Newsletter 3rd October 2025

ALPINGTON & BERGH APTON
Church of England VA Primary School

Matthew 5 v 16

Dear parents

Let Every Light Shine

Parents evening appointments are now available to book through Compass. Both Swallows' class teachers will be at the appointments, however the bookings are in Mrs Weathers' name. Any problems, please let us know. Next time we will let you know in advance the date and time appointments will open; this time the system got ahead of me! Apologies if this has caused a problem for anyone.

Friends
We are on a big recruitment drive for Friends of Alpington. The Friends play such a central role in the life of our school. We all look forward to Christmas and summer fayres and the pre-loved uniform online is used by many parents. Our KS2 Choir and whole class music teaching are paid for by Friends, as is a contribution towards EVERY school trip. Friends are also supporting our fundraising for new play equipment to replace our ageing trim trail. None of this happens by accident!

Please could you offer to:
Support with sorting / washing pre preloved uniform:

- Support event organisation by running a stall, helping with the bar or café, helping to set up and take down, helping prepare things before the event, creating promotional materials, sourcing raffle prizes.
- Help with other events, eg Christmas discos
- Help with grant applications

ANY help you can offer really makes a difference – it really is a case of many hands make light work. Please contact Mel 07734291307 or Jess 07824879104 to offer your services, send me an email or pop along to the shelter after school today. Many thanks!

Sports events
We are really proud of our Alpington Football teams! Boys and girls took part in the Cluster Football league over the past 3 weeks. All the children were noted for their sporting behaviour and for cheering each other on! We won both the boys and the girls competitions – huge well done to all involved

Diary

October

Thurs 16th, 9.30am – Harvest Festival @ St Mary's
Mon 20th – Open Day 9.15 & 11am
Tues 21st & Wed 22nd – Parent/teacher consultations (Appointments now available to book through Compass)
Thurs 23rd – Years 4, 5 & 6 River Trip @ Horstead Centre; Year 3s fossil workshop delivered at school

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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and especially to Amy-May who was the top scorer for our girls team, scoring a hat trick in one match and the winning goals in the final!

We are also celebrating every child in KS2 as they all took part in the cluster cross country event at Langley on Wednesday. It was amazing to see so much determination and resilience on display as every single child took part, completed the course and finished with a big smile on their faces. Year 6 were especially noted for cheering on all the other year groups as they finished their run and it was lovely to see children's faces light up as they heard their names in the final stretch. Well done everyone.

Please could parents ensure that children's PE shorts are suitable for school PE. As a general rule, cycling or legging style shorts need to be long enough to be seen under their PE T-shirts! Thank you.

Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating our harvest festival on Thursday 16th October. Each class will visit the church to take part in activities around Harvest and healthy food, both for ourselves and others in our community and the wider world. Donations of packets and tins will go to the Salvation Army for distribution to those who need it, as part of a wider collection through the church congregation. **Please bring your donation to school on the morning of the 16th** – please check use by dates carefully!

Year 2 Parents – pedestrian training

On Friday 17th October, Sarah McCluskey, Road Safety Advisor, will be delivering pedestrian training to all the Year 2 children. The children will be split into small groups and the sessions will involve crossing roads local to the school. We need a few volunteers to help run this. Please complete the form to inform us if you are able to help and to acknowledge your child will be taking part.
https://forms.office.com/e/Xe4WS2Xn46

Gym Club

Tuesday's after school gym has spaces in the 3-4pm session. Please contact Rachel gymfinity15@gmail.com for more information.

Guitar lessons

Mr Ian Cooper who is employed by Norfolk Music Service has spaces for children in Years 3-6 wishing to learn to play the guitar or ukulele.
Mr Ian Cooper visits the school on a Friday and is offering a taster session to anyone interested. If you require more information please speak to Mrs Reeman.

Calendar update
Our choir have once again been invited to sing at the Forum in Norwich on the 8th December. We are planning to make the most of the coach and visit the Castle that afternoon. This means that Children in year 5 and 6 will now be making Christmas cakes on Thursday 4th December.

Years 4, 5 and 6 are visiting the Horstead Centre for a river trip on Thursday 23rd October. We have arranged for a visitor from the Norfolk Wildlife Trust to come in and deliver a fossil workshop to the Year 3s. Further details to follow shortly.

Photographs
School photographs proofs went home this week. Please follow the instructions to order and pay. Thank you.

Attendance
Whole school attendance is 98.05%. Well done everyone!

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!

To celebrate Harvest Festival the pudding for **Wed 8th Oct is apple crumble and custard!**

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!

Rosie Welch and the Alpington Team

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