Newsletter 19th September 2025

ALPINGTON & BERGH APTON
Church of England VA Primary School

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Dear parents

Let Every Light Shine

Welcome and congratulations to our brand new Robins who have completed their first 2 weeks of school and start full time on Monday. We are so proud of the way they have settled in, enjoying playtime with the older children and coming to their first celebration assembly on Thursday! A few photos here, but lots more on the Robins' page of the website.

While we are on the subject of Thursday Celebration Assembly, a reminder to everyone that children are invited to bring in anything from home that they would like to celebrate. This could be swimming certificates, news from other clubs outside of school, badges or promise ceremonies from Brownies/ Cubs etc or any other of life's little milestones like riding your bike without stabilizers. Bring it to school on Thursday morning and we will all celebrate together!

The KS2 children kicked off their Archaeology topic with a visit to Norwich Castle last week. As always, children behaved beautifully. The staff at the castle were really impressed with their general knowledge, even at this early stage in the topic.

Diary

September

Mon 22nd – Year R attend full-time; flu immunization
Wed 24th – school photographs
Thurs 25th - 2.20pm – YR phonics meeting

October
Wed 1st – KS2 Cross Country at Langley School
Thurs 16th, 9.30am – Harvest Festival @ St Mary's
Mon 20th – Open Day 9.15 & 11am
Tues 21st & Wed 22nd – Parent/teacher consultations (further details to follow)
Thurs 23rd – Years 4, 5 & 6 River Trip @ Horstead Centre
Half-term holiday: Mon 27th - Friday 31st October

November
Mon 3rd - return to school

We politely remind parents to inform us of any changes in your contact details

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Compass IMPORTANT PLEASE READ
You will have received an email this week from Compass, inviting you to **log in to the portal.** You will also need to download the app so you can access your account on your smartphone. Please do this as soon as possible. Please set the app to **allow push notifications**. We are moving to a system where all school communication will come through the app, including emails and messages which are currently sent via text.

If your child is in KS2 and ever has a paid school lunch, you will need to add a payment card and top up your account. **From Monday 29th September, you will have to pay for school lunches in advance through the compass portal or app.** Instructions are attached to your login email. The system will let you know when you need to top up your account. Instructions about adding a payment method are attached to the email. Any problems, please let us know. For the moment, children will continue to order lunch in school in the usual way. Mrs Reeman will be contacting anyone with an outstanding balance to agree how this can be settled before this date.

You will be able to see your child's attendance on Compass. Please be a bit patient as the daily totals are affected by the time at which a class teacher took the register and it can take some time to update. Thank you.

Over the coming weeks we will be moving to booking parents evenings and paying for school trips through the app. Please check your emails and the newsletter regularly for further information.

To Do:

- Log into compass.
- Add a payment card and top up your account.
- Enable push notifications.

Attendance
Whole school attendance is 98.31%. This is a great start thank you everyone. The class with the highest attendance Robins 100% - well done.

Allergies
Please note that we have children in school with severe allergies to nuts and other foods such as dairy and eggs. Please keep packed lunches and snacks nut free, including peanut butter, Nutella or nuts as snacks. Please pack your child's lunch as if it were them who had the allergy. School lunches are nut free. There are also other food allergies in school so please could you remind children not to share lunches or snacks with their friends. Thank you!

New Intake 2026!
Believe it or not we are starting to think about the children who will be joining our school in September 2026! We are holding a series of open mornings for prospective parents – more details are attached and on the website. If you are a parent of a child who turns four before the 1st September 2026, or know someone who is, please come along and find out more. Please spread the word!

REMINDERS:
Flu Vaccine – Monday 22nd September
Several emails have been sent to parents regarding the flu nasal spray offered to all our children in school. This is taking place this Monday, 22nd. Thank you to all those who have completed the consent form, there are a few who have yet to respond. A response is required by **all** parents please. Flu can be very unpleasant for children and can sometimes cause serious problems, such as pneumonia. Children can catch and spread flu easily. Vaccinating them also helps protect others who are at higher risk of getting seriously ill from flu, such as babies and older people

Individual **class photographs will be taken by Tempest on Wednesday 24th**. Can all children please arrive at school in smart school uniform please, including Robins and Kingfishers who usually have PE on a Wednesday (no need to bring a change of clothes). We will arrange for siblings in school to also have their photographs taken together. If you have a younger child not attending school, you may bring them along at 8.30am to have their photograph taken with their sibling.

Reading and Phonics meeting for **Reception parents, Thursday 25th, 2.20pm for 2.30pm**. This is useful for parents of Reception children to find out about how we teach phonics and reading at Alpington and how best to support your child's development in this area. We do hope you are able to come along.

This has already been posted on the class page on the school website, along with other important information https://alpington.norfolk.sch.uk/robin-class/

Key Stage 2 Cross Country – Wednesday 1st October

The morning of Wed. 1st Oct all the KS2 children will be taking part in the cluster Cross Country event at Langley school. Transport has been organised and paid for. Please could all Swallows, Owls and Eagles come to school on the day dressed in WARM Alpington PE kit as we will be outside all morning. Joggers to go over shorts and plenty of layers that can be taken off while running and put back on whilst cheering on our friends would be ideal! We will be back in school for lunch. If any parents / grandparents etc. are available to help we are still looking for some extra pairs of hands. Please get in touch with Mrs Reeman in the office if you can help.

Please click here for details and to provide consent: https://forms.office.com/e/SAHxyR7yLf

As always, we know that communication between home and school is key. For children to thrive in school, we need a genuine partnership between home and school. No issue is too small! If anything changes at home that could affect your child in school, please let us know. We will do the same from school. Class teachers are around on the playground at the end of the day, or drop a message to your class email address. If you

Rosie Welch and the Alpington Team

Attached

- Art Club – October half-term Art Club 29th Oct. flyer
- ProCoach Halloween Sports Camp – 27th & 28th Oct. at Cringleford Primary