Newsletter 7th November 2025

ALPINGTON & BERGH APTON
Church of England VA Primary School

Matthew 5 v 16

Dear parents

Let Every Light Shine

Watch out for some exciting topic developments in both key stages over the next week or so. Robins and Kingfishers are in the throws of making a model village which will be installed in church next Friday. From the following week you will be able to pop in and see their creation, read interviews with local people and their tour guide to Alpington. Please sign the visitors book so the children know you have been! We will also be inviting members of the local community and church to share our work. Next week Robins and Kingfishers have planned activities for our visiting Cottontails. Watch out for the pictures on Tapestry. There are also plans afoot for KS2 – it's all a big secret so watch this space!

Salvation army toy appeal
We are pleased to be supporting the Salvation Army toy appeal again this year. A service will be held at the church in Bergh Apton on Sunday 16th November to celebrate. Please see the attached flyer for details.

We will be collecting donations in school over the next week which will be collected and taken to the service. The donated presents don't need to be large or extravagant - packets of Top Trumps or felt tipped pens are perfect. It's a great way to get the children thinking about others before the Christmas festivities take over. Please bring your donations to school - a collection box will be available in the hallway. Thank you to those who have already contributed.

We would love you to join the service on the 16th. Some of our children have offered to help – I have contacted these parents separately.

Diary

November

Sun 16th	11am	Salvation Army Toy Appeal Service at Bergh Apton church
Tues 18th	All day	Years 4, 5 & 6, River Trip at Horstead Centre
Wed 19th	a.m.	YR and Y6 National Child Measurement Programme
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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Friends

We are excited to let you know that the school disco has been booked for Friday 28th November.
The KS1 disco will be from 3pm-4pm and the KS2 will be from 4.30pm-5.30pm.
Tickets cost £5 per child.
Please complete the below form and send across the ticket money by Wednesday 26th November to confirm your child's attendance.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc1XNb8Z0gAyiecPwy8e6KJbHl58TpnqnL9W6ypv30FTFxS1w/viewform?usp=publish-editor

Please pay into the Friends of Alpington bank account:
Sort code 82-11-07
Account number 00320623

KS1 children will need to bring their disco outfits to school. They will change in their classrooms and be taken straight into the disco at 3pm. For those KS2 children attending multi-sports, they will also need to bring their disco outfits to change into. As the disco will take place in the hall, if the weather is really bad we will need to cancel the after school multi-sports. We will obviously let you know nearer the time.

Also taking place on Friday 28th is our regular feature **"You Choose Day"**. This is a day of activities requested and organised by the children. More details to follow.

Christmas cards
Your child will have brought home the proof of their Christmas card design. The shop is open but be quick – the **order deadline has been extended to 14th November.**

Winkworth boards
For the last couple of years Winkworth have been kind enough to give £5 to every house willing to have a board outside their house promoting the Christmas fair.

We need to let them know ASAP how many people are happy to do that this year so that we can see if they are able to support us again.

Please could you fill in the very quick form below if you are happy to have one at your house.

Don't forget to ask neighbours and family members if they are able to have one too if they are local.

Thanks,

Friends of Alpington

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Sugar for Shelters

As we do every year we are supporting the annual Sugar for Shelter collection. We hope that this will ensure a little comfort and a sweet treat for people without homes or families this Christmas. Please bring your sugar donation to school before Thursday 11th December. Look out for the silver spoon which tells you that your sugar is supporting British farming and ensuring an additional donation to the charity as well. Thank you for your support.

Surveys

Thank you to everyone who completed the parent survey. The form is now closed. I will be sharing the results and any associated actions in the next newsletter.

The children in KS2 all completed the children's survey in school at the end of last half term. If you have a child in KS1 please could you click the link and complete the survey with your child. We would really like to hear their views and only a handful of children have completed it so far. Thank you!

Children's Questionnaire October 2025. Personal development, wellbeing and safety – Fill out form

Compass and upcoming events.

We are now able to organise events and trips through Compass. Parents in KS2 will have received communication about singing at the forum on the 8th of December and parents of children in year 5 and 6 about Christmas cake making. **If you don't have a Compass login, please now contact us urgently to get you set up as you will need it to give consent and make payment.** Payments for guitar will also be moving over to Compass – watch this space! We are working on the Breakfast Club situation, which is made a bit more tricky due to third party payments via the tax free childcare scheme. As soon as we resolve this, payments for Breakfast Club will also move over to Compass. Please continue to check the diary for upcoming events, particularly as it gets busy towards Christmas.

This is a secret message! To encourage everyone to read right to the end of the newsletter there will sometimes be a hidden prize for those who make it right to the end! Reply to the newsletter with the words "secret message" – the first 24 children can come and collect a little treat from Mrs Welch on Monday!

Years 4, 5, 6 River visit to Horstead Centre

Just a reminder that this has moved to Tuesday 18th November – fingers crossed for the weather!

Invitations to attend a Science Lecture at Hobart High and Framingham Earl High School's Christmas Fair are attached.

Attendance

Whole school attendance is 97.3%. We are seeing a small increase in children who are "persistently absent" – with attendance less than 90%. Most of this is due to term time holiday……

Rosie Welch and the Alpington Team

Attached

- School Calendar – Revision 5
- Salvation Army Toy Appeal Service at Bergh Apton Church - 16th November
- Framingham Earl High School – Christmas Fair, 22nd November
- School Disco – 28th November
- Hobart High School – Science Lecture, 4th December