



SCHOOLS OF ST ALPHEGE

10th July 2026



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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER

As ever, this has been an extraordinarily busy and joyful week at St Alphege.

We began with our Year 6 children visiting the Pioneer Centre, building on the confidence, independence and resilience developed during Manor Adventure as they prepare for their next chapter.

On Wednesday, children, staff, governors and members of our wider community gathered for our Looking Back and Looking Forwards Federation Service. Together, we celebrated the joy, success and remarkable achievements of the past year and reflected on the promise that, wherever our next season takes us, God's love remains with us always.

The celebrations have continued throughout the week with our Rocksteady Junior Concert, Celebration Drop-in Evening, Year 5 Met Gala and today's End of Year Awards. Finally, we will bring the week to a close with the FSAS Summer Fayre: a wonderful celebration of our whole school community.

There are moments in the life of a school which capture something of its spirit. This week has been full of them.



KEY DATES FOR THIS HALF-TERM

Mon 13th July – Y1 Intensive Swimming Week
Tues 14th July – Ruby Class Performance SMART Theatre
Mon 13th and Tues 14th July – Y6 Performance - 7pm
Weds 15th July – Y2 Moving On Eucharist
Weds 15th July - Y6 Leavers Service at Church at 7pm
Fri 17th July – Y2 Performance at Bushell Hall at 7pm
Fri 17th July – Children break up for summer

Key dates for Autumn A will be shared next week via Class Dojo.

See the events letter for more details!
Mrs Thompson

INFANT & NURSERY SCHOOL

What a glorious penultimate week we have had at the Infant and Nursery School. Our week culminated with a lovely, heartfelt end of year awards worship! Well done to everyone who received a certificate or trophy - you are all superstars! A huge well done to Bethany for receiving 'The Jo Slough' cup for her wonderful courageous advocacy with her fundraising for Solihull Down Syndrome charity. Our Rocksteady Concert was fabulous - the children have grown in confidence so much as the year has progressed and we really enjoyed watching them shine.

We can't believe that next week is our final week of the academic year. We have truly enjoyed every moment! Looking ahead to next week - we have some wonderful things to look forward to.

- Year 1 Swimming Monday - Thursday
- Year 2 Moving On Eucharist
- Children in YR and Y1 visit Bushell Hall for Y2's dress rehearsal
- Year 2 Leavers Show at Bushell Hall

Have an amazing weekend everyone - wear sun cream and a hat and keep drinking water!



NURSERY WEEKLY NEWS

This week, the children have enjoyed exploring our pirate theme through a range of activities. They have created treasure maps, built pirate ships and pirate dens, and taken part in treasure hunts, using clues and maps to search for hidden treasure.

We were also very lucky to welcome Aurora's mum into nursery to help us improve our garden. Together, we harvested potatoes, made a bug hotel, and enjoyed searching for nature's own treasures. It was wonderful to hear the children's excited squeals every time they uncovered a potato! Thank you to Aurora's mum for giving her time to help us create an even more engaging outdoor space for the children to enjoy.

We can't believe next week is the final week! Have a great weekend and see you Monday.



We were so impressed with the Rocksteady Concert!

SEND AT ST ALPHEGE

PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR TRANSITION

The Summer holidays can be a much-needed break, but for children with SEND, the long gap and upcoming changes in September – such as moving to a new class, or school – can bring uncertainty. Below, are some practical tips to help you support your child over the holidays so they feel more confident and prepared when the new school year begins.

Keep a Gentle Routine

Maintain predictable meal, bedtime and wake-up routines to help regulate your child's body clock.

Use a visual timetable to structure each day – even loosely – to increase predictability.

Include a mix of quiet time, play and outdoor activity to create balance.

Use Social Stories and Visual Tools

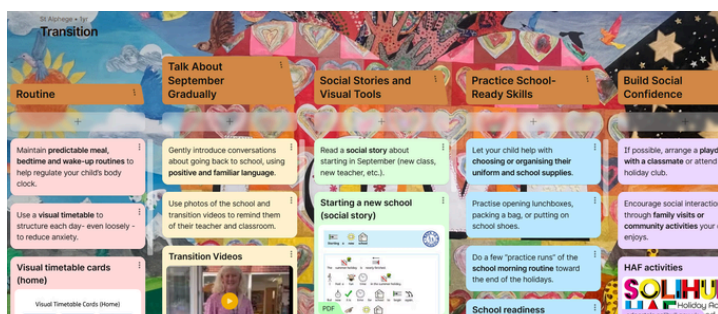
Use a social story about starting in September.

Use emotion charts to help your child express how they feel about going back to school.

For younger children, simple role play or games e.g. 'playing schools' to build familiarity.

For more ideas and resources, including links to further information, please follow the link to our Transition Padlet below:

<https://padlet.com/StAlphegeSchools/transition-sdr5bdf9bwwq04a9>



Talk About September Gradually

Gently introduce conversations about going back to school, using positive and familiar language.

Use photos of the school and transition videos to remind them of their teacher and classroom.

Use a countdown calendar from mid-August to show when school restarts.

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JUNIOR SCHOOL

What a busy and memorable week we have had in the Junior School! Our Year 6 pupils enjoyed an exciting visit to the Pioneer Centre on Monday before attending their special Leavers' Service at Birmingham Cathedral, marking an important milestone as they prepare for the next chapter of their journey. We were also treated to our final Junior Rocksteady concert of the academic year, celebrating the musical talents of our amazing rock bands!

The week continued with our Moving On Federation Service, a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the year and look ahead with excitement, followed by a fantastic Junior Sports Day, where pupils demonstrated determination, teamwork and great sporting spirit. Year 5 wowed us with their Met Gala event, - the children's designs were modelled by the Junior staff team on our very own catwalk!

We rounded off the week by celebrating the many achievements of our pupils at our Half-Termly Awards, recognising their hard work, resilience and successes across the term. It has certainly been a wonderful way to end another busy week in the Junior School!



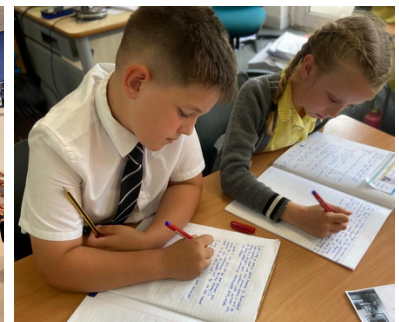
YEAR 3 WEEKLY NEWS

This week has been yet another busy and exciting week in Year 3! In Maths, we have been exploring angles, parallel and perpendicular lines, and 2D shapes. The children have become experts at recognising and identifying right angles, as well as parallel and perpendicular lines, in a range of 2D shapes. Next week, we will be recapping our knowledge of 3D shapes and their properties.

In English, the children have been busy putting the finishing touches to their incredible writing inspired by *The Last Bear* by Hannah Gold. They have produced some phenomenal adventure narratives, complete with beautiful illustrations, telling the story of a polar bear rescue. We are so proud of their creativity and hard work!

This week also saw our first Sports Day as part of the Junior School. The children performed brilliantly, demonstrating excellent sportsmanship, teamwork and determination across a range of events, even in the hot weather. Ruby Class have also been working hard rehearsing for their performance of *Rock Bottom*, and they can't wait to perform it for everyone next week.

Well done, Year 3, on another fantastic week!



Celebrating a week of building confidence, creativity and community at the Juniors!

Mrs Smith

YEAR 6 AT THE PIONEER CENTRE

Our Year 6 pupils had a fantastic day at the Pioneer Centre, challenging themselves through a range of exciting outdoor pursuits, including climbing, high ropes and team-building activities. They showed great courage, resilience and encouragement for one another, making it a memorable experience for all.



LEAVERS' SERVICE AT BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL

Our Year 6 pupils also attended the Leavers' Service at Birmingham Cathedral this week. They represented the school brilliantly. The service reflected on the reassuring message that God will be with them as they begin the next stage of their journey. The Head Team processed our banners proudly and Avaayan and Christopher had learnt prayers to recite, adding a thoughtful touch to the service. We even found time for a quick performance of 'Bugsy Malone' and a group photo in front of the Victoria Square fountain, creating special memories to mark the end of their primary school journey.



From outdoor challenges at the Pioneer Centre to celebrating their next chapter at Birmingham Cathedral, Year 6 have created lasting memories this week!

SPIRITUALITY FOCUS: LOOKING FORWARDS AND LOOKING BACK

The Federation of St Alphege Schools came together for a special “Looking Forwards and Looking Back” service, gathering as one family across our schools, church, families, staff and governors to give thanks for the year that has passed and to look ahead with hope. Rooted in our vision, “Let Your Love Show,” the service reminded us that love is shown not only in words, but in the daily choices we make through kindness, courage, service, friendship and joy. Through Bible readings from Matthew and Jeremiah, candle processions, prayers, songs and reflections, we celebrated the many ways our children, staff and wider community have let their light shine this year. Each class candle represented the light of Christ shining through every classroom, while golden stars reminded every child that they are precious, gifted and loved.



The service also gave thanks for the dedication of staff, who help our children learn, flourish and feel valued, and included prayers for children, families, governors, the church community and all those preparing for new beginnings. In particular, we reflected with gratitude on Year 6 as they prepare for secondary school, and on Mr Smith as he prepares for a new role, while also looking forward to the next chapter of the federation and welcoming the leadership of Mr Carr alongside Mrs Lawson and Mrs Thompson.

As the service ended with the message that “every journey begins with a small step,” we were reminded that God goes with those who leave, stays with those who remain, and calls us all to step forward with confidence, hope and love.

PARISH NOTICES

Please note that St Alphege Infant School parking permits for Oliver Bird Hall will expire in July this year.

Further communication and details regarding the renewal process for permits commencing in September will be sent out in due course, so please keep an eye out for updates.

Please also be reminded that use of the car park is only permitted in accordance with the stated terms and conditions and with a valid permit displayed.

We reserve the right to cancel permits of those found to be misusing the parking restrictions.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in ensuring the parking arrangements are used fairly and appropriately for all users.



Tennis Club



at St Alphege Infant
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Course Dates: Monday 1st June -
13th July 2026 (7 weeks)

(1,8,15,22,29 June. 6, 13 July.)

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MAGIC MOMENTS



A big congratulations to these girls who performed wonderfully in their ballet and tap show at the Core theatre last weekend. They have worked so hard over the last 6 months and it certainly paid off. The show was Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and it was a huge hit. Well done Sienna, Ava, Isla, Neve, Iyla, Luisa and Ivy (who played a lead role in the show).



Emmi and Mae did a dance competition at the weekend and their team won first in one category and second in another! A HUGE well done girls!



We are so proud of the unique talents our children are blessed with!

Mrs Lawson

MAGIC MOMENTS



Summer performed in her first dance show last week. She worked really hard and danced beautifully.



We are very proud of Toby and Ethan taking part in their first Childsafe Martial Arts Grading. Well done boys!



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INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL - STAR OF THE WEEK

Orange Class: Isaiah, Hari, Aylah

Yellow Class: Chloe, Jai, Kevin

Blue Class: Elliott, Hugo, Everly

Green Class: Aaron, Cooper, Elaana

Indigo Class: Arthur, Dylan, Shiva

Violet Class: Joey, Abhiram, Anvit



JUNIOR SCHOOL - STAR OF THE TERM

Year 3

Sporting Excellence - Arthur

Academic Excellence - Virat

Lower KS2 Award - Ethan

Upper KS2 Award - Lorelai

Year 4

Sporting Excellence - Hong Ting

Academic Excellence - Arthur C

Art - Emma

Headteacher Award - Louis

Year 5

Star of the half term - Zoe

Sporting Excellence - Atticus

Academic Excellence - Ariana

Year 6

Star of the half term - Liv

Sporting Excellence - Emily E

Academic Excellence - Swara

