Newsletter 18th September 2026

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Church of England VA Primary School

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Dear parents

We have had such a positive start to the school year! A big congratulations to all our Robins starting school for the first time. Children have settled really quickly into school routines and are starting school full time on Monday. Thank you too to children in Eagles who have done a wonderful job at looking after the little ones and making them feel confident at playtimes. We have our first class focus in this newsletter – this will also be shared on the Robins pages of the website. Next time, Kingfishers!

Diary

Sept 2026		
9th	Pm	Hobart Headteacher Visting Eagles
22nd	AM	Flu Immunisations
23rd	AM	Sch Photos Siblings & Individuals
30th	AM	KS2 Cross Country at Langley
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October Half Term Friday 23rd- Friday 30th October (Friday 23rd extra day this year as inset).

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

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Learning focus – writing

It is September and with the start of a new school year comes a new focus for school development. This year one of the things we are focusing on is children's writing. There will be two strands to this project. On the one hand we want children to understand the concept of a sentence and be able to punctuate it correctly. As they move through the school, the structure of the sentences becomes more complex, enabling the children to express themselves effectively and to make use of their fabulous vocabulary. Key to our Alpington philosophy is that children who are engaged in their learning and who have lots to write about will want to write and consequently will write at greater depth, in more detail and it will be more interesting to read! The other strand of our development is therefore the continued development of cross curricular writing; writing about what we know, writing for a purpose and writing as a way of expressing our imaginations and our creative ideas. We have already got underway with a renewed focus and teaching sequence for sentence construction – watch this space in the coming weeks for examples to celebrate the children's writing.

CLASS FOCUS

I love drawing at school Rory

I love Playing Drs with my friends Alice

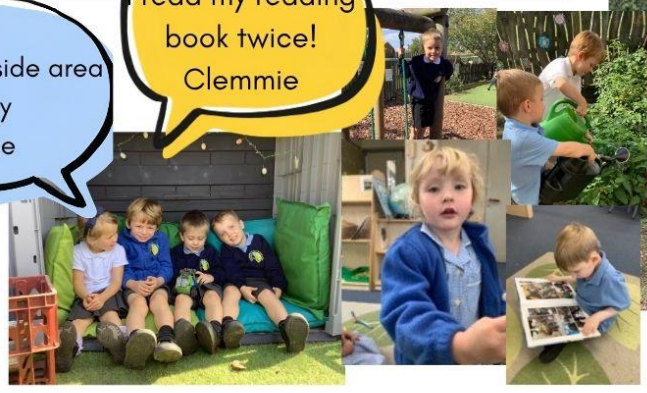
Welcome to our Robins in Focus newsletter!

We have had a wonderful start to the new school year and have loved spending time getting to know the new Reception children. They have enjoyed spending time exploring the school and getting used to new routines. Our Year One children have not only been working very hard, but they have also supported their new friends in their transition to school. We are very proud of all our lovely Robins!!

I love playing with the big boys Isaac

I read my reading book twice! Clemmie

I love our outside area to play Freddie



Our year 1 Robins have been using seasonal fruit to make crumble this week. We had to read the recipe and follow the instructions. We have been safely doing some chopping, mixing and baking and have enjoyed eating the results!

Harvest Festival
Our harvest festival will be on Thursday 8th October. During the course of the day all the children will be visiting the church and taking part in harvest activities. Donations will be given to the Salvation Army Food bank. If you are able to, please send your child to school with a packet or a tin on the day, which will be added to the church collection. Please check use by dates carefully. Thank you.

Choir
On Saturday 28th November Charlotte Cork is running a joint concert with her adult Choir and our Alpington Children's Choir. Charlotte's singing club are also involved. We would love as many of our Alpington children as possible to come and be part of the choir performance. It will be a lovely occasion, an amazing opportunity for the children to perform and a great start to Christmas. Parents will be able to come and watch. We will be putting an event out on compass – please sign up as soon as possible!

Parking
I am a bit fed up because, despite our efforts with parking last week, we have had a complaint from a neighbour about parking at the end of the school day. A parent had parked across the entrance to the car park for the houses opposite the school on the road as you leave towards Bergh Apton. There was a parent of a child at Brooke school who needed to get out to go and collect her own child. The response she got when she asked the person to move was not polite – putting it mildly. We have a responsibility as a whole school community to respect each other and keep the children safe at the end of the school day. I am asking again, please park responsibly, for the safety of our children and with respect for the people who live close to our school.

Please leave at least one car length before the corners, please do not park blocking driveways or car parks or blocking the parking spaces opposite. I am saying again, there is parking at the village hall and at the pub – we would rather you are a few minutes late and park safely and respectfully than cause an accident or upset to our neighbours. Thank you.

Flu immunisations
These are taking place on Tuesday 22nd September in school. Permission for this is sorted by the team who come in and not through school. Thank you to everyone who has consented – it really helps to keep us all healthy when the winter bugs get going!

School photographs
Photographs are being taken by Tempest Photography on Wednesday morning. Robins and Kingfishers children in smart school PE kit, KS2 children in smart school uniform. Proofs will be emailed to parents directly for ordering.

Trips and events
Parents of children in KS2 please could you check details, consent and pay for 2 upcoming events on Compass**. Cross Country at Langley** is on Wednesday 30th September – details below.

*"The Cross country event will take place on Wednesday 30th September 2026 at LANGLEY school as previous years. This is for **all of our KS2** children, the coach will operate a shuttle type service, taking year groups at a time and back again during school time. The coach will be picking up our first groups at 9am. All children will be back in school by roughly 12.15pm that day (to have lunch at school).*

Please can children wear P.E kit, including warm layers of clothing and a waterproof jacket. - We tend to participate no matter the weather!
A large snack and water bottle will also be needed. Snack - can be something they don't necessarily have for

the "norm". We advise something a bit more filling, even an extra sandwich!
No jewellery please, and earrings to be taped where necessary.

Parents are not permitted to attend/watch their child/children at this event.

Please note, due to certain funding for schools changing recently, we are asking for a small donation of £3.00 from parents to help with costs towards the transport for sports events if possible."

Key stage 2 visit to **Time and Tide,** again for children in KS2 is on Wednesday 14th October – details are all on Compass.

I hope you all had a lovely summer holiday and had the chance to relax and recharge. Now that my daughters are young adults, my school holidays feel very different. I'm no longer trying to find a balance between the busyness of family days out and the calm of pottering around the house together.

Instead, this summer I've been busy creating blog posts offering simple approaches to the most frequent headaches and heartaches parents and carers share with me.

Here's the link if you have five minutes to take a look: Resources Hub
If you have another five minutes after that, I'd love to hear your honest feedback and suggestions for future entries.

Best wishes to you all,

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Attendance
We have generally got off to a great start with attendance. Thank you everyone! Any issues, please let us know, we can probably help.

Rosie Welch and the Alpington Team

Attached
- Framingham Earl High School Open Evening Invitation
- Be a Chorister Day – Sat. 10th Oct