



We will be holding our annual Harvest Festival next week and are asking pupils to bring donations of food items for our local foodbank. Please see poster for suggested items. We ask that pupils bring donations to school from 5th—9th October. Items will be left untouched over the weekend and collected on Monday 12th. We thank you in advance of your generosity and support on behalf of the many families who will be gratefully receiving donations such as yours during these upcoming months.

SCHOOL HARVEST COLLECTION 2020

COLLECTION POINT HERE

SHOPPING LIST
Our Top Ten Items:
Tinned Meat
Tinned Curry
Tinned Vegetables
Tinned Fruit
Long Life Fruit Juice
Tinned Grapes
Tinned Rice Pudding
Tinned Potatoes
Packets Mashed Potatoes
Jam Spreads

DONATE 5th-9th October
Help by donating an item or two from our shopping list so we can provide emergency food to people in crisis.

Redditch Foodbank
Number 24, Church Green East, Redditch, B98 8DE
redditch.foodbank.org.uk
Registered Charity in England & Wales (115791)

Alvechurch Grammar School Trust

A local charitable trust supporting local children

Did you know about a local 'Grammar Trust' that offers financial support for pupils in our area. We urge parents to visit their new website for further information.

Please visit: www.alvechurchgst.org.uk

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

We are urging parents to check whether they may be entitled to apply for Free School meals via the Worcestershire County Council. You can check your entitlement by visiting:

Worcestershire County Council



PTA AGM ~ 5th October 2020 6pm Oval Hall

We warmly invite parents/carers to our PTA (Parent Teachers Association) AGM (Annual General Meeting). On the 5th October 2020 in our Square Hall 6-7pm. (Distancing/sanitising measures in place).

We welcome anyone who has an interest in supporting our efforts to raise additional school funds which are spent on additional equipment and opportunities for the pupils in our school. The PTA have previously funded additional resources to include; IT equipment, ePraise system, books and more.

Due to lockdown during the 2020 Summer term, we were unable to hold our main events to include concerts and our Summer party which resulted in huge financial loss to our school. With the ongoing situation set to continue we need your help in helping us plan a calendar of creative COVID free fundraising opportunities that children and parents can enjoy.

It would be much appreciated if you could spare an hour on the 5th in order to share your thoughts and offer of support. We understand that this time and date may not be possible, therefore if you are unable to attend and want to support in anyway you can, please do contact Mrs Rees by email or telephone. We welcome any form of support!

Our aim is to enhance your child's experience at Alvechurch CofE Middle and make it as excellent as it can be. If we can put our heads together to support them we send you a big

THANK YOU !!

If you are intending on joining the meeting can you please email Mrs Rees so that we can ensure a safe environment is set up for all. Mrs Rees email: lrees@alvechurch.worcs.sch.uk

Yubo ~ Parent Guide

Please be aware of a popular app amongst young people called 'Yubo'

Yubo
Yubo (previously called Yellow) is a free social network that lets you connect and chat to new people. Users can swipe right on someone else's profile to 'like' them, and swipe left to pass on to see other people's profiles. You can direct message, video chat and livestream.

Official age rating: 13+
Child age rating: 8+ (What do children say?)

This app has been in the media recently as there are concerns around its features and uses for young people, claiming it mimics the adult dating apps experience for teenagers.

Please see article for more information.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/yubo/>



POLITE REMINDER: School is a nut free environment. We advise that any foods that contain nuts are not to be brought into school. This is to safeguard the children and staff who have serious reactions to nut ingestion but 'air born' too.

Yubo: A guide for parents - Net Aware
www.net-aware.org.uk



We are pleased to sell a number of house coloured PE tops that have been kindly donated to school for re-sell and to raise funds for our school charity. If you would like to request a top, please email: lrees@alvechurch.worcs.sch.uk. Items will be sold in order of the date requests are received. Please ensure you send your request by the 4th October. Your email request needs to include; House Colour, Child's Name and class. If a top is available, you will receive a text requesting that your child brings £3 in a sealed envelope on Wednesday 7th October and place in the donations box in our reception area during afternoon register. Their top will be ready in a plastic bag (having been untouched for 48hours). We thank you in advance of your support.



13th OCTOBER 2020

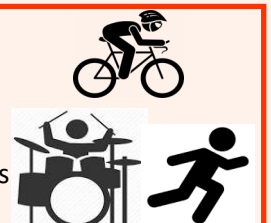
School Photos this year will be different as we cannot offer sibling photos and apologise for any disappointment caused. Safety measures have been put in place for a safe visit from Pret-a-Portrait so that we can capture your child's image this school year. Proofs will be online with further information shared closer to the time. Please ensure your child is in full uniform that day. Thank you very much



FAMILY FUNDRAISING EFFORTS FOR THE BRAIN TUMOUR CHARITY

We wish one of our Year 5 pupils Olivia, her Mum and sister our very best wishes for their upcoming challenges. They are fundraising for **The Brain Tumour Charity** in memory of Olivia's Father who sadly passed away 5 years ago. For further details please visit

[Olivia's Just Giving Page](#)



School Attendance ~ We are pleased to share school attendance has been high even though the seasonal cold has had an affect on some of our pupils. We remind parents if your child is absent, please do let our school office know. You can report an absence via our website '[Report and Absence](#)' or, you can leave a message on our answer phone 0121 445 1033 (option 1) or email the office directly; office@alvechurch.worcs.sch.uk

We run absence reports at 9.15am. In the event that your child did not receive a mark at registration we will always text you by 9.30am to advise you of this. It may be that your child was late and missed registration and went to their lessons without signing in late however we first contact you in case they are at home with absence not reported. This ensures lessons are not disturbed unnecessarily. Thank you for your support.