



SCHOOLS OF ST ALPHEGE

18th September 2026



**Message from
Mr Carr**

**Dates for the
diary**

**Our schools'
news**

**Stars of the
Week**

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and positive week across the Federation, with one of the highlights being our Democracy Day elections. Throughout the week, the children have been thinking carefully about leadership: the sort of leader they would want to be themselves, and the qualities they would look for in someone chosen to represent them. They have considered the importance of listening to others, being fair, showing kindness and courage, taking responsibility and using their voice to make a positive difference.

The children then had the opportunity to take part in our elections and choose those they felt would represent them well. It has been wonderful to see them engaging so thoughtfully with democracy and understanding that leadership is not simply about having a badge or a title, but about serving others and helping our community to flourish.

Congratulations to all of the children who put themselves forward, and to our newly elected pupil leaders. I am really looking forward to seeing the contribution they make to school life over the year ahead.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mr Carr

KEY DATES

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.

INFANT & NURSERY SCHOOL

What another wonderful week we have had at the Infant and Nursery School. It has been a pleasure to watch the children begin to grow in confidence and independence over the past week.

This week our children visited church for Open the Book. Tuesday was Democracy Day, and we have elected School Councillors and Worship Reps - these children will help shape and develop our school and Worship time!

Have a lovely weekend and we will see you all refreshed on Monday morning. Don't forget on Tuesday morning we have an Open Day for next September's Reception cohort. If yourself, or anyone you know are interested in joining, please do contact the school office to book a place on.



YEAR 1 WEEKLY NEWS

Year 1 has continued to go above and beyond this week. The children have settled fantastically and have really adapted to our new routines. We started the week with showing off our fantastic phonics skills to our adults and the children were amazing. They have loved their phonics lessons and can't wait to learn some new sounds in the coming weeks. In maths, we have started our place value unit. The children started the week with counting objects from bigger groups and moving on to 1 more and 1 less. They have loved using the maths resources to support their learning! As we move into more of our English lessons, we will explore the story 'Pokko and the Drum' further and will write captions to go along with it. The children have enjoyed art and learning about our key artist, Albrecht Durer, and are very excited to learn lots of skills they can use towards their final masterpiece of a dog! Blue Class, I am so proud of the progress you have made and how quickly you have adapted to Year 1. Well done for an amazing start to the half-term!



We are looking forward to the launch of our Harvest Festival competition!

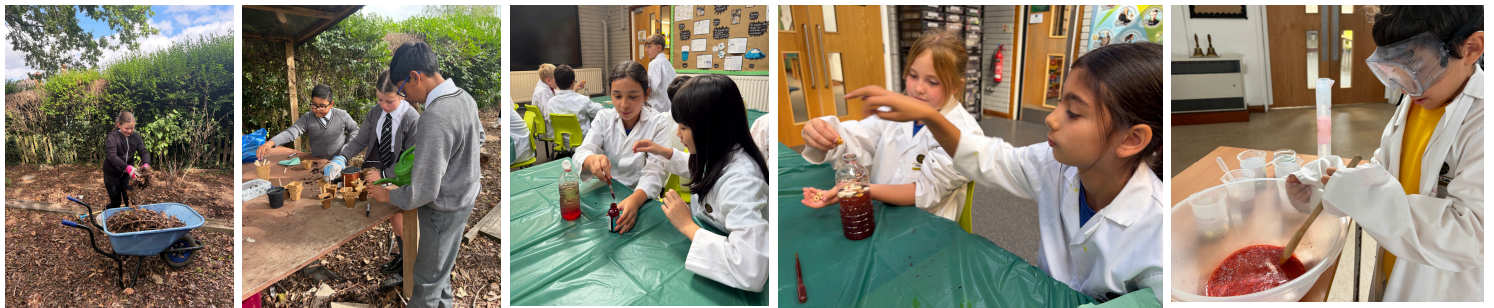
JUNIOR SCHOOL

We have had another fantastic week at the Junior School! Monday's collective worship always sets the tone and focus for our week in school. This week, we have been challenged to use one gift to help someone without seeking praise. In our Pause and Reflect Worships, the children have discussed this challenge, considering their own individual gifts and how they might use them to help others.

Tuesday saw the election of our new School Councillors. They will join our Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the House, helping to gather your voices, share your ideas and play an important part in shaping our school community.

Our Forest Rangers have got straight to work in our Nature Area, beginning to develop this special part of our school grounds. Meanwhile, Year 6 have been getting hands-on in Science, making 'blood' to put their knowledge of its different components to the test!

Next week, we look forward to our first Junior Eucharist of the academic year, as well as launching our annual Harvest Competition – more details to follow! Have a lovely weekend!



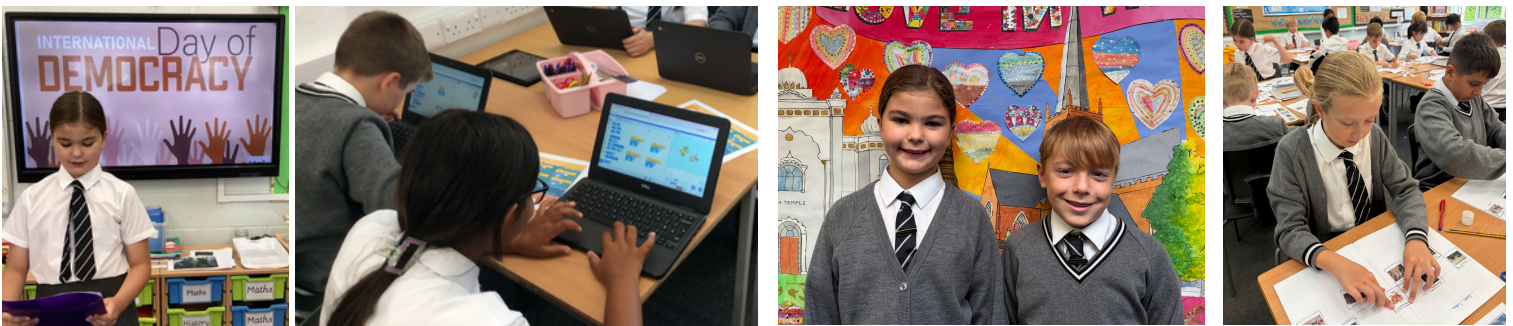
YEAR 5 WEEKLY NEWS

We have all had another busy, exciting week in Year 5 with lots going on! We have been getting to grips with our homework and the expectations for completing English, Spelling, Maths, key maths recall facts. On Tuesday, we marked International Day of Democracy. Each class discussed the meaning of democracy before putting it into action by holding elections for our School Councillors. Several children put themselves forward, planning and delivering speeches to convince their peers of their gifts, talents and suitability for this important role. We were really impressed with their oracy skills, confidence and conviction, as well as the respectful way everyone listened. Well done to those elected and a big thank you to all the children who put themselves forward to represent their peers.

Gruesome! That is the word we would use for our focus book in English. Beowulf is an old, epic English poem about a Scandinavian hero facing an awesome beast.

The children have been challenged to identify powerful vocabulary and phrases, analyse the impact of Morpurgo's writing on the reader and gather ideas to write in the same style. We can't wait to begin creating our own gruesome narratives and Spotter's Guide to Beastly Beasts!

That wraps it up for year 5's news of the week. Now, where's that beast.....



What another fantastic week at the Junior School!

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

We are proud to announce our School Councillors for each class. We are looking forward to our first meeting to discuss our amazing schools.

Orange: Austin and Evie

Yellow: Rupert and Dulcie

Blue: Ava and Seth

Indigo: Hannah and Alfie

Violet: Harper and Mia

Amber: Rivaan and Bethany

Ruby: Stella and Jai

Emerald: Joshua and Phoebe

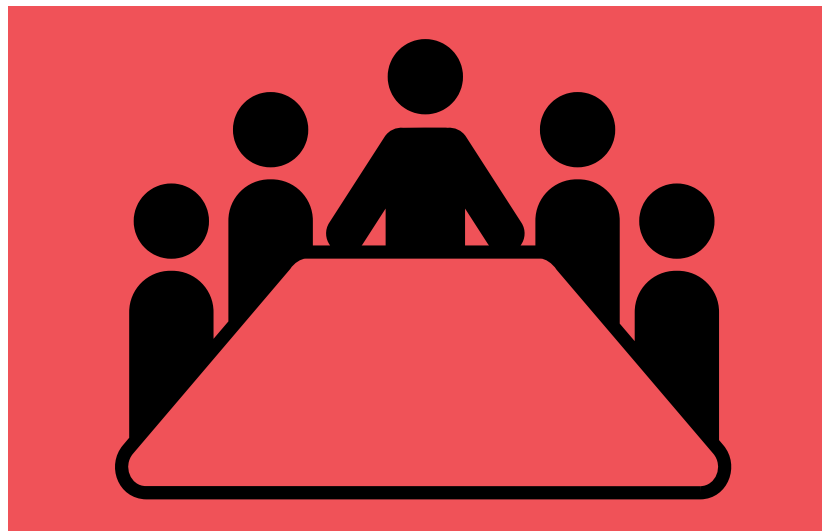
Topaz: Saanvi and Ethan

Sapphire: Cameron and Phoebe

Opal: Samuel S and Neve

Amethyst: Millie and Jacob C

Pearl: Ritvij and Zoe



We are so proud of our new school councillors!

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

We have been so impressed with how quickly our new pupil leadership team has embraced their responsibilities! Our Head Team, House Captains, Chicken Chiefs and Librarians have already got straight to work, and this week, as part of our International Day of Democracy, our newly nominated School Councillors will join our elected Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the House in helping to make sure every pupil has a voice.

And there's still plenty more to come! Over the next few weeks, we'll be appointing Peer Listeners, Play Leaders, Eco-Warriors and more. Remember, leadership at St Alphege isn't just about having a badge or a title – it's about spotting where you can make a difference. If you see a gap, why not suggest or even create your own role and help shape our ever-growing school community?



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



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



European Day of Languages at St Alphege

Friday 25th September 2026

Come dressed representing a
French speaking country
or simply red, white and blue!
Explore, learn, celebrate!
and join us for language activities
and a taste of French culture!

Parlez-vous français?
Bonjour!

Explore
Learn
Celebrate!

Langues
Culture
Amitié



FRIENDS OF
ST ALPHEGE
SCHOOLS

SWEET SALE

FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER
INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL
PICK UP

£1 PER BAG*
CASH ONLY PLEASE
*ALL PROCEEDS TO THE FSAS

TREATS
FOR A
GREAT
CAUSE!

We have so many exciting upcoming events happening!

SEND AT ST ALPHEGE

YOUR CHILD'S NEEDS BASED PLAN

A Needs-Based Plan (NBP), sometimes known as an Individual Education Plan (IEP) is a working document that helps us identify, plan for and review the additional support your child may need in school.

It gives everyone working with your child a shared understanding of their strengths, their areas of difference and the strategies and provision that will help them to make progress.



WHAT WILL I SEE ON THE PLAN?

Your child's plan will include:



Strengths - What your child enjoys, does well and can build upon.



Areas of difference -

Aspects of learning, communication, interaction, independence or wellbeing where additional support may be helpful.



SMART targets - Specific and achievable next steps.



Provisions and Strategies -

What we will put in place to help your child work towards each target.



WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

We like Needs-Based Plans to be **created collaboratively** rather than simply shared with families where possible.

Your knowledge of your child is incredibly valuable and we want the plan to reflect what is important at home as well as what we see in school.



REVIEWING THE PLAN

Needs-Based Plans are reviewed termly. At each review, we consider:



the progress your child has made.



what has worked well



what may need to change

Targets may be achieved, adapted or replaced with an appropriate next step.



NOT EVERY CONCERN NEEDS A PLAN

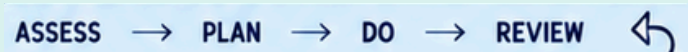
Sometimes a teacher or parent notices an emerging area of need, but we need a little more time and information to understand it. At this stage, a **Monitoring Plan** may be more appropriate.

This allows us to identify the concern, put supportive strategies in place and monitor how our child responds before deciding whether further action is needed.

THE GRADUATED RESPONSE



At every stage we follow the cycle:

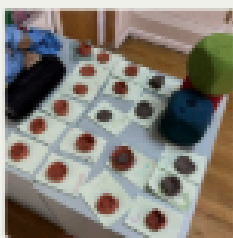
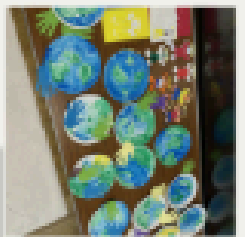
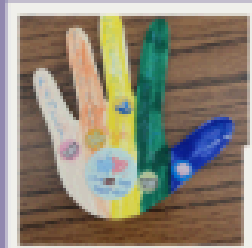


A Needs-Based Plan does not automatically lead to an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). However, where a child continues to make limited progress despite appropriate, sustained and increasingly personalised support over several ADPR cycles, we may discuss whether an Education and Healthcare Needs Assessment is the appropriate next step.

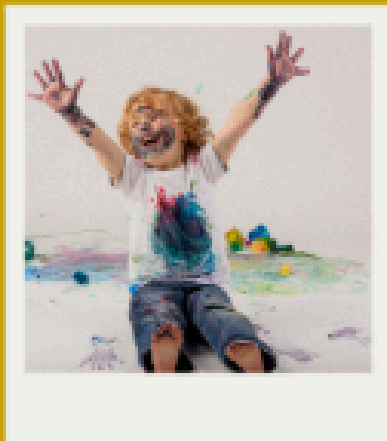
WORSHIP UPDATES

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

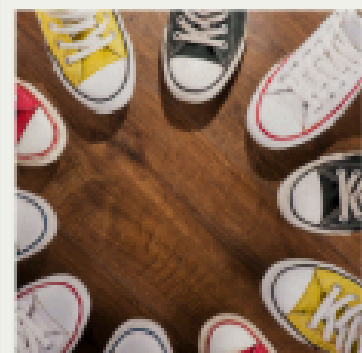


We're looking forward to welcoming families back to Messy Church on Friday 18th September at St Helens Church.

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: Noah

Indigo Class: Xavier

Violet Class: Frankie

JUNIOR SCHOOL - STAR OF THE WEEK

Ruby Class: Arthur

Amber Class: Lillian

Topaz Class: Willow

Emerald Class: Leo

Sapphire Class: Liyana

Opal Class: Jenson G

Amethyst Class: Arabella

Pearl Class: Jack



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

**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

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- 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

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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



ONLY
£105.00
FOR 14 WEEKS!

Why Join Our Tennis Club?

- ✓ Cover a range of skills and 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



**BOOK YOUR
PLACE TODAY!**



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or visit:



www.ace-camps.co.uk/st-alphege/



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

**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

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