Newsletter 5th December 2025

ALPINGTON & BERGH APTON
Church of England VA Primary School

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Dear parents

Let Every Light Shine

Christmas is now underway at Alpington! There is a lot going on in school so in the interests of making sure everyone has the information they need this newsletter will be a bit of a list! We will try to keep the website up to date with the things that are going on so keep an eye on class pages and events page of the website for pictures / video etc.

Monday 8th – KS2 choir and castle trip.
Please bring a packed lunch and come to school wearing your choir t-shirt with long sleeves underneath.

Choir are performing at **1pm inside The Forum.**

We are **returning to school for 4.45pm.**

Years 1 and 2 Nativity
Please make sure that your child has clothes in school to wear under their costume. There will be a dress rehearsal for the school on Tuesday.

Diary		
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	Years 1 & 2 Nativity performance
Thurs 11th	1.45pm	Years 1 & 2 Nativity performance
Fri 12th	9.30am	Robins 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
Wed 17th	Pm	KS2 Christmas parties
Thurs 18th	9.30am	Christmas carols at local church
	Lunchtime	Christmas lunch
Fri 19th	pm	Robins and Kingfishers Christmas parties
	Last day of term	
Tues 6th January return to school		

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

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Performances are on Wednesday and Thursday at 1.45pm Please come along – all welcome! There will be tea and coffee and a mince pie available after the performances. You will be able to take children home once they are changed, including siblings.

Robins class nativity morning
Friday 12th November at 9.30am
Children come in whatever nativity costume makes them happy. There will be songs and a telling of the Christmas story, followed by activities for adults and children to do together. Year 1 Robins will take part alongside reception. There will be tea and coffee for the grown ups – all welcome.

Christmas Fayre – Friday 12th from 5 – 8.
Lots to see, do and eat including a visit to Santa which you can book below. Tickets are just £5, and every child will get a present.

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Please come along and support. We are also still looking for any help on offer, please contact Friends if you are able to.

Christmas cake icing – Years 5 and 6: Monday 15th
Year 5 in the hall at 9.00am
Year 6 in the hall at 10.30

You will need to bring your cake and all the things you need to decorate it. No marzipan please as we have allergies. Parents, grandparents etc. really welcome to come and help!

Tuesday 16th – Christingle service
Please come and join us at St Mary's, Yelverton church, for our Christingle service.

Rashford (green) and Attenborough (Red) at 9.30am

Thunberg (Blue) and Hamilton (purple) at 11.00am

We will be making a collection for the Children's Society who help to organise the event each year. We are not taking cash – you can make a donation using the QR code.

Wednesday 17th December
KS2 Christmas parties. Come to school in your Christmas party clothes. Remember you need to wear it all day, including playtime so relatively warm with sensible shoes!!

Thursday 18th December
Come to school in a Christmassy top or jumper. Festive hats welcome!

Please join us at 9.30am outside the church for carol singing! This is the one event which may be cancelled or moved if it is very wet.

Children's Christmas lunch – make sure you have ordered via Compass. Payment will be taken on the day like a usual school lunch. Don't forget to top up your account if your child is in KS2 and does not usually have a school lunch.

Friday 19th December
Robins and Kingfishers Christmas Parties. Come to school in your Christmas party clothes. Remember you need to wear it all day, including playtime so relatively warm with sensible shoes!!

Mr Cooper will be in as usual on the last day of term, so guitar players remember guitars. However, Mrs Charlotte Cork will not be in and Mr Colbeck's after school multi-sports will not be running.

End of term!

Sugar for Shelters
Thank you to those who have already donated a bag of sugar for the homeless, if you can please spare a bag, please bring it to school before Thursday 11th. Your support is much appreciated. Thank you.

Claire Cookson will be joining us as our Parent Support advisor from January, replacing Monika Firago. Please see message below!

Hi everyone,

I'm Claire Cookson, and I'm really pleased to be joining the Alpington school community and stepping into the role that Monika previously held. I know how valued her work has been here, and I'm looking forward to continuing that support for pupils, staff and families.

I've spent over sixteen years working with children and their adults in schools and community settings, helping them build resilience, manage emotions and feel more settled in uncertain times. If you'd like to find out more about how I help, please follow this link to the Feel Good Norfolk directory: https://feelgoodnorfolk.co.uk/listing/drawing-comfort/

I'm excited to get to know you all and become a familiar, friendly face around school. If you see me, please do say hello!

Best wishes, Claire

Change of menu for first day of term – Tuesday 6th January 2026

Margherita Pizza with Tomato Pasta, Peas and Sweetcorn or
Plant Balls in a BBQ Sauce with Steamed Rice, Peas and Sweetcorn or
Cheese Sandwich with Sultanas and Apple Wedges
with
Cocoa Mousse

Vision and Hearing Screening for all Reception children will take place on Tuesday 13th January – Please see the attached letter for details.

And finally

From today's EDP…

The Times names the Best Schools in Norfolk 2025

"The Sunday Times Parent Power guide is a fully searchable national database of the UK's best 2 000 schools. The Uks highest achieving primary and secondary schools are revealed in the 33rd edition…..

In the Top Primary Schools category, Alpington and Bergh Apton CofE Primary School placed 4th in East Anglia and 246th nationally, followed by Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery in Sixth place and 264th nationally."

Happy Christmas!

Best wishes

The Alpington Team

Attached

- Christmas Fayre Flyer and Information
- Calendar – Revision 6
- Letter to Reception parents re vision and hearing screening
- Alpington Community Shop poster