



SCHOOLS OF ST ALPHEGE

2nd October 2026



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Week**

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another lovely week across our Federation, with plenty to celebrate. It was great fun to swap our usual school shoes for slippers in support of Age UK Solihull, and it was wonderful to see so many children joining in. Thank you to everyone who supported the day and helped us raise awareness of such an important local charity.

It has also been fantastic to see our Harvest donations beginning to arrive in school. Thank you for your generosity and for supporting our appeal. Please make sure that any remaining donations are brought into school by next Tuesday so that we can include them in our Harvest celebrations and share them with local food banks.

We are really looking forward to our forthcoming Harvest services and to coming together as a school community to give thanks, celebrate and reflect on how we can support others.

Today also marks Mrs Lawson's final day with us before she begins her maternity leave. I am sure you will all join me in wishing her and her family every happiness in the weeks ahead. We cannot wait to hear the wonderful news and to meet baby Lawson in the months to come. We send Mrs Lawson with our love, prayers and every blessing for this very special new chapter.

From Monday, Mrs Hayfield will take on the role of Acting Deputy Headteacher at the Infant School during Mrs Lawson's maternity leave. I know she will continue to work closely with staff, children and families, and I am very grateful to her for stepping into this important role.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mr Mark Carr

KEY DATES

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
6th October - Y6 arrive back from Manor Adventure
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

Wishing Mrs Lawson a wonderful start to her maternity leave!

We hope you enjoy this very special time and make lots of precious memories before welcoming your little one.



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 = 95.3%

Winning Class - Violet class 99.6%

Junior School - Whole School Attendance = 95.8%

Winning Class - Ruby Class - 98.8%

Well done Violet and Ruby Class for your winning attendance!

INFANT & NURSERY SCHOOL

At the Infant and Nursery School it has been wonderful to see so many children bringing donations in for the harvest competition- thank you parents for your generosity. Next week the infant school will come together for a special harvest service in school, to give thanks for the food they have collected and sing a collections of harvest songs taught by Miss Taylor in song worship.

Children in all classes are settling into their leadership roles and are enjoying the opportunity to have a role and responsibility around school. The Makaton champions have been signing the greeting in worships, the singing committee have been demonstrating the actions to the songs enthusiastically and the worship preps have been fantastic in leading the school in prayer at the end of celebration worship each Friday. What responsible and sensible children we have at St Alphege. On Wednesday this week we all enjoyed a comfy and cosy day in our slippers to raise money for Age UK, it was wonderful to see such a fabulous array of snazzy slippers!

Mrs Lawson is signing off now until July whilst she goes off to enjoy maternity leave, and wishes everyone at this amazing school the very best of luck and happiness this year. We welcome Mrs Hayfield who will be stepping into acting deputy headteacher for the remainder of the year. Wishing everyone a lovely weekend, and see you all on Monday.



NURSERY WEEKLY NEWS

This week Nursery we have had a busy week. In creative art the children had been painting brilliant self portraits. They have looked in mirrors and thought carefully about the facial features they can see, such as hair colour and eye colour. In Maths the children have been pegging the spikes onto the hedgehogs back and counting the number of spikes that they need. The children have been working on their fine motor control using playdough to squeeze, pinch and roll to make faces and they have used large tweezers to pick up pom poms. In phonics we have been focusing on the nursery rhyme - 1 2 3 4 5 once I caught a fish alive. In this session we have learnt the rhyme, listened to and identified sound effects, and looked for rhyming words such as fish, dish. The children have made music with instruments and have sung along to the new nursery rhyme that they have learnt.



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

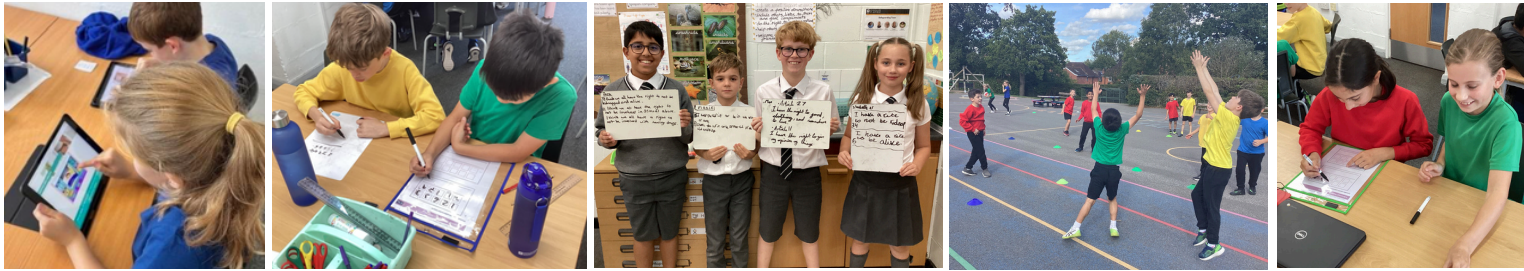
JUNIOR SCHOOL

We have had another amazing week of learning at the Junior School! Our Harvest donations have continued to pour in, and it has been wonderful to see such generosity from across our school community. We can't wait to see the final results of our competition next week once all of the donations have been weighed!

We also enjoyed a very cosy day in our slippers, all while raising money for Age UK and supporting the fantastic work they do.

Meanwhile, Year 3 ventured out on a fantastic trip to Thinktank Birmingham Science Museum as part of their Junior Medics Personal Development programme. They had a brilliant day exploring, learning and putting their curiosity into action!

Thank you for another wonderful week. Have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday!



YEAR 3 WEEKLY NEWS

Year 3 have had a particularly fantastic and very busy week! One of the highlights was our brilliant trip to Thinktank, where we explored animals and the amazing human body. This visit complemented our Science learning beautifully and also formed part of our Junior Medics personal development offer. The children were enthusiastic, inquisitive and engaged throughout the day. Most importantly, they behaved impeccably and were a real credit to our school. We were incredibly proud of them!

Back in the classroom, we have finished writing our witches' potion instructions and they are truly magical! The children have worked incredibly hard to include all the features of effective instructions, and we have been so impressed by their imaginative ideas and fantastic writing.

Our Science learning has continued our exploration of the human body. We have been investigating the human skeleton, identifying different bones and learning about the important functions they perform. Finally, in RE, we have been exploring the Christian Creation story. We have learned that many Christians believe God created the world and that creation is a precious gift. We have been thinking about how this belief encourages Christians to care for and protect our wonderful world.

What a week! Well done, Year 3 – we are so proud of all your hard work, enthusiasm and fantastic attitudes to learning!



Our Y3 'Junior Medics' loved their trip to Birmingham Thinktank!

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

SOLIHULL FAMILY HUBS: SUPPORTING FAMILIES AT EVERY STAGE



Solihull Family Hubs are community centres designed to provide comprehensive support and engaging activities for children, young people, parents, and carers across the borough. These hubs serve as welcoming spaces where families can access vital services and participate in activities aimed at enhancing well-being and strengthening family life.

WHAT SERVICES DO FAMILY HUBS OFFER?

Each Family Hub works alongside partners like the NHS to deliver a wide range of services, including:

- **Health and Development Support:** Health visiting, midwifery, and the Solihull Family Nurse Partnership
- **Parental Guidance and Wellbeing:** Parenting advice, emotional support, and child development guidance
- **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND):** Targeted support for children with additional needs
- **Learning and Development:** Early education sessions and resources for young children
- **Safety and Welfare:** Safeguarding advice, emergency service referrals, and child protection resources

WHO CAN ACCESS THE HUBS?

Family Hubs are open to all Solihull families, from expectant parents to carers of older children and teenagers. They're designed to offer inclusive, non-judgmental support, and outreach services extend the benefits to even more parts of the community.

LOCATIONS AND ACCESSIBILITY

Solihull is home to several Family Hubs, each offering unique services and timetables:

- Elmwood Family Hub (Smith's Wood)
- Evergreen Family Hub (Kingshurst)
- Riverside Family Hub (Chelmsley Wood)
- Hatchford Brook Family Hub (Elmdon)



Scan for more information about the hubs and to see the timetable of support on offer.

SHIRLEY HEATH OUTREACH CENTRE

The Hatchford Brook Outreach Centre, based at Hatchford Brook Primary School, is a valued part of Solihull's Family Hub network. Open to all Solihull residents, it provides a welcoming local space for activity sessions and support services, including crafts, family drop-ins, parenting support and access to professional and community-led groups. Working alongside the four main Family Hubs, the centre offers a flexible, community-focused service designed to support local families. The centre is open during scheduled sessions only.



Scan to see the Outreach Centre's timetable for October 2026

<https://www.solihull.gov.uk/children-and-family-support/family-hubs>

SPIRITUALITY FOCUS: THE POWER OF OUR WORDS

This week, we are reflecting on Mr Carr's Challenge: "Speak to and about others in a way that honours their worth." We have been thinking about the power of our words and how the way we speak to others can help them to feel valued, respected and that they truly matter. Our challenge is to notice our words and choose respect, asking ourselves before we speak: "**Do my words show that this person matters?**"

Through our words and actions, we can help one another to feel seen, valued and loved, living out our Christian belief that every person is made in the image of God and has worth.



MR CARR'S CHALLENGE

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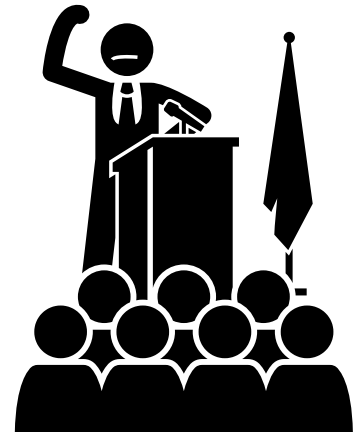
NOTICE YOUR WORDS. CHOOSE RESPECT.

Help people know they matter.

Before you speak: Do my words show that this person matters?

Tell me when you see me!

"Mr Carr, I helped someone know they mattered when..."



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.



"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless."

Mother Teresa



INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL - STAR OF THE WEEK

Orange Class: Lea

Yellow Class: Dulcie

Blue Class: Oliver

Indigo Class: Jacob

Violet Class: Cooper



JUNIOR SCHOOL - STAR OF THE WEEK

Ruby Class: Isla

Amber Class: Pranav

Topaz Class: Omar

Emerald Class: Virat

Sapphire Class: Isobel

Opal Class: Vinnie

Amethyst Class: Remy

Pearl Class: Rowan





SCHOOLS OF
ST ALPHEGE

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

	Autumn Term 2026	No classes	October Half Term	
Year Groups	Club	Dates	Fees	
Reception, Y1, Y2	Dance/Gymnastics Thursday 3.25 - 4.25pm	3/9 - 17/12	£142.50	

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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 ____/____/____



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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UPCOMING EVENTS CHRISTMAS



TUESDAY 24TH NOV

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING
18:30 at the Infant School Hall

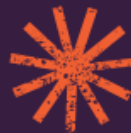


£40pp, including glass of fizz and a mince pie!

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



[solihullschoolnurses](https://www.facebook.com/solihullschoolnurses)



www.solihull0-19services.nhs.uk



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Parent line: 07480 635496





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SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN DAYS

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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.



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