church Service - Monday 9th December

All parents and carers are warmly invited to attend our church service on **Monday 9th December at 2.30pm** at St Alphege Church, where we will be thinking about Advent. We will return to school afterwards and you can collect your child from school at 3.15pm as usual.



Community



Half Term Timetable

October 28th - November 1st, 2024

Our Activities:

- Autumn Craft
- Autumn Fun
- Baby Groups
- Health Visiting Clinics
- Breastfeeding Support Groups






Contact us: CanterburyFH@kent.gov.uk

Find us on Facebook or Instagram at Canterbury Family Hubs

Family Hub Sites are run by Kent County Council

Herne Bay

Herne Bay Family Hub, Memorial Park, Kings Road, Herne Bay, CT6 5RG

Tuesday 29th October

Healthy Child Clinic and Breastfeeding Support Group 1:30pm - 3:30pm

A drop in clinic for you to come along, have your baby weighed and speak to a member of the Health Visiting Team. Breastfeeding information, advice and support is also available. Please arrive no later than 15 minutes before the end of the clinic.

Wednesday 30th October

Autumn Fun 10:00am - 11:30am

An Autumn themed play session with a wide range of fun activities for 0-4 year olds and their families to enjoy together. The chance to meet other families, make new friends, and learn through play.



Friday 1st November

Baby Group 10:00am - 11:30am

A friendly, welcoming group to socialise with others, join in activities with your baby, and gain information, support and advice. This group includes messy play, safer sleeping, birth to move, tummy time tips, parenting advice, baby development and more...

Whitstable

Whitstable Family Hub, Tower Parade, Whitstable, CT5 2BJ

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Kingsmead

Kingsmead Family Hub, Kingsmead Road, Canterbury, CT2 7PH

Thursday 31st October

Healthy Child Clinic and Breastfeeding Support Group 1:30pm - 3:30pm

A drop in clinic for you to come along, have your baby weighed and speak to a member of the Health Visiting Team, breastfeeding information, advice and support is also available. Please arrive no later than 15 minutes before the end of the clinic.





Wincheap

Wincheap Family Hub, Hollowmeade, Wincheap, Canterbury, CT1 3SD

Tuesday 29th October

Autumn Craft 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Come and enjoy our Autumnal craft session run in partnership with Kent Adult Education. Lots of creative activities on offer for 0-11 year olds to enjoy together with their families. (booking required)



Friday 1st November

Autumn Fun 10:00am - 11:30am

An Autumn themed play session with a wide range of fun activities for 0-4 year olds and their families to enjoy together. The chance to meet other families, make new friends, and learn through play.






PAINT & DRAW ON CANVAS
CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP

INSPIRED BY TIM BURTON'S
FILM CHARACTERS

THURSDAY 31ST OCTOBER
10:15AM - 11:45AM

THE UMBRELLA CENTRE WHITSTABLE

BOOKING & INFO
WWW.DOTKIDS.CO.UK

DotKids Children's workshop

<https://dotkids.co.uk/pages/whitstable-childrens-art-classes-and-workshops-in-kent>

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 18.10.24
Oysters Class –98.2%

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
Amie – Puffins Class



Retrieval of Learning
Bryson – Shells Class



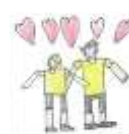
Building Connections
Austin – Pebbles Class



Inspirational Curriculum
Lily – Seagulls Class



Talents and Creativity
Dalia – Pearls Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
Etta – Oysters Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have been finding opportunities to develop our fine motor skills. We have taken inspiration from the story *Oliver's Garden* and used pincer movements with our fingers to arrange various pulses and buttons over line patterns. We have also been inspired by the season and wrapped wool around maple leaves. Mrs Memmott played musical parachute games with Sunbeams during our music session on Tuesday. Each week she has brought a different coloured ukulele with her and we have enjoyed speculating about what colour it will be for each visit. We loved welcoming in some of our families for our stay and play session on Thursday afternoon. It was so nice to see our Sunbeams sharing some of their favourite activities with them and thank you all for joining in with Dough Disco so well! We hope you have a well earned rest over the half term break and we look forward to seeing you back in Sunbeams on Tuesday 5th November.

Year R
Mrs Keeble and Mrs Jones

Well done to all our children and families for a brilliant first half term at school. We have been reflecting on how much progress the children have made in their new environment, feeling confident with their grown-ups, and learning new routines, skills and knowledge. This week, we have been practising sounding out all the phonics sounds we have learnt so far, using our reading finger to sweep to read words. In maths the children have learnt to recognise and create repeating patterns, using two or more natural objects. In music, the children showed remarkable listening skills as they continued to develop their singing, awareness of pitch and movement with Mrs Memmott. Highlights of our learning through play have been making worry dolls with lolly sticks, exploring cornflour gloop and making and performing music together. In your child's reading record, you will find a username and password for Collins BIG CAT books. Please follow the link to read the books that your child has been reading in lessons. We encourage you to read these books as often as possible, until your child is reading all the words independently and confidently, without having to say each sound out loud. We hope you can enjoy some fun time with your lovely children at half term!

Year 1
Miss Hughes and Mr Mead

We have had a wonderful last week of Term in Year 1! We completed some fantastic independent writes about pictures we drew of all things Autumnal in our English lessons. We listed adjectives we were going to use to describe them and then thought of fantastic sentences to write. We did a fantastic job of remembering full stops, capital letters and finger spaces and made our teachers incredibly proud! This week in Maths we have finished our number and place value topic. We worked hard using our retrieval skills to practice all the areas of maths we have looked at this term. Such as part whole models, 1 more, 1 less, greater than, less than, number lines and writing words as numbers. Next term we will start looking at all of the different ways we can make ten. In PE we used all of the OAA skills we have been working on this term to work as a whole years group and create an obstacle course that we would have to balance on, climb over and crawl through! The children used amazing communication, teamwork and problem solving skills to work with their friends. We had a fabulous treat afternoon sharing our toys from home with our friends and going to the hall to have a big party. We had some lovely snacks too! A refresher poster of our learning this term is coming home for us to have a little look at over half term. Everyone has worked incredibly hard this term and we hope you all have a lovely week off with your families.

Year 2
Mrs O'Keeffe and Mrs Cook

What a lovely week of learning we've had in Year 2! In English it was Production Week, so we wrote up our delicious fairy tale menus, using lots of persuasive language to persuade customers to come and try our delicacies! The finished writing was really impressive, so well done Year 2! After half term we will be moving on to our new text The Blue Giant, and will be kicking off Imagination Week with an exciting sea-themed arts carousel! We will also be going to Whitstable beach for a litter picking activity on Thursday 7th November and need three parent helpers from each class. We will leave at 10.15am and be back by 12 noon. If you can help, please speak to Mrs O'Keeffe or Mrs Cook. Our learning question for next term is How Can we Help?, in which we will be looking at climate change and pollution. We would greatly appreciate any of the following to be brought in for the first day back to help create some lovely art work: bottle lids, plastic bags of all colours, wrapping paper, waste paper such as magazines and newspapers, parcel paper, food netting (for satsumas etc) and egg boxes. Thank you! In Maths this week we continued with addition and subtraction, learning about related facts and consolidating our number bonds. We will continue this after half term, looking at adding 3 numbers together and number bonds to 100. It has been a busy but fun term and the children have worked really hard; we are proud of them! Have a relaxing half term and we look forward to seeing you next term!
