



SCHOOLS OF ST ALPHEGE

11th September 2026



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Mr Carr**

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Week**

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to enjoy our first full week of the new school year, and there has already been so much to celebrate across the Federation. A real highlight for me was coming together on Wednesday for our first Federation Service at St Alphege Church. It was a very special occasion and a lovely reminder that, although we are two schools, we are one St Alphege family. During the service, each class had its own candle blessed before taking it back to school, where it will remain in the class prayer space throughout the year.

We were also delighted to celebrate our student leaders, who received their badges during the service. They are now wearing them proudly around school, and I know they will make an important contribution to the life of our Federation over the year ahead.

It has also been lovely to meet so many of you while I have been out on the school gates. Thank you for taking the time to stop, introduce yourselves and say hello - I am really enjoying getting to know our families.

If you would like the opportunity for a slightly longer, informal chat, you are very welcome to come and meet me straight after school at the **Infant School on Monday 14 September**, or at the **Junior School on Monday 21 September**. There will be no presentation or formal agenda - simply an opportunity to say hello and have a conversation.

Thank you for such a positive start to the year. I hope you all have a lovely weekend, and I look forward to seeing everyone again next week.

Mr Carr

KEY DATES

14th September - Homework begins to be sent out
14th September - Meet Mr Carr (Infants -3.30pm-4pm)
15th September - International Day of Democracy
15th September - New to Year 1 and Phonics Breakfast
21st September - Harvest Competition launch
21st September - Meet Mr Carr (Juniors -3.30pm-4pm)
22nd September - New Reception Open Morning (9.15 - 10am)
23rd September - Junior Welcome Eucharist
25th September - International Day of Languages
30th September - 'Slip into Slippers' (£1 for Age UK)
30th September - Meet the Teacher Drop ins
1st October - Y3 Trip to the Think Tank

6th October - Junior Harvest Service
7th October - Infant Harvest Service
8th October - Y5 Manor Adventure meeting for parents and children (3.20pm - 4pm)
9th October - World Mental Health Day
13th October - Junior School Conker Competition
14th October - Y6 Depart for Manor Adventure
15th October - Infant School Conker Competition
16th October - Y6 arrive back from Manor Adventure
19th October - Topaz rehearsal at SMART theatre
20th October - Topaz performance at SMART theatre (2pm)
20th October - Junior individual and sibling photos
22nd October - Infant individual photos
22nd October - Flu immunisations (TBC)
23rd October - Half termly Awards

I am looking forward to getting to know you in the coming weeks.

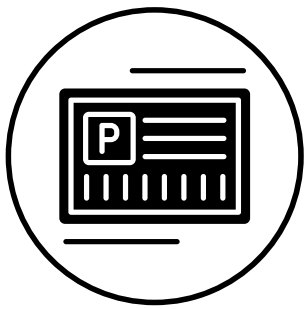


A reminder about safe and considerate parking

We know that drop-off and pick-up are particularly busy times around school, and we really appreciate everyone's help in keeping our children, families and neighbours safe. Please take extra care when driving and parking around the school sites, particularly as everyone leaves at the end of the day.

Parking on both sides of the road can make it very difficult for vehicles to pass and, importantly, could prevent emergency services from gaining access if needed.

We ask everyone to drive slowly, remain vigilant for pedestrians and park considerately. A little extra care and patience from us all can make a big difference to keeping everyone safe.



Parking Permits - Oliver Bird Hall

Please note that St Alphege Infant School parking permits for Oliver Bird Hall expired in July. New car parking permits for school drop-off and pick-up will be required by all parents who use the OBH car park. The cost of the new permits will be £20 for parents covering the whole academic year from September 2025 until the end of July 2026

New application forms are available from both the Infant School Office and Parish Office (located inside the Oliver Bird Hall).

SCHOOLS OF ST ALPHEGE

NEW TO YEAR 1 & PHONICS BREAKFAST

TUESDAY 15TH @ 9AM

LOVING Learning LOVING Community LOVING Service

New to Reception September 2027 Open Morning

Please come and see our wonderful school in action!

LOVE

At St. Alphege Infant and Nursery School on 22nd September at 9.15am

Love is God's way.
Love is the St. Alphege way.

Please contact the office to book your place on 0121 705 0443

INFANT & NURSERY SCHOOL

Well done to everyone for amazing first week back. Welcome to our Nursery children who have joined us this week. We're really excited to welcome you to our family - for some our children who are leaving their families for the first time, this is such a big moment and they have coped really well.

It has been excellent to see some super learning in each class - from Nursery settling in and making friends, to Reception beginning Phonics, to Y1 beginning more formal days of learning to Y2 being wonderful role models, we're really proud of all our children. We also really enjoyed our first federation service of the year. Reception didn't join for this one, but they'll be going to church soon for Open the Book sessions.

Next week, we are looking forward to welcoming Y1 parents to learn about the curriculum and phonics expectations. Miss Betts has posted more about this on Blue Class page.

Have a wonderful weekend and see you all on Monday!

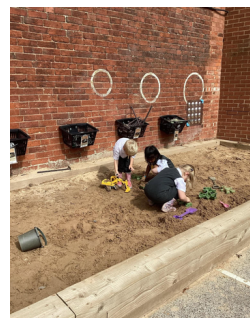


RECEPTION WEEKLY NEWS

What a wonderful start to the year we are having in Reception! The children are settling into their new classes really well and enjoying making friends and exploring all the new Reception areas.

This week in Literacy, we have begun to look at the focus text 'I'm a girl'. This has promoted lots of discussions about what we like to do, what makes us all different and unique and how we can all enjoy doing everything! The children have drawn a self-portrait, and made a lollipop house with their family in. This has been a really nice way for us to get to know more about everyone and for the children to feel more confident with us. In Maths, we have been singing number songs and looking at which numerals the children recognise up to 10. We started our Little Wandle Phonics this week, beginning to look at the first letters – s,a,t and p and objects that begin with these sounds. The children have also had a go at writing these letters using the LW phrases to help form them correctly.

We have all really enjoyed getting to know each other and becoming one big, happy family.



Well done to our Nursery children for settling in so well!

SEND AT ST ALPHEGE

WELCOME BACK!

As we begin a new school year, we remain committed to working closely with families so that children with SEND feel understood, included and well supported to thrive and flourish. Your knowledge of your child is incredibly valuable, and partnership between home and school is an important part of the support we provide.



HAVE A CONCERN?

If you have any concerns about your child's learning, progress, wellbeing or additional needs, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance. Where appropriate, they can then liaise with the SENDCo to consider any further support or next steps.



WEEK 4 CHECK IN

Families of children with an existing SEND or medical plan will have the opportunity to meet with their child's class teacher to discuss how they have settled, and any changes in need or concerns.



SEND REVIEWS

Formal SEND review meetings will take place after the October half-term. Further information about these will follow.



EHCP ANNUAL REVIEWS - TRANSITION YEARS

Children with an EHCP who are in a transition year (Year 2 or Year 6) will have their Annual Review before October half-term, supporting early planning for their move to their next phase of education.

Mrs Thompson will contact families directly to arrange these meetings.



Solihull SEND
Local Offer



[Solihull Local Offer | Solihull
Metropolitan Borough Council](#)



Solihull Family Hubs and
Activities



[Hubs and activities | Solihull
Metropolitan Borough Council](#)

JUNIOR SCHOOL

What a fantastic first full week back at the Junior School! On Monday, we welcomed our resident chickens home from their summer holiday, with our new Chicken Chiefs getting straight to work helping them settle back in.

As a Federation, we came together for our first service of the new school year, where our class candles were blessed, before celebrating another special milestone as our student leadership team were presented with their badges. We also celebrated our very first Stars of the Week in Celebration Worship. This Sunday at 9:30am, you are warmly invited to join the All Age Worship and Harvest Festival at St Alphege Church, where members of our SongSquad will be singing – a lovely way to round off a brilliant first full week! Next week, we look forward to marking International Day of Democracy as children vote for their new School Council representatives and other important roles across our school. If you are interested in taking on a responsibility and making a difference at St Alphege this year, make sure you let your class teacher know!



YEAR 6 WEEKLY NEWS

Year 6 have got off to a great start! It has been lovely to see all of the children back from the summer break refreshed and eager to learn.

We have been reteaching and extending our learning in all of our lessons and the children particularly enjoyed the democracy lesson in History, this will set them up nicely for our Personal Development offer of Freedom Fighters this year. All of the children have impressed us with their prior knowledge and how they have been extending their learning.

We have started our new maths unit, place value, and the children have been using their place value mats to read and write numbers up to ten million! We have also started our new English unit where the children are learning how to write a complaint.

They have all worked so hard already and we can't wait to see how they develop over the course of the year.

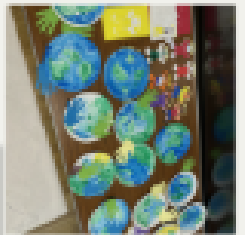


We have been so impressed with how our new student leadership team have stepped into their new roles!

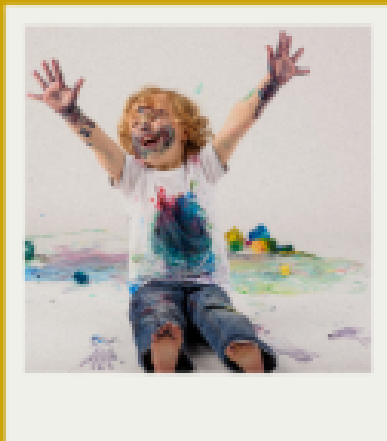
WORSHIP UPDATES

Throughout the Summer, we held both parts of The Journey in church, with the usual worship followed by a joint activity at the back of church for all the church family. Feedback on this new model has been particularly popular so we intend to carry on with this model for the remainder of this year. If you've not been to a Journey service yet, do please come along, its welcoming, easy to follow and, dare I say, even FUN!

We are also looking forward to our All Age Service on Sunday 13th September where we will be welcoming families to a new term, blessing tags for children's book bags and welcoming Mr Carr, the new Headteacher of St Alphege Schools.



MESSY CHURCH UPDATES



We're looking forward to welcoming families back to Messy Church on Friday 18th September at St Helens Church.

More information to follow...

YOUTH CLUB UPDATES

We look forward to welcoming our new and existing young people back from Friday 11th September at 5pm-6.30pm in the Oliver Bird Hall.



INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL - STAR OF THE WEEK



Orange Class: Joining soon!

Yellow Class: Joining soon!

Blue Class: Aylah

Indigo Class: Hugo

Violet Class: Isla

JUNIOR SCHOOL - STAR OF THE WEEK

Ruby Class: Kevin

Amber Class: Ismael

Topaz Class: Haris

Emerald Class: Autumn

Sapphire Class: Elliot

Opal Class: Isla

Amethyst Class: Fionn

Pearl Class: Mae



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES MINISTRY NEWS



NEWSLETTER | SEPTEMBER'26

MONTH IN REVIEW

Well, the Summer Holidays flew by and we're already embarking on a new and exciting period of new starts and exciting opportunities within the Parish.

We had great fun at our Summer Crafternoons Sessions and children created a dazzling array of colourful and wonderful creations! Thank you to all our families for supporting these events and a special thanks to all of the wonderful volunteers that make our Crafternoons possible.

With the Church of England now designating September as the festival of Creation in Christ, we begin to look at harvest and God's marvellous creations in nature. We also welcome Mr Carr as the new Head of St Alphege Schools and welcome children to their new schools and year groups.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Journey continues every Sunday at 9.30am at St Alphege Church with an activity and refreshments now served at the back of church.

Praise and Play will return on Friday 11th September 2026 at its usual 9.30am slot in the Oliver Bird Hall

Youth Group will return on Friday 11th September 2026 on Fridays at 5pm for children in Y6+. For more information, email Lsmart@solihullparish.org.uk

Friday 18th September - St Helen's Church
4pm - Messy Church

VOLUNTEERING WITH US

We are particularly looking for any volunteers that are willing to help us **run our collective worship for infants**. If you can help, please email us at childrensministry@solihullparish.org.uk for more information.



French lunchtime club

ST ALPHEGE INFANT SCHOOL

STARTING ON FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2026

12.30PM TO 1PM - £8 PER SESSION

FRENCH NATIVE SPEAKER

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Contact Nédia Pillon

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nediamarkp@gmail.com

ST ALPHEGE INFANTS - Reception & KS1 After School Dance Club

Thursday 3.25-4.25pm - Dance & Gymnastic

Exciting News from Warwickshire Dance Academy!

WDA is now bringing gymnastics and dance to local schools across the borough! As part of this collaboration, we now have two dedicated studios in Knowle where students can enjoy competitions, shows, and extra classes.

Every Child Matters

We nurture every child's individual talent, focusing on creative expression and developing physical motor skills. Students will master skills like cartwheels, handstands, leaps, and more, creating sequences set to modern pop dance music.

Club Information

- Runs on school days after school; no extra pick-up required.
- Parents collect students from the school hall doors.

Uniform

- T-shirt, shorts/leggings, or P.E. kit/leotard.
- Pumps or bare feet.
- Bring water and a healthy snack (no nuts).

Enrolment & Fees

- Register online before attending.
- Payment options include childcare vouchers and monthly plans.

Upcoming Events

- Medal Tests: Launching soon!
- Club Performance: Booked at Dovehouse Theatre on 7 November. Stay tuned for details!

Contact Us

Email: clubs@wdaltd.co.uk

Let's make this an unforgettable experience for your child!

Please Register using the link below

<https://www.wdaltd.co.uk/st-alphege-school>

Query? clubs@wdaltd.co.uk

07941 342 707 call/text

	Autumn Term 2026	No classes	October Half Term	
Year Groups	Club	Dates	Fees	
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Tennis Club



at St Alphege
Infant School



We accept
Childcare
Vouchers

Accepting New Bookings



Course Dates:

Monday 7th Sept –
14th Dec 2026 (14 weeks)

(7, 14, 21, 28 Sept 5, 12, 19 Oct
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Nov, 7, 14 Dec)



Time: 3.30 – 4.30pm



Age: Reception – Year 2



Cost: Whole term £105.00
(14 weeks)

Sibling Discount:
10% Off Total Booking



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WHOLE PARISH AWAY DAY

SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

10am-3pm

An unforgettable, fun-filled day for the whole parish family. An opportunity to bring people of all ages together for a day filled with joy, laughter, and meaningful moments.

Featuring:

- ✓ Candle Making
- ✓ Face Painting
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ADULTS, YOUTH & FAMILIES



St. Alphege Junior School (Breakfast Tennis Club)

Dear Parents'

I am pleased to offer the opportunity of a **before school breakfast tennis club** for year for all year groups at **St. Alphege School**. Club start time: **7.50am** start **8.35am** finish.

The club will be delivered by **Rob Tattersall (HEAD TENNIS COACH)** from Beechcroft Tennis & Multi-Sports Community Club. All the staff are suitably qualified and have completed a DBS check. Children will need to wear trainers, joggers, a t-shirt and a sweatshirt; this does not necessarily need to be their school PE kit, it is also advised your child brings a drinks bottle with them to each session. Tennis coaching will be outside in the school playground, in the event of wet weather the hall will be used.

Reply slips need to be completed & sent by email to: matt.corp@live.co.uk to **secure your**

place(s). The club is limited, and places will be given on a first come serve basis.

Club dates: Tuesday: 8, 15, 22 & 29 September

Tuesday: 6, 13 & 20 October

Tuesday: 3, 10, 17 & 24 November

Tuesday: 1, 8 & 15 December

The club will cost **£98 per child** and is a **14-week** programme. Bank transfer only payable to **PM coaching services LTD**. Bank transfer details are:

SORT CODE: 04-06-05 ACCOUNT: 18093068 (10% sibling discount)

Payment plan available please ask

Thank you

Regards

Matthew Corp

Chairman Beechcroft Tennis & Multi-Sports Community Club

Mobile: 07930164811

Email: matt.corp@live.co.uk

Website: www.beechcrofttennisclub.co.uk

Reply Slip

Breakfast Tennis Club St. Alphege Junior School Autumn term 2026

I _____ would like my child _____ to attend the breakfast tennis club.

Emergency Contact Mobile _____

Class & Year group _____

Email _____ **Parent WhatsApp group Yes/No**

Medical conditions _____

Signed _____

Date ____ / ____ / ____

St Alphege Junior School Gymnastics, Dance and Musical Theatre Classes

We are pleased to be able to offer the children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6, the chance to join our extra curricular clubs.

Gymnastics/Cheerleading and Dance will take place on Tuesday's and Musical Theatre will continue to run on Wednesdays.

Performers will have the opportunity to perform in our annual show's and they will learn technique and routines, in a fun and supportive environment.

Please send comfortable clothes, such as leggings / joggers and a t shirt and trainers or jazz shoes.
Please send non slip socks for gymnastics.

Club / Day	Dates this term	Time	Year groups	Fees
Gymnastics/ Cheerleading *Tuesdays*	8th September - 15th December	Straight after school until 4.15pm	Years 3-6	£112.00
Dance *Tuesdays*	8th September - 15th December	4:15- 5:00pm	Years 3-6	£112.00
Musical Theatre Wednesdays	9th September - 16th December	Straight after school until 4.15pm	Years 3-6	£112.00

Or 2 classes for £196.00 or all 3 classes for £252

To enroll your child, please register them at

<https://stardust-dance-academy.class4kids.co.uk>

Please pay the term fees by BACs (please reference your child's name and school. For example, S Smith St Alp). Please note that if you pay through class4kids, they add on a surcharge.

Account name: Stardust Dance

Sort code: 40 41 27. Account number: 71522744

For any enquiries, please email info@stardustdance.net

Many thanks, Stardust Dance Academy.



October Messy Church

This month our theme will be...

Tell - Share the story

Come along for some afterschool fun.
As always we will have lots of crafts,
fun active challenges, worship time
and dinner for everyone!

Suitable for ages 3+

Friday 16th October

4 - 6pm

St Helens Church

£2.50 per person, max £10 per family

Parents / Carers should stay for the session

Booking is essential!

Email: Childrensministry@solihullparish.org.uk







November Messy Church

This November Messy Church will be in

St Alphege Church

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Suitable for ages 3+

Friday 20th November

4 - 6pm

St Alphege Church

£2.50 per person, max £10 per family

Parents / Carers should stay for the session

Booking is essential!

Email: Childrensministry@solihullparish.org.uk



A stylized illustration of St Alphege Church in Solihull, featuring a prominent spire with a cross, a large front window, and a cross on the roof. The church is set against a blue sky with clouds. In the foreground, there are green trees and a path leading to the church entrance.

JOIN US FOR OUR ALL AGE WORSHIP

SUNDAY 13TH

9:30AM

FEATURING SONG
SQUAD



ST ALPHEGE CHURCH
CHURCH HILL, SOLIHULL

JOIN US TO WELCOME MR CARR, RECEIVE GOD'S BLESSING
AT THE START OF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR AND TO
CELEBRATE HARVEST FESTIVAL.

You're very welcome to bring an item of food to
donate to Helping Hands.

For more info: solihullparish.org.uk

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