



SCHOOLS OF ST ALPHEGE

25th 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 another busy week across our Federation, and the children have been working incredibly hard in their learning. It is always a pleasure to see the enthusiasm, concentration and pride they are showing in their work.

Thank you, too, for your wonderful support with our Harvest competition. We are very grateful for all the donations coming into school and I am looking forward to seeing the results of everyone's hard work. Everything collected will be shared with local food banks, helping us to put our values into action by supporting others in our community.

We have also made a good start with attendance this year, with our attendance currently in line with national averages — but we would love to make it even better! Every day in school matters and regular attendance makes such a difference to children's learning, friendships and sense of belonging. Please only keep children at home when they are genuinely too unwell to attend, and remember that holidays during term time cannot be authorised.

Thank you for working with us to give every child the very best opportunity to learn, grow and thrive.

Have a blessed weekend.

Mr Carr

KEY DATES

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

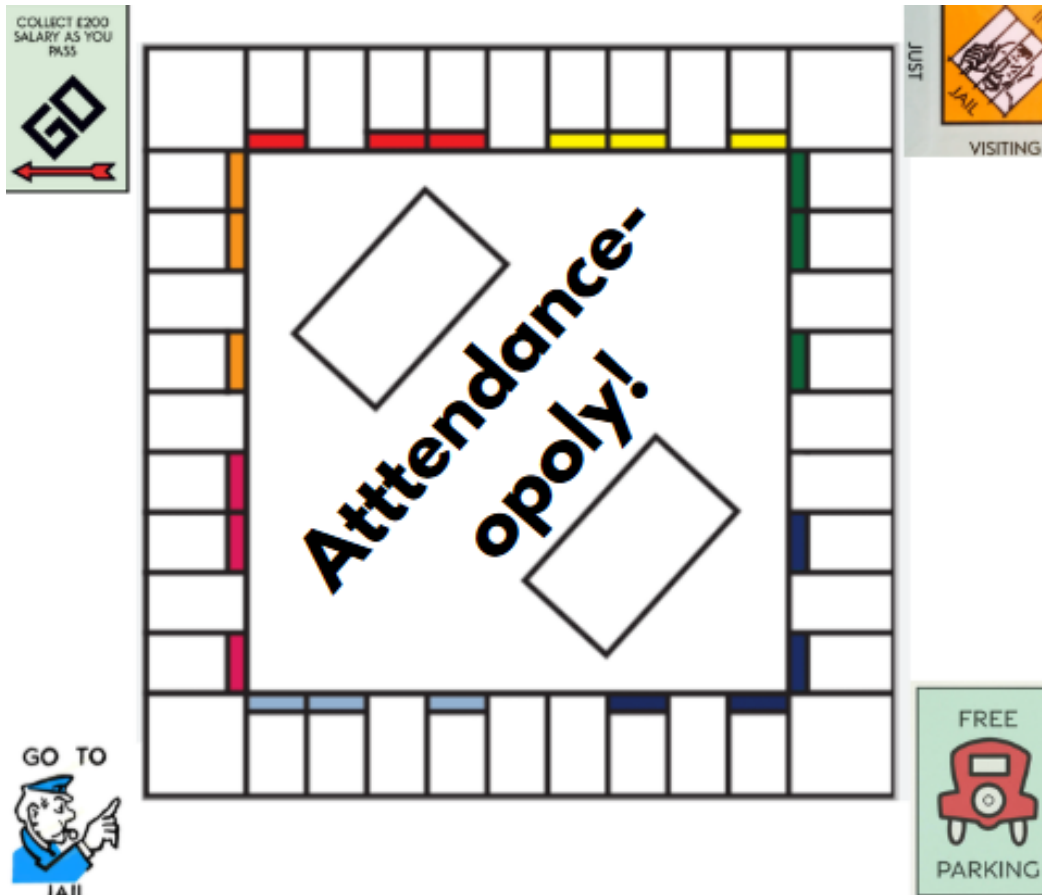
22nd October - Infant individual photos

22nd October - Flu immunisations (TBC)

23rd October - Half termly Awards

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

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.

Last weeks attendance was....

Infant and Nursery - Whole School Attendance = 94.3%

Winning Class - Orange Class - 98.6%

Junior School - Whole School Attendance = 95.7%

Winning Class - Opal Class - 98.1%

Well done Orange and Opal Class for your winning attendance!

INFANT & NURSERY SCHOOL

It has been a lovely week at the Infant and Nursery School.

We really enjoyed showing prospective parents around the school on the Open Morning on Tuesday - the children were all engaged in their classes, showcasing some super learning. If you would like to book in for a tour, please contact the school office - there will be other Open Mornings coming up over the term.

Next week, we invite children to 'Slip into their Slippers' on Wednesday for a £1 donation - see Mrs Lawson's Dojo post for further information. Parents are invited to drop in to speak to the teacher to see how their child has settled in on Wednesday afternoon - there is no need to book a slot, this is an informal way to see your child's learning so far and find out how they've settled. Have a lovely weekend all!



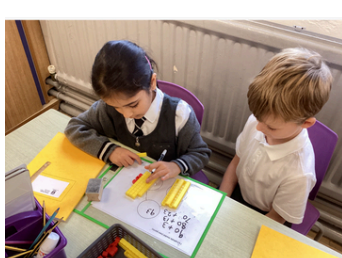
YEAR 2 WEEKLY NEWS

This week, we have been building on our learning from last week by flexibly partitioning numbers up to 100. We have also been creating our own number lines and using them to recognise and identify multiples of 10.

In English, we have been very excited to begin retelling the story of The Barnabus Project. We have plotted the key events on a story map and created our own story plans. Over the next few days, we will be using these to write our best versions, which we can't wait to share with you soon!

In PE, we enjoyed getting outside and developing our bowling skills, practicing aiming towards different targets and improving our accuracy.

In Art, we have also had lots of fun layering paint and experimenting with different painting techniques to create interesting effects based on our artist of the term Beth Krommes. We have loved getting creative and seeing our artwork develop!



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

JUNIOR SCHOOL

What a busy and brilliant week we have had at the Junior School! We launched our annual Harvest Competition, and have already been overwhelmed by the generosity of our community, with bags of donations arriving in school - thank you so much for your support!

Our House Captains have also been busy introducing new lunchtime activities, including relays and team games, which have gone down brilliantly with the children. This week also saw the relaunch of 'The Pride of St Alphege', with our first focus on lunchtimes. We are looking out for fantastic lining up, inclusive play, lovely manners in the dinner hall and children taking pride in our environment by tidying up after themselves.

And what an incredible way to end the week with our celebration of European Day of Languages! The children enjoyed a range of activities, including tasting foods from French-speaking countries. It was wonderful to see a sea of red, white and blue in worship this morning - not to mention an impressive number of berets! Have a lovely weekend and see you all next week!



YEAR 4 WEEKLY NEWS

Year 4 have been super busy this week. Emerald class created some great still life sketches and contour drawings in Art. It was super tricky not looking at the page! In PE, they have continued with their netball game skills, working on their defence this week. The children have really enjoyed English this week where they have written some lovely character descriptions based on Fox and have begun to plan their own fables too. They have also learnt about teeth, why we need teeth and how we can look after them. So much collaborative work - well done Year 4.



Quelle belle semaine ! - 'What a lovely week!'

Harvest

COMPETITION

2026



Our Harvest Services are:

Infants: 7th October

Juniors: 6th October

The winning linked classes, who bring in the most combined produce to donate, will see 'Minions vs Monsters' or 'Super Mario Galaxy Movie' at the cinema



CONKER COMPETITION

Can you find the...

BIGGEST

smallest

most unusual...



STRONGEST

We always look forward to the children bringing in the

BIGGEST

smallest

STRONGEST

or

MOST UNUSUAL

conkers
for this competition.

Infants: 15th October

Juniors: 13th October

What an exciting month of competitions!

SEND AT ST ALPHEGE

INITIAL TEACHER DROP-IN

As we settle into the new academic year, all parents and carers are invited to an informal drop-in with their child's class teacher.

There is no need to book an appointment – simply pop in during the session if you would like a quick conversation about how your child has settled, share something you think their teacher should know, or raise an initial question or concern.



BEFORE YOU COME

What might you want to share?

You don't need to prepare anything formally. It might simply be helpful to think about:

What's going well?

What is your child enjoying?
What have they felt positive about?

Is there anything we should know?

Perhaps something has changed at home, with their health or wellbeing, or you have noticed a new worry.

What helps?

Are there strategies, routines or approaches that work particularly well for your child?



STARTING WITH STRENGTHS

Tell us what works

Last week, we put a spotlight on our Needs-Based Plans and explained that these begin with a child's strengths, as well as identifying areas where they may need additional support.

You know your child best. Their interests, motivators, successes and the things that help them feel safe and confident are all useful for us to know.

What is one thing you would really like your child's teacher to know about them?



SOMETHING ON YOUR MIND?

Small concerns are welcome too

You don't need to wait until something becomes a significant concern before talking to us.

An informal conversation might be all that is needed. We may agree a simple classroom strategy, keep an eye on something together or, where appropriate, use a Monitoring Plan to help us build a clearer picture over time.

Early conversations help us to support your child in the best way possible.

KEEPING THE CONVERSATION GOING

This drop-in is intended as a brief, informal opportunity to touch base rather than a formal SEND review or parent consultation.

If something arises that needs a longer conversation, your child's teacher can arrange a separate meeting so that there is enough time to discuss it properly and agree any next steps.



Wednesday 30th September
15:30 – 17:00

No appointment needed

SPIRITUALITY FOCUS: 1

CORINTHIANS 12:20

This week, our spirituality focus is 'One Body, Many Parts', inspired by the words of St Paul: "There are many parts, but one body."

1 Corinthians 12:20

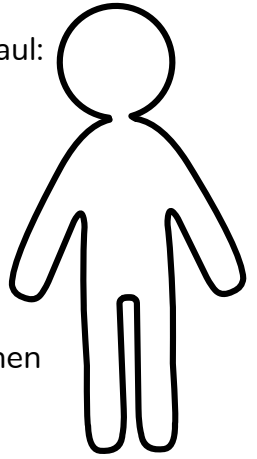
We have been thinking about how every person is unique, with different gifts, strengths and qualities, yet we all have an important part to play within our school community.

Just as a body needs all of its different parts to work together, our school is strongest when we support one another, value each person and recognise that everybody belongs.

We are encouraging the children to reflect on the gifts they can share with others and to notice and celebrate the gifts they see in their friends.

A question to reflect on at home:

What special gift or quality do you bring to your family, class or community?



PARISH UPDATES

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.



"Together, we are stronger because everyone has a part to play."



INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL - STAR OF THE WEEK



Orange Class: Joining next week!

Yellow Class: Joining next week!

Blue Class: Ava

Indigo Class: Hannah

Violet Class: Mia

JUNIOR SCHOOL - STAR OF THE WEEK

Ruby Class: Elijah

Amber Class: Chanika

Topaz Class: Oliver

Emerald Class: Preston

Sapphire Class: Ethan B

Opal Class: Efe

Amethyst Class: Giselle

Pearl Class: Olivia



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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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



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



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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 ____ / ____ / ____



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

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UPCOMING EVENTS CHRISTMAS



TUESDAY 24TH NOV

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING
18:30 at the Infant School Hall

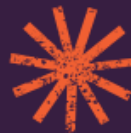


£40pp, including glass of fizz and a mince pie!

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

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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.rspa.com/home-safety/fireworks-safety>

<https://rpa.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



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Parent line: 07480 635496





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SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN DAYS

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9.00am – 4.00pm

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

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FROM £29.50 PER DAY!

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

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



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