Newsletter 21st November 2025

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Church of England VA Primary School

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Dear parents

Let Every Light Shine

There has been so much amazing learning in school over the last couple of weeks. Children in Robins and Kingfishers have been learning about our local community. We were so proud of the way they planned and led activities for the children at Cottontails when they visited last week. The children have built the most amazing model Alpington Village which is currently on display at the church. If you have not had a chance to pop in and see it, the church is open every day and you would be very welcome. There are also information leaflets written by the children in Kingfishers.

Children in KS2 put the finishing touches to their learning about Rivers with a trip to Horstaed where they took part in a river study both on the river and from the bank. It was a great opportunity to see geography in action and to put theories to the test. “The bit on the kayak was really fun. We used a rope and weights and tape to measure how deep the river was” explained Oliver in Owls class.

Children in Swallows and Owls were lucky enough to discover and explore the Tomb of Tutankhamun! In role as archaeologists they peered through the keyhole to see

Diary		
November		
Wed 26th	2.15pm	Open afternoon for our parents
Fri 28th	All day	“You Choose Day”
	School Disco	Robins and Kingfishers 3-4pm KS2 4.30-5.30pm
December		
Thurs 4th	a.m.	Years 5 & 6 Christmas cake making
Mon 8th	All day	KS2 trip – visit to Norwich Castle and performance at Forum
Tues 9th	a.m.	Years 1 & 2 Nativity dress rehearsal
Wed 10th	1.45pm tbc	Years 1 & 2 Nativity performance
Thurs 11th	1.45pm tbc	Years 1 & 2 Nativity performance
Fri 12th	9.30am	Reception Nativity morning
	5-8pm	Christmas Fayre
Mon 15th	9am Years 5 10.30am Years 6	Year 5 & 6 Christmas cake icing
Tues 16th	am	Christingle Service
Thurs 18th	am	Christmas carols at local church
	Lunchtime	Christmas lunch
Fri 19th	pm	Class Christmas parties

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

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“marvellous things” and explored the treasures with torches and candle light. Swallows have written some fantastic diary entries based on their adventures.

Salvation army toy appeal

A massive thank you to everyone for your support for the Salvation Army Toy appeal. So many lovely toys were donated; I know it will make a huge difference to children in Norfolk who might otherwise miss out. A Huge thank you to all the children and their families who came and performed at the service on Sunday. It showed such lovely support for school and the church – it was so full they ran out of service sheets! There is a little video of the children’s contribution which I will try and get up on the website next week.

What’s on this year?

This is a lovely chance to get together with friends and family in the run up to Christmas, so we have put together a fun night of food, drink and lots of activities, including a new Santa’s Grotto. Take a look at the flyer attached to see what we have in store for you this year. Don’t forget to bring along family and friends - All welcome!

We also need your help!

If there is anything that you can do to support on the night, we would be hugely grateful.

We are looking for…

- *Volunteers – We have some great stalls on the night, but we need some people to help run them. We are only asking for people to help for half of the fair, that way everyone gets a chance to enjoy the event too.*
  If you (and any little helpers you have with you) are happy to jump on a stall, please drop your name into this form: Click here
  Or text Jess on 07824879104
- *Teddies/toys/books – Perfect chance to have a pre-Christmas clear out! If you have any teddies, toys or books, please do donate them to the tombolas. Simply drop them at the door to the school office.*
- *Gazebo – We are looking for a little gazebo to use one the night, if you have one we can borrow that would be much appreciated.*
- *Raffle prize donations – Can you (or perhaps the place you work for) donate a raffle prize?*

- *Calling all bakers! - Can you make some mince pies or sausage rolls to sell on the night?*

If there is anything you can do to help, please drop us a very quick note using this form: Click here
Or pop Jess a text on 07824879104

Thanks
Friends of Alpington

Parent survey 2025
Please see attached feedback and actions from the survey in October.

Christmas lunch menu – All parents to please complete the form on Compass by Friday 28th November, even if your child chooses not to have the traditional Christmas lunch
If your child is in Robins or Kingfishers, the lunch is included as part of the universal free school meal offer. If your child is in KS2 you will need to pay for lunch as usual. If your child really doesn't want a Christmas lunch, they will be able to eat their packed lunch in the hall at the same time as everyone else. Allergies will be catered for as usual.
Children can come to school on this day in their Christmas jumper / hat etc.

You Choose Day – Friday 28th November
The children have been making their choices and will bring these home either today or Monday. It is a bit of a logistical nightmare but we have been able to allocate all the children 3 of their 5 choices. We are not able to change these activities now we have sorted out who is doing what!

The children have asked to come to school for breakfast which will be on offer in the hall from 8.30 on Friday morning. This will be after breakfast club which will be as usual. It would be helpful to think of this as a top up rather than full blown breakfast! Please drop off your bag / coat etc and then come straight to the hall on Friday morning.

The children have chosen the lunch menu which will be:

Chinese-Style Chicken with Noodles
or
Margherita Pizza
served with peppers, carrots and cucumber
Dessert is their favourite toffee cream shortcake.

The packed lunch option is pasta pot.

Order and pay as usual on the day.

It is non uniform. If your child has chosen sport please come dressed for the weather in something you can do sport in.

Please bring donations for the Chocolate Tombola (at the Christmas fayre).

The disco will be after school. If KS1 children want to change they can bring their clothes with them – this may not be necessary as it is non uniform anyway. KS2 children who are attending multisports can stay in school and change here if they would like to. Please note that in the case of very bad weather we may have to cancel multi sports.

Plea from Robins if you have a Christmas tree you no longer require, Robins would be very grateful to receive – thank you.

Compass
We are now getting familiar with Compass and we hope you are too. There are still a few parents who have yet to provide consent and payments for the KS2 trip on the 8th December to the Forum and the Years 5 and 6 Christmas cake making on Thursday 4th December. Details of the children's school disco are also posted on Compass and parents need to book/make payment to reserve a place for their child.

Car parking and cars left idling
Can we please remind parents to be respectful of our neighbours when parking. It has also been brought to our attention, at the end of the day, parents are parking with their cars left idling. It is against the law to leave a vehicle's engine running unnecessarily while stationary on a public road.

Attendance
Whole school attendance is 96.7%, which is a bit of a dip. I know there are lots of bugs around at the moment! Please see the NHS advice on the Just One Norfolk Website if you are unsure if your child is well enough for school.

Rosie Welch and the Alpington Team

Attached

- Christmas Fayre Flyer and Information
- Framingham Earl High School – Christmas Fair, 22nd November
- School Disco – 28th November
- Hobart High School – Science Lecture, 4th December
- Feedback from parent survey