SCHOOLS OF ST ALPHEGE

16th October 2026

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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week it has been across St Alphege, with so many exciting experiences for our children to enjoy. From our school discos, to the Year 4 gaming trip and our Manor Adventure residential, it has been lovely to see the children making memories, spending time together and enjoying opportunities beyond the classroom.

We have also had great fun with our conker competition this week. Thank you to everyone who took part and brought in their conkers - there was plenty of excitement around school and that was just me! You can find out more about the competition and see our winners elsewhere in this week's newsletter.

It was also lovely to welcome Dean from Helping Hands into school, who came to collect the Harvest food donations so generously given by our families. The food will now be shared across their community projects, supporting people who need it. Seeing the donations leave school was a lovely reminder of the difference our community can make when we work together.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mr Mark Carr

KEY DATES

19th October - Topaz rehearsal at SMART theatre
20th October - Topaz performance at SMART theatre (2pm)
22nd October - Infant individual photos
22nd October - Flu immunisations (TBC)
23rd October - Half termly Awards

Next half terms dates will be out next week - Watch this space!

What a wonderful way to show love in action!

ATTENDANCE-OPOLY!

Each week in Celebration Worship we celebrate the class in each school who has had the best attendance over the week.

That class moves around the 'Attendance-opoly' board and can pick up prizes along the way, such as doubling your score, a tasty treat or additional play time!

Every Day Matters

Regular attendance is so important in helping children feel settled, confident and successful at school. Each day builds on the learning from the day before, and even occasional absences can make it harder for children to keep up with new learning and routines.

We completely understand that children will sometimes be unwell and need to stay at home. However, whenever your child is well enough to attend, please help us by making sure they are in school and arrive on time each day. Working together, we can give every child the best possible opportunity to learn, thrive and enjoy being part of our school community.

This weeks attendance was....

Infant and Nursery - Whole School Attendance = 96.7%

Winning Class - Blue class 98.1%

Junior School - Whole School Attendance = 96.5%

Winning Class - Sapphire class 98.7%

Well done Blue and Ruby & Topaz Class for your winning attendance!

INFANT & NURSERY SCHOOL

This week we had an opportunity to show off our fantastic infant school in another open event. Parents looking for a nursery or reception place for 2027 came for a tour of the school, visiting classrooms, looking at books and journals and finding out what makes St Alphege so special. We had lots of positive feedback so thank you to all the teachers and pupils for showing our school at it's best.

The week of celebrations didn't end there because on Thursday we held our annual conker competition!The children had clearly been very busy collecting the strongest, smallest, biggest and most unusual conkers to enter because we had so many to choose from! Mr Carr was our head judge and had great fun with the children testing and choosing the winners for each category.

Looking ahead to next week, the last week before half term, we have infant school photographs, flu immunisations and end of half term trophy awards.

YEAR 1 WEEKLY NEWS

As we come to the end of the half term, Year 1 has shown just how amazing they are. They have worked so hard and have gone above and beyond in all subjects. The children have loved learning different mark making techniques and using them towards their final masterpieces of a dog in Art. In PE this week we have been testing our knowledge of what we have learnt so far in gymnastics. The children started by doing a round robin where they had a go at showing off their different skills, including: rolls, big and small shapes, ways of travelling and different jumps. We then focused on one shape and how we can show the same shape at different levels: low, medium and high. We definitely have some fantastic gymnasts in year 1! As the children have progressed in phonics, they have begun to learn some phase 5 sounds. They are doing a wonderful job at remembering their sounds and are true phonics experts! Well done, Year 1! I'm so proud of all you have achieved this half term.

The conker competition was so much fun!

CONKER COMPETITION 2026

We were absolutely blown away by the number of entries in our Conker Competition! The effort that went into your entries were fantastic, and you certainly made the judging a very difficult task! A huge well done to everyone who took part, and thank you for making our competition such a success!

Our Infant winners are:

Most unusual - Rupert

Smallest - Aurora

Biggest - Willow

Strongest - Lucas

Our Junior winners are:

Most unusual - Matilda W

Smallest - Stella

Biggest - Neve

Strongest - Karena

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JUNIOR SCHOOL

We have had another wonderful week at the Junior School!
On Tuesday, we held our annual Conker Competition and were blown away by the number of entries! The volume of conkers in each category was so high that judging proved very difficult for our Junior Head Team and Mr Carr. Mr Biddle's hammer even made a special appearance to help test the strength of the conkers entered into our strongest category!
On Wednesday, our Year 6 children set off on their residential to Manor Adventure and have had an incredible time! They have been working together as a team, challenging themselves with new activities and embracing exciting experiences along the way. Meanwhile, Year 4 enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Video Game Museum as part of their ***Gamers of Tomorrow*** personal development project.
It is wonderful to see our children making memories, developing new skills and embracing opportunities beyond the classroom.

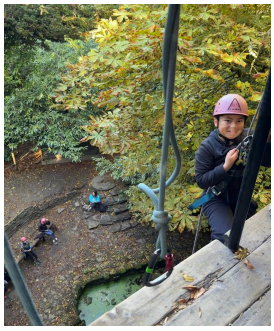
We can hardly believe we are heading into the final week of the half term! We look forward to another fantastic week at St Alphege before everyone enjoys a well-deserved half-term break. Have a lovely weekend!

YEAR 5 WEEKLY NEWS

Year 5 have had a fantastic week of learning! In Maths, we have moved on from place value to focus on addition and subtraction, developing our mathematical reasoning by explaining each step using precise place value language. This has helped the children to tackle word problems with increasing confidence and success. In Computing, we have been exploring programming code to create our own games, using conditional statements to trigger reactions, such as when a 'goodie' sprite is caught by a 'baddie' sprite for making a noise. The children have loved getting creative and designing their own games! In PE, we have continued our netball unit, applying our skills in competitive games and developing our shooting techniques. The children have shown great enthusiasm and a lovely attitude towards one another throughout our lessons. Well done, Year 5, for another brilliant week!

Year 4 had a wonderful time at the Video Game Museum!

MANOR ADVENTURE



Year 6 have loved all the fun of Manor Adventure

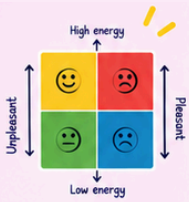
SEND AT ST ALPHEGE

At St Alphege we believe that positive mental health is key to children being happy, confident, and able to learn.
We work together as a school community – children, parents, staff and external agencies – to support emotional wellbeing, build resilience and make sure every child feels safe, valued and heard.

RULER – UNDERSTANDING AND MANAGING EMOTIONS

We use the RULER approach to help children understand and manage their emotions.

- **R** **Recognising** emotions in ourselves and others.
- **U** **Understanding** the causes and consequences of our actions.
- **L** **Labelling** emotions with the right words.
- **E** **Expressing** emotions in healthy ways.
- **R** **Regulating** emotions so we can make safe choices.



Children use the Mood Meter to check in with their feelings, notice changes and find strategies to help them feel calm.

PEER LISTENERS

Our trained Year 6 Peer Listeners are an additional source of support on the playground.

- a friendly listening ear
- someone to talk to
- sharing your worries with a trusted adult

Keep an eye out for our Peer Listeners on the playground at break and lunch.

YOUR NETWORK OF TRUSTED ADULTS

All children have a network of trusted adults in school that they can talk to. They are also encouraged to think of other trusted adults in their lives who will listen if they have a worry.

This might include:

- A family member
- Their class teacher
- The Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher
- A sports coach

EXTERNAL SUPPORT

We work with a number of external agencies when more targeted or specialist support may be required.

SISS – SEMH Team

The Specialist Inclusion Support Service (SISS) SEMH team can offer advice, guidance and targeted support for children with social, emotional and mental health needs.

SOLAR

We can make referrals to SOLAR (CAMHS – Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services) for additional support around emotional wellbeing, anxiety or wider mental health needs.

https://www.bsmhft.nhs.uk/our-services/solar/

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL - STAR OF THE WEEK

Orange Class: Arya

Yellow Class: Ibrahim

Blue Class: Hari D

Indigo Class: Ronan

Violet Class: Harper

JUNIOR SCHOOL - STAR OF THE WEEK

Ruby Class: Iris

Amber Class: Hudson

Topaz Class: Ava S

Emerald Class: Karena

Sapphire Class: Leo

Opal Class: Sam S

Amethyst Class: Jacob C

Pearl Class: Freddie

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OPEN EVENT

We are incredibly proud of our school and look forward to showing you what a special place it is, where children learn, grow and flourish.

St Alphege Infant and Nursery School

Tuesday 13th October 2pm
or
Wednesday 4th November 9.45am

For a tour of the school and more information, contact the school office 80office@stalphege.solihull.sch.uk to book a place.

90%

Achieved GLD in EYFS

98%

Passed phonics screening check in year 1 - Top 2% in country

Outstanding personal development offer Ofsted 2025

86%

Achieved the expected standard for Reading, Writing and Maths in KS2

Love is God's way, love is the St Alphege way

Everything we do is rooted in our school vision of Love

LOVING Learning

LOVING Community

LOVING Service

French lunchtime club

ST ALPHEGE INFANT SCHOOL

STARTING ON FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2026

12.30PM TO 1PM - £8 PER SESSION

FRENCH NATIVE SPEAKER

LEARNING THROUGH FUN ACTIVITIES, GAMES, SONGS,CRAFTS AND MUCH MORE ...

CLICK HERE TO ENROL

Contact Nédia Pillon

07799 190 791 - 01527 892 076

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

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Tennis Club

at St Alphege Infant School

We accept Childcare Vouchers

Accepting New Bookings

Course Dates:
Monday 2nd Nov - 14th Dec 2026
(14 weeks)
(2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Nov, 7, 14 Dec)

Time: 3.30 - 4.30pm

Age: Reception - Year 2

Cost: Whole term £52.50 (7 weeks)
Sibling Discount:
10% Off Total Booking

Why Join Our Tennis Club?

- Cover a range of games including singles and doubles skills
- Fully qualified, first aid trained and DBS checked coaches from West Warwick Sports Complex
- Ensure your children have the best time after school

Ace Sports Camps

ace-camps.co.uk/st-alphege/
acecamps.info@gmail.com

Scan the QR Code to Book Your Spot!

BOOK YOUR PLACE TODAY!

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** andisa **14**-weekprogramme.Banktransfer 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
BreakfastTennisClubSt.AlphegeJuniorSchoolAutumnterm 2026
I_____wouldlikemychild_____ to attend the breakfast tennis club.

Emergency Contact Mobile_____

Class & Year group_____

Email_____ **Parent WhatsApp group Yes/No**

Medical conditions _____

Signed_____ Date___/___/____

November Messy Church

This November Messy Church will be in

St Alphege Church

As always we will have lots of crafts, fun active challenges, worship time and dinner for everyone!
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

UPCOMING EVENTS CHRISTMAS

TUESDAY 24TH NOV

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING
18:30 at the Infant School Hall

£40pp, including glass of fizz and a mince pie!

Limited numbers, so book early. Please bring your own secateurs and gloves.

FRIDAY 4TH DEC

CHRISTMAS FAYRE
15:45 - 18:00 at the Infant School

Entrance fee:
£2 per adult, £1 per child

SANTA'S GROTTO TICKETS
On sale Nov 20th 6pm
Via PTA Website
£5 per child

Thank you for all of your ongoing support!

SOLIHULL SCHOOL NURSING NEWSLETTER

A big welcome to the autumn 2026 term! We hope you had a lovely summer and have settled into the back-to-school routine.

The school nursing service operates Monday to Friday, 9 am – 5 pm, excluding public and bank holidays. You can reach us using the contact details provided at the bottom of the page.

Here's a reminder of what the School Nursing team can support you with:

- Toileting
- Sleep
- Challenges with eating and diet
- Delivering the NCMP for Reception and Year 6 pupils
- Puberty
- Emotional/Mental health
- Managing behaviour
- Hygiene

IT'S TIME TO CATCH IT, BIN IT, KILL IT!

As the weather becomes cooler, we can expect an increase in seasonal illnesses such as colds, flu, and other infections, including Norovirus. With this in mind, we'd like to remind everyone of the importance of practising good hand hygiene and following the "Catch it, Bin it, Kill it" guidance.

Remember to wash your hands thoroughly after blowing your nose, sneezing, or coughing to help prevent the spread of germs and protect those around you.

To refresh your knowledge of effective handwashing techniques, please watch the short video using the link below:

https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/

OUR NEW WEBSITE IS LIVE!

Our brand new 0-19 website is now live!

We're excited to launch our brand-new website, bringing together information, advice and support for children, young people, and families.

Find the information you need when you need it.

Visit our new website today:

www.solihull0-19services.nhs.uk

Immunisation

Ensuring your child is up to date with their vaccinations is one of the most effective ways to protect them against a range of serious illnesses. The Immunisation Team will shortly be contacting your child's school with details of their upcoming flu vaccination visit, during which the nasal spray vaccine will be offered.

In the meantime, you can check your child's vaccination status by following the link below:

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/

Firework, Bonfire & Sparkler Safety

- Adults should always supervise fireworks and bonfire displays. Never leave children or young people unattended around fireworks or bonfires.
- Ensure children always remain at a safe distance from bonfires and firework displays.
- Never carry fireworks in your pockets or set them off in streets or on roads.
- Do not approach or attempt to relight a firework that has already been lit.
- Before leaving, make sure bonfires are completely extinguished and safe.
- Always wear gloves when handling sparklers, as they can become hot enough to cause serious burns.
- Avoid waving sparklers near other people, and once finished, place them in a bucket of water to cool safely.

There is a wealth of information available on staying safe around fireworks, sparklers, and bonfires. Please take a moment to review the helpful resources linked below.

https://www.rospa.com/home-safety/fireworks-safety

https://capt.org.uk/lessons-for-little-ones/

Road safety

During the winter months, shorter days and reduced daylight can make it more difficult for drivers and other road users to see pedestrians. This is particularly important during busy school and nursery drop-off and pick-up times, when traffic levels are higher and visibility is often poorer.

To help keep your child safe, it is essential that they are clearly visible when walking near roads, especially in low-light conditions.

Wearing bright or fluorescent clothing during the day can significantly improve visibility. This could be as simple as a fluorescent strip on a coat, a high-visibility vest, or a bright patch attached to a school bag. These small measures can make a big difference in helping drivers spot children sooner and reducing the risk of accidents.

Road Safety For Children | Child Accident Prevention Trust

FSAS PRESENTS
SCHOOL DISCO
GOOD MUSIC GREAT FUN!
Let's Dance!
FRIDAY
16TH OCTOBER 2026
ST ALPHEGE INFANT SCHOOL
INFANTS
3.30PM – 4.30PM
JUNIORS
4.45PM – 6PM
TICKETS £5
ON SALE MONDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 6PM
BUY TICKETS AT
www.pta-events.co.uk/FSAS
DJ MIKEY B
SWEETS
FACE PAINTS
GLITTER TATTOOS
SEE YOU THERE!

FUN | INCLUSIVE | EDUCATIONAL

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN DAYS

SWIMMING, MULTI-SPORTS, ARTS & CRAFTS, BOUNCY CASTLE, PERFORMING ARTS, GAMING, LASER TAG, NERF WARS, LEGO BUILDING & MUCH MORE!

OPEN EVERY SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Tudor Grange Leisure Centre
Blossomfield Road, Solihull, B91 1NB

9.00am – 4.00pm
Early drop off from 8am, late pick-up until 5pm

OPEN TO CHILDREN AGED 5 (SCHOOL YEAR 1) - 12

FROM £29.50 PER DAY!

Discounts for siblings - please see booking page for details.

We accept Childcare Vouchers, Tax-Free Childcare & we are OFSTED registered!

Please bring: Lunch, Snacks, Waterproof Clothing & a Refillable Drinks Bottle.

Scan the QR code for more information,
call 01344 508008 or email info@lets-play.org.uk
Book online: www.lets-play.org.uk

St Alphege Schools

NON-UNIFORM Day

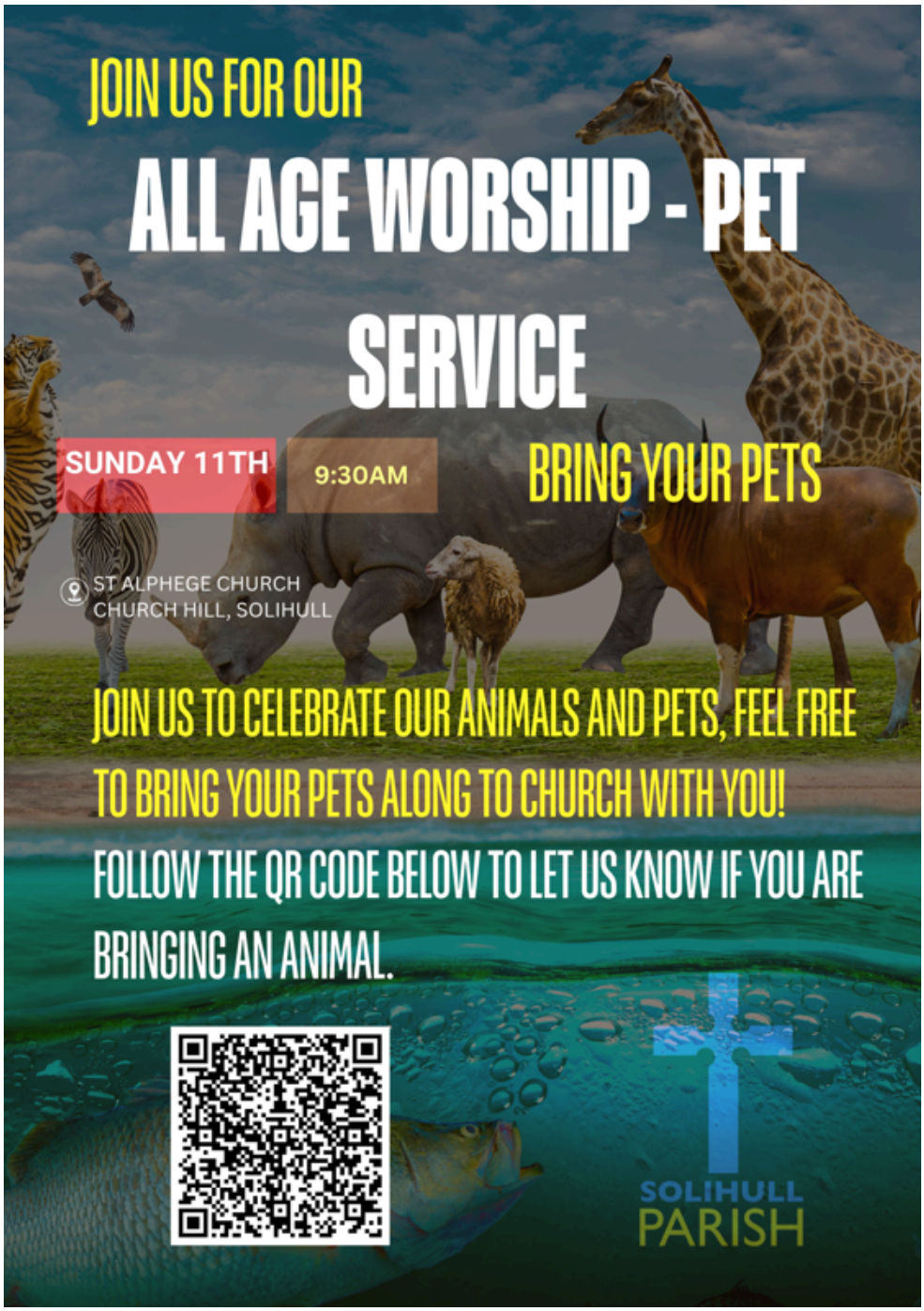
Wear your own clothes and help raise money for school wish list.

£2 cash donation - buckets will be available at both school gates

FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER

Every contribution makes a difference.

Thank you for your support.


JOIN US FOR OUR
ALL AGE WORSHIP - PET SERVICE
SUNDAY 11TH
9:30AM
BRING YOUR PETS
ST ALPHEGE CHURCH
CHURCH HILL, SOLIHULL
JOIN US TO CELEBRATE OUR ANIMALS AND PETS, FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR PETS ALONG TO CHURCH WITH YOU!
FOLLOW THE QR CODE BELOW TO LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE BRINGING AN ANIMAL.
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CANCELLED
Friday 16th October
4 - 6pm
Unfortunately due to calendar clashes we have decided to cancel October's Messy Church
We will return on November 20th !

🌟⚽ New Soccer School ⚽🌟

🤝 In partnership with Hampton FC, we will be delivering a new soccer school, Saturday mornings at Warwickshire GAA, Catherine De Barnes, on the brand new 3G pitch!

🗓️ Saturday 24th October
💷 First session FREE!
🏟️ Warwickshire GAA, Catherine De Barnes Lane, B92 0DJ
⚽ Boys & Girls welcome!
✅ Nursery & Reception
✅ Year 1 & 2
🌟 Pathway into junior teams at Hampton FC

For more information please email
📧 admin@sportdevelopmentukltd.co.uk

Booking link
🔗 https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/m7DGagCrwA