# Newsletter 17th October 2025

# ALPINGTON & BERGH APTON
## Church of England VA Primary School

*Matthew 5 v 16*

Dear parents

Let Every Light Shine

**Parent teacher meetings**
Thank you to everyone for booking parent's evening appointments. There are one or two parents still to book – there are still appointments available; please contact Mrs. Reeman in the office if you are having trouble with the tech and she can book appointments for you.

**Friends**
Thanks to everyone for the amazing positive response to our plea for help with Friends. Many hands make light work and we are hugely grateful to everyone who offered their help and support. Planning for a Christmas Fayre has already begun!

**Save the date Friday 12th December 5 – 8.**

We are also hoping to host Discos for both key stages later this term – watch this space for times and dates!

**Harvest Festival**
We celebrated our Harvest Festival this week, with all the children visiting the church and taking part in a range of harvest themed activities around harvest prayers. We used wooden teaspoons to say thank you for our favorite food, shared bread and talked about how it is made, sorted and discussed harvest pictures, made pipe cleaner people to help us learn about food injustice across the world and sent our prayers up to God in prayer bubbles! It was lovely to see the older children doing such a great job at supporting the younger ones. As always everyone was beautifully behaved and there were lots of lovely thoughts, ideas and suggestions. Thank you for all your kind donations, which are joining the church's collection for the Salvation Army.

**Diary**

**October**

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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**National child measurement programme**
Attached are letters regarding the National Child Measurement programme in year R and year 6. Please read!

**WhatsApp**
I am aware that each class in the school has a WhatsApp group. These are generally cheerful and useful, providing a space for parents to chat, share information and find lost jumpers! However, they can also easily become a space for moans and groans or even rants. These are very public spaces, with messages visible to a wide audience and messages are easily shared or forwarded to other forums. Please could everyone think very carefully about what they use WhatsApp for. If you have an issue with school please come and talk to us directly and we will do our very best to sort it out. Please be especially mindful of comments about other people's children. Even where names are not mentioned, children are often identifiable and this causes lots of upset and worry. If in doubt, please speak to us first! Thank you for your consideration.

**Parent survey**
Please find below a link to this year's parent survey. We have reconsidered the questions and the format this year, bringing many questions into line with the children's survey which will allow us to see if parents and children have similar or differing views. I have also added some space for you to explain answers further so we can better take action to improve. As always, you don't have to give your name, but we are not able to respond to anonymous concerns. Your views are really important to us and help to drive school improvement. Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey.

https://forms.office.com/e/EJj0ZxCLNB

**Years 4, 5, 6 River visit to Horstead Centre**
Next Thursday, year's 4, 5 and 6 are off to Horsted for a River Study trip. If you haven't already, please complete the form below and return the Horstead medical and consent form. Payment is to the school bank account, not via Compass (yet – we are working on it for next time!)
https://forms.office.com/e/KsHiGiW8Eh

**Year 3s - Fossils**
Also on Thursday, the Year 3s have an outreach session delivered by the Norfolk Wildlife Trust on the topic of fossils. For more information and payment details please click here:
https://forms.office.com/e/QdCQu4Xnth

**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.

**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!**

**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**

- NCMP data information for Years R and 6
- Letters to parents of Year R and 6 re NCMP
- Calendar, Revision 4, Christmas Fayre – Fri 12th Dec., 5-8pm