ST ALFEGE NEWS

November 2026

St Alfege with St Peter's
Church of England Primary School

This half term's value is Service to Others

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others,
as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms
1 Peter 4:10

We are encouraging children to think about the gifts they have been blessed with and how they can use those gifts to serve those at home, in the school community and in wider society.



CHILDREN IN NEED

Friday 13th November is Children in Need Day. We would love to love to support this worthwhile charity as best we can, but encourage parents to only give what they know they can afford. Children can come to school in their own clothes on Friday – including bows!!

Children have also been challenged to bring in something yellow **that fits in a book bag**.
The most creative yellow item will win a prize!

OVERLEARNING THROUGH HOMEWORK

We consider homework to be a important aspect of children's learning as it provides opportunities for overlearning. Overlearning just means having your child continue practicing a skill even after they can already do it perfectly—like riding a bike without training wheels, but continuing to do extra laps around the block so it becomes second nature.

All children, from Reception to Year 6 are provided with tasks to complete at home which support overlearning:

- Reception – phonics sounds
- Year 1 & Year 2 tricky words
- Year 3, 4, 5 White Rose maths book and spellings
- Year 6 White Rose maths book, CGP grammar book and spellings

Due to the importance of overlearning and the impact it has on children's progress, we expect the homework activities to be completed and returned according the days given to children which are also below. Homework activities will never require anything other resources than what children have been given and a pencil/pen so please ensure their homework is completed and returned. Any homework not completed will result in children from Year 3 – Year 6 losing a Dojo for each piece of homework not returned.

All children should also be reading independently or be read to for at least 10 minutes a day.

Class	Given out on	Returned by
Reception	Monday	Friday
Year 1	Friday	N/A
Year 2	Friday	Thursday
Year 3	Friday	Thursday
Year 4	Thursday	Following Thursday
Year 5	Monday (spelling) & Wednesday	Friday (spelling) & Monday
Year 6	Monday (spelling) & Wednesday	Friday (spelling) and Wednesday

ROBOBUG DAY

Children had a great time working in mixed year groups during our robobug day. They learned about the characteristics of different insects and the planet Mars and then worked in groups to plan and create a bug that would be able to withstand Mars' harsh conditions. The results were amazing. Thank you the parents that came in school in the afternoon to help out and to all those who came to visit the gallery after school. Visit the highlights page of the school website to see some of the images from the day.



WE NEED PARENTS TO HELP PLAN AND RUN OUR SCHOOL DISCO!

Our last disco was a great success and we'd love to do it all again but we need parents/carers who are willing to give up their time to plan, organise and run the event. We've had 9 parents respond so far which is great, but we can never have too many. Mrs Wilson will be meeting with volunteers at **9am on Thursday 12th November** to agree dates and the theme; the rest will be up to parents. If you're interested in being part of the organising committee and can come to the meeting on Thursday please contact the school office to let them know

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING PARENT WORKSHOPS

This academic year we will be running a number of parent workshops to help you understand how you can support your child's learning. Dates of the workshops for this term are below.

Registration will be necessary so that we know how many parents we will be expecting at each session.

- Expectations for learning in Upper KS2 - Year 5 & Year 6 parents – **12.30pm Tuesday 17th November on GoogleMeet –** Log on details will be sent the day before to those who have registered.
- The importance of times tables – Year 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 parents - **9am on Tuesday 24th November in school**
- Phonics and Early Reading – Nursery, Reception & Year 1 & 2 Parents - **9am Friday 4th December in school**

Visit the parents page of the school website to register for these sessions or scan the QR code below.

HEALTHY LUNCHES

Thanks to the Mayor of London, all primary school children are entitled to a free school lunch every day.

All lunches are freshly cooked in our kitchen every day and the menus created by our caterers are designed to provide nutritious and delicious food that we hope pupils will love. Mrs Wilson and members of the school council work closely with our school cook Bola to ensure the menus are suited to children at St Alfege.

If your child has a packed lunch, please can you ensure it is healthy; this means no chocolate, sweets, or crisps and no fizzy drinks. The image below gives ideas of what can go into a healthy packed lunch.

We would like to apply for our Healthy Schools award and can only do this if all children are having a healthy lunch. Your support is vey much appreciated.

ALLERGY AWARENESS – ONLY FACTORY SEALED EDIBLE TREATS WITH FACTORY PRINTED INGREDIENTS ALLOWED IN PARTY BAGS

As a school, and for those parents whose children have allergies, we need to be clear about what ingredients are in the food that is given to children and this is not possible when unpackaged treats such as cupcakes and biscuits are included in party bags. We will only give out edible treats which are in individual factory sealed packets and include a factory pre-printed ingredients list. We want to ensure those who wish to share birthday treats with their friends can still do so, but also need to make sure all children are safe. If you are unsure whether something will be suitable for a party bag, speak to your child's class teacher or a member of the school admin team.
We appreciate your support and understanding.

JOIN OUR WHATSAPP CHANNEL

The St Alfege Primary School Bulletin Board has been set up to promote activities that take place in our school. It's free join and **your personal details <u>cannot</u> be seen or shared in the channel**. The information is shared by a St Alfege staff member and there is not an option to respond to any messages that are sent.

Scan the QR code below or follow the link to join the channel and keep up to date.

https://whatsapp.com/channel/0029Vb0GiwMEAKW7RP3D6U0s.



OUR SCHOOL VISION

TAKEN FROM MARK 12:31-34

EMBRACING THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT IN ALL THAT WE DO.

Our vision statement explains what the vision means.

We share our hearts gladly with those that we meet
Embracing the difference that make us complete

We walk in God's image His love we will sow
We want to be Christ-like each day as we grow

We live healthy lives both in body and mind
Giving our all to the work that we find

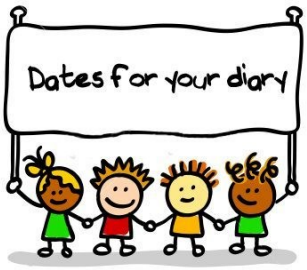
We aim high in our learning, achieving each day
We are part of St Alfege and this is our way

FUNDRAISNG APP
Thank you very much to everyone who has already downloaded the Easyfundraising app. Donations are rolling in and we've already £163.33 in just a few months. This may seem like a long way off of our £7,500 target to raise funds for classroom iPads and tablets but every little helps! If you haven't already downloaded the Easyfundraising app please scan the attached QR code. You can do all your online shopping in one easy app saving you time and raising money for our school!

GENERAL OFFICE HOURS
Our School Office hours are from 8:45am – 9am and from 3:20pm – 3:35pm.

If you are unable to visit the office during these times you can contact the office to arrange a mutually convenient time for you to visit. You can call the office on 0208 858 3613 or email info@stalfegeschool.org.uk

Please avoid calling the office between 9am and 10am unless it is urgent as this is our busiest time of the day.



CHILDREN IN NEED
Friday 13th November

NATIONAL ANTI-BULLYING WEEK
w/b 16th November

YEAR 6 CLASS ASSEMBLY
Thursday 24th November at 9:15am

YEAR 5 CLASS ASSEMBLY
Wednesday 30th November at 9:15am

CHRISTMAS DINNER & JUMPER DAY
Friday 11th December

Friday 18th December Last day of term- 1.30pm close

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
MONDAY 21ST DEC - FRIDAY 1ST JAN

INSET DAY
Monday 4th January - School will be closed to children on this day

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK
w/b 1ST February

SAFER INTERNET DAY
Tuesday 9th February

HALF TERM HOLIDAY
MONDAY 15th - FRIDAY 19th FEBRUARY

SCHOOL PHOTOS – CLASS, SIBLING AND INDIVIDUAL
Monday 22nd February

CAREERS DAY
Monday 1st March

WORLD BOOK DAY
Thursday 4th March

Dates for the rest of the academic year are on the school website

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY
A reminder that all children should arrive at school by 8.50am.

There are learning tasks that take place as soon as the children have taken their coats off so it is important they arrive on time so that they do not miss out on these tasks.

If your child is unable to come to school because they are unwell, you should phone the school office **on each day of absence before 8:45am** to let us know. You can also send an email.

Where possible appointments should be booked outside of school hours.

Documentary evidence must be provided for any appointments that need to take place during the school day.
Please do not email photographs of your child's ailments.