

ST ALFEGE NEWS

September 2026



WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!

I would particularly like to welcome our new families to our school community. It's a blessing that you chose to send your children to our school and we hope your time with us will be an enjoyable experience.

A reminder to all our families that we are here to support you as well as your children. If you need to speak to Mrs Wilson (headteacher) or Mrs Harris (deputy headteacher) you can catch us on the gates before or after school, or make an appointment to meet with us. No issue is too big or too small.

Finally, if you have any skills that you think would benefit the school and would like to volunteer your time, please email support@stalfegeschool.org.uk – in some circumstances an enhanced DBS will be required.

This half term's value is LOVE

"We love because he first loved us."
1 John 4:19

This is such a well-known Bible verse and reminds us of the power of God's love. As we begin a new academic year, we want God's love to flow through our school.

If you would like someone to pray for you or your family, please complete the request form on the front page of our website.

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP UPDATES

As you were informed last year, Mrs Wilson is currently undertaking a PhD which will hopefully produce research that will hopefully have an impact on the whole education sector. As a result Mrs Wilson will continue to work 4 days a week and will not be school on Wednesdays. Mrs Harris will continue to be the Acting Headteacher on Wednesdays.

PICKING CHILDREN UP AT THE END OF THE DAY

If someone else will be picking your child up at the end of the day it is important that you let us know beforehand. The best way to do this is to email the school office so that we have it on record. If the person will be picking your child up regularly, you may want to consider putting them on the emergency contact list.

We know some parents have informal arrangements with each other, but it is still important to let us know. If we have not heard directly from you that someone who is not on the contact list is picking up your child, we will call you to confirm. This is to safeguard your child and so we can be sure you are aware of whose care your child is in at all times.

A reminder that children in Year 5 and Year 6 can walk home on their own. If your child is in Year 4 and would like them to walk home on their own, you will need to email the school office to let us know.

Children in Year 5 and Year 6 should not be asked to take home siblings who are in EYFS, Year 1 or Year 2.

**A REMINDER THAT WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL.
DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD IN WITH ANY FOOD THAT CONTAINS NUTS OF ANY KIND!**

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

As a school, and for those parents whose children have allergies, we need to be sure 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 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 first.

We appreciate your support and understanding.

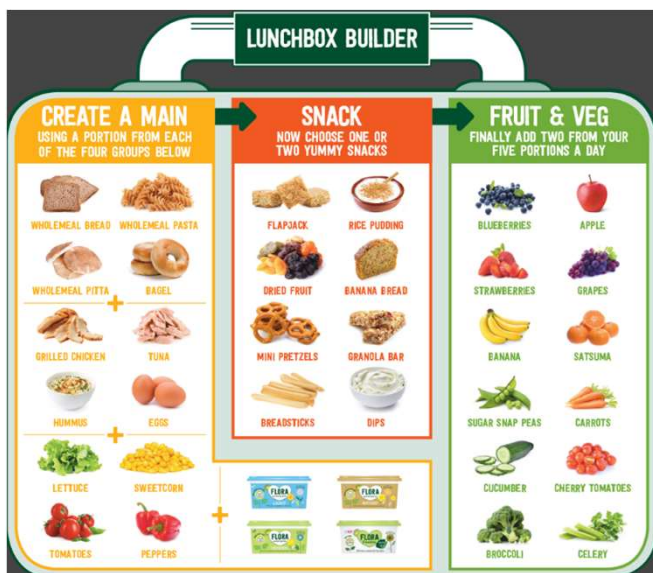
HEALTHY LUNCHES

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 very much appreciated.



FOODBANK

Thanks to ongoing contributions from members of St Alfege Church and members of our school community, we are able to continue to provide food bags to those families most in need. If you require a food bag you will need to collect a form from the school office and return it on a Monday so that the bags can be prepared.

We have now added some perishable items to the list. You will be sent a message to collect your bag on a Thursday. Please only request a food bag if you need it (you may not need one every week) so that we can continue to ensure the donations go to those most in need.

ONLY FACTORY SEALED EDIBLE TREATS ALLOWED IN PARTY BAGS

We have children in our school who have different food allergies and we need to be very careful about the food they eat. As a school, and for those parents whose children have allergies, we need to be sure 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.

With immediate effect we will only give out edible treats which are in individual factory sealed packets and include a 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 first

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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 to join and **your personal details cannot 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>



St Alfege Primary School
Bulletin Board
WhatsApp channel



If this channel QR code is shared with someone, they can scan it with their camera to view and follow your channel.

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**

FUNDRAISING APP

Thank you very much to everyone who has already downloaded the Easyfundraising app. Donations are rolling in and we've already raised £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.

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.



MEET THE TEACHER

Monday 14th & Tuesday 15th September. Please refer to the letter that was sent out on Monday.

YEAR 6 TRANSITION INFORMATION SESSION FOR PARENTS - ONLINE

Monday 14th September 5pm

RECEPTION TO YEAR 6 FLU IMMUNISATION (NASAL SPRAY)

Wednesday 30th September - morning

NATIONAL POETRY DAY EVENT (POETRY) SLAM

Thursday 1st October

INSET DAY

Friday 2nd October - school will be closed to children on this day.

HARVEST SERVICE

Wednesday 7th October 2pm

MIXED CLASSES ROBOBUG CHALLENGE

Friday 23rd October

HALF TERM

MONDAY 26TH – FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER

INSET DAY

Monday 2nd November - school will be closed to children on this day.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Friday 13th November

NATIONAL ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

w/b 16th November

MATHS PROBLEM SOLVING DAY

Monday 7th December

CHRISTMAS DINNER & JUMPER DAY

Friday 11th December

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

MONDAY 21ST - FRIDAY 1ST JAN

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