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St NICHOLAS
C of E Primary School, Alcester

Weekly What's On

w/c 12th January 2026

Whole school Reminders

Advance Notice – World Book Day

I am writing to share our exciting plans for World Book Day 2026 taking place on Thursday 5th March. This year, we will be dressing as adjectives! By choosing to dress up as adjectives rather than the traditional book characters, we aim to expand their vocabulary and their understanding of language in a meaningful way that is not reliant on expensive or extravagant costumes. Please see the attached photo examples of 'dressing as an adjective' for inspiration.

Each year group has a specific list of adjectives to choose from (see below). On the day, we will have a whole school 'Vocabulary Parade' in which students will be invited to showcase their chosen adjectives through their costumes. They will also be given the opportunity during the day to use their adjective in oral and written sentences to show their understanding of it.

If your child has PE or Forest School that day, please ensure they are dressed appropriately to participate in these activities.

Additionally, we are thrilled to announce a Book Cover Competition where students will design their own book cover. This will take place in school as part of our World Book Day activities. The winners will have their artwork displayed in the new local bookshop, JT Books, providing a fantastic opportunity to celebrate our love of books and reading within the community.

We look forward to your support in making World Book Day a memorable experience for all our students.

Yours sincerely,

Laura O'Hanlon (Assistant Head/ English Lead)

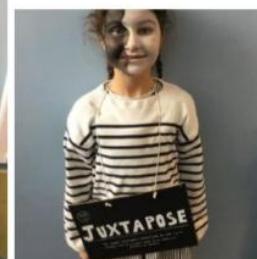


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Dress-Up Adjectives

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Crimson	Magenta	Azure	Mysterious	Courageous	Sage	Resilient
Golden	Emerald	Indigo	Gregarious	Selfless	Furtive	Charismatic
Glowing	Luminous	Amber	Tranquil	Powerful	Elegant	Enigmatic
Unusual	Shimmering	Glittering	Magical	Fragrant	Rebellious	Ambitious
Positive	Valiant	Curious	Ancient	Audacious	Determined	Victorious
Cheerful	Mystical	Radiant	Incandescen	Gracious	Impish	Spirited
Mighty	Reflective	Mischievous	t	Animated	Prudent	Melancholy
Sparkling	Feathered	Thoughtful	Stealthy	Serene	Timid	Resourceful
Spotty	Sneaky	Energetic	Lethargic	Loyal	Imaginative	Ruthless
Stripy	Fierce	Precious	Whimsical	Studious	Vivid	Noble





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FREE Swimming	Thanks to a collaboration between Warwickshire's Family Information Service and Everyone Active they have an incredible new year offer. They are offering complimentary swimming this January at one of their 8 centres. Click on the link below for more information. https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/everyoneactive
Census Day Menu – Thursday 15th January 2026	There is a school census being taken on Thursday 15th January 2026 and the number of children who have a school meal on the day, determines the size of some of our funding streams. **Please help us secure as much funding as possible by encouraging your child to have a school dinner on this Thursday. Thank you for your support.** 



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Menu Change – Friday 16th January 2026	The main lunch options have changed for Friday 16th January 2026. They are Meatballs in Tomato Sauce and Creamy Chickpea Curry. Jacket potatoes and baguettes will still be available.
Caregiver Helpline – Letter and guidance messaged separately on StudyBugs	<i>Inspiring Educational Excellence for Everyone</i> ARDENforest C of E Multi Academy Trust Postal address: St Nicholas C of E Primary School, St Faith's Road, Alcester, Warwickshire B49 6AG Telephone 01789 713233 Email: info@ardenforestmat.org CEO: Mr Adam Walsh CFO: Mrs Sophie Carthy COO: Dr Amanda Dale Dear Parents and Carers, Thank you to everyone who took part in the Arden Forest C of E Multi Academy Trust Parent Experience Survey earlier this year. We were delighted that 609 parents and carers across our 10 schools contributed their views, helping us to better understand what is working well and where we can further strengthen our partnership with you. Your responses highlighted positive relationships built on mutual trust and respect and strong confidence in our staff's ability to support and safeguard pupils. However, you also told us that there are areas where we can do more—particularly in improving how the MAT supports families and how we respond to concerns or questions relating to wellbeing. One theme that emerged strongly across the survey was the need for timely, accessible and high-quality support for parents and carers, especially when children are experiencing emotional or wellbeing challenges. In response to this feedback, and as part of our ongoing commitment to support every child and every family, we are pleased to announce the launch of a new Parent and Caregiver Helpline through Howdens Insurance and Health Assured. From today, all parents and carers across the MAT will have free, confidential access to a dedicated 24/7 helpline, designed to offer guidance, reassurance and expert advice whenever you need it. This service is available 365 days a year, including evenings, weekends and school holidays. Trained counsellors are on hand to provide you with immediate advice on a wide range of concerns affecting children or young people, including: • Anxiety and worries about school or friendships • Social phobias or low confidence • Depression or persistent sadness • Eating disorders • Risk-taking behaviours, including substance use • Suicidal thoughts or self-harm • ADHD or behavioural concerns They support you as the caregiver, recognising the emotional challenges that can come with supporting a child. Counsellors can also advise on: • How to speak to your child about difficult topics • How to identify triggers or stressors affecting your child • Sourcing counselling or medical support • When to involve your GP • Signposting to support available in school and beyond Parents also have access to the free Wisdom, health and mental wellbeing app. The app is designed to help you track your wellness and support your mental health and resilience. All of the information you need is included in the attached flyer. We wish all of our parents and carers across the MAT a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Mr Adam Walsh CEO The Arden Forest C of E Multi Academy Trust is a charitable company limited by guarantee in England and Wales No. 08248892 Registered Office: St Nicholas Primary School, St Faith's Road, Alcester, B49 6AG



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Get Ready to Glow Year 2 – 5 Only	Dear Families, Get Ready to Glow! We are excited to announce a Glow Dodgeball Enrichment Day taking place at school on Monday February 2nd! This action-packed day promises lots of fun, teamwork, and glowing excitement as children take part in dodgeball games under UV lights. To help everyone glow as brightly as possible, all children should come to school wearing their PPA kit on this day. Their plain white T-shirt is essential (and of course, glowing white teeth)! Glow-in-the-dark face paint will also be provided to make the day even more special. If you do not give permission for face paint to be used on your child, please inform a member of staff in advance. We can't wait to see the children light up the sports hall and enjoy this unique enrichment experience! There will be other exciting sporting opportunities for other year groups in case anyone is disheartened x
PPA Arrangement – Spring One	Make sure you check out your child's class page for PPA arrangements for Spring One. https://www.alcesterstnicholas.co.uk/class-pages/
Admission Arrangements 2027-28	CONSULTATION ON ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2027 As required by the Admissions Code, we are seeking your views on the proposed admissions policy for 2027-28 as part of the requirement to consult every seven years. A period of consultation will run from 12th December 2025 until 23rd January 2026. A copy of the proposed admissions policy is available on the school's website: https://www.alcesterstnicholas.co.uk/ for your information. Alternatively, if you require a hard copy please contact the school office. Comments should be received no later than 4pm on 23rd January 2026.
January Online Safety	Our Online Safety Newsletter for January 2026 is live on our website. https://www.alcesterstnicholas.co.uk/stream/newsletters/full/1/-//
Don't forget to apply for your child's Reception '26 place	You need to apply for September 2026 if your child: • was born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 (for a place in Reception). The applications process is open and the deadline for applying for a Reception place is 15 January 2026. If you apply by this date, you will receive your child's school offer



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on National Offer Day (16 April 2026).
Applications made after this date will be classified as late and not considered until after 16 April 2026, by which time many schools will be full and you are much less likely to be offered a place at your preferred school.

Coming up next week

Reception	
Year 1	
Year 2	
Year 3	
Year 4	Final Payment Due Friday 9th January 2026 – Edmond Hall A polite reminder that the final payment of £70 is due on ParentPay by Friday 9 th January please. If you have an outstanding balance from previous instalments we would be grateful if the total amount is paid please. Any problems please let us know on admin3595@welearn365.com . Thank you.
Year 5	
Year 6	Next Instalment Due Friday 9th January 2026 – Boreatton Park A polite reminder that the next instalment of £90 is due on ParentPay by Friday 9 th January please. This will bring the amount paid so far to £280, if you have an outstanding balance from previous instalments we would be grateful if it could be brought up to date please. Any problems please let us know on admin3595@welearn365.com . Thank you.
Other news	
Useful Links	Our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/AlcesterStNics/?locale=en_GB Our calendar https://www.alcesterstnicholas.co.uk/diary/grid/2024/11/ News https://www.alcesterstnicholas.co.uk/topic/news-and-events
Vacancies	No job vacancies at present.



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Diary Dates

We thought it would be helpful to share the diary dates for the whole year. Please note: they are subject to change

Spring

Date	Time	info
05.01.2026	All day	Inset day
06.01.2026	All day	Children return to school
07.01.2026	PM	Year 5 – young voices
12.01.2026	2 – 3 pm	Year 4 MTC parent workshop
16.01.2026	All day	Reception trip to China
20.01.2026	All day	Year 2 trip to Coventry cathedral
02.02.2026		Get Ready to Glow
03.02.2026	AM	Reception church visit – mock wedding
13.02.2026		Break up for half term
Half term 16.02.2026 to 20.02.2026		
22.01.2026	5 pm	Year 6 SAT's Meeting – To be confirmed
23.02.2026		Children return to school
02.03.2026	All day	Height and weight (Rec pm/year 6 am)
05.03.2026	All day	World Book Day
10.03.2026	TBC	Year 5 experience Easter at church
18.03.2026	4-7pm	Parents consultations
19.03.2026	4-7pm	Parents consultations
19.03.2026	Am	Easter service at church (year 5) with year 5 families
25.03.2026	All day	Year 4 Edgmond hall
26.03.2026	All day	Year 4 Edgmond hall
27.03.2026	All day	Year 4 Edgmond hall
27.03.2026		Children break up from school
Easter break – 30.03.2026 -10.04.2026		

Summer

Date	Time	info
13.04.2026	All day	Return to school
04.05.2026		Bank holiday – May Day
05.05.2026	Am	Year 1 church visit – Creation
06.05.2026	All day	Reception School Trip
11.05.2026	All week	SATs week



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22.05.2026		Children break up
Half term break – 25.05.2026 to 29.05.2026		
01.06.2026	All day	Teacher Training day
08.06.2026	All week	Year 4 MTC all week
	All week	Phonics screening year 1 and year 2 retakes
09.06.2026	Am	Year 2 Church visit – world views
24.06.2026	All day	Year 6 PGL
25.06.2026	All day	Year 6 PGL
02.07.2026	Pm	Big Camp – year 2
03.07.2026	All day	Big Camp – year 2
07.07.2026	Am	Year 6 Church visit – worldviews/truth
10.07.2026	All day	Reports out to families
		Leavers festival (provisional date)
15.07.2026	4pm	Optional parents' consultations (families call office to book)
17.07.2026	Pm	Leavers performance/awards (TBC)
17.07.2026		Last Day of term
Break up for summer		
20.07.2026	All day	INSET day



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SPRING TERM WORKSHOPS & PROGRAMMES 2025 - 2026

Workshop/ Programme	Date and Time	Venue
Working it Out 4 week programme	12th January 9:30 - 11:30	Virtual
Solihull Approach 10 week programme	13th January 9:00 - 11:00	Whitnash Primary School
Understanding Your Teenager	13th January 13:00 - 15:00	North Leamington Secondary School
Sleep	14th January 9:30 - 11:30	Virtual
Solihull Approach 10 week programme	16th January 09:30 - 11:30	Virtual
Parenting Together	19th January 17:30 - 19:30	Virtual
Understanding Children's Behaviour	21st January 9:30 - 11:30	St Paul's C of E Primary School
Understanding Children's Behaviour	26th January 13:15 - 15:00	Barford St Peter's C of E Primary School
Boundaries and Rules	27th January 13:00 - 15:00	North Leamington Secondary School
Sleep and Routines	4th February 09:30 - 11:30	St Paul's C of E Primary School
Parenting Together	6th February 12:30 - 14:30	Virtual



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Workshop/ Programme	Date and Time	Venue
Understanding Children's Behaviour	9th February 09:30 - 11:30	St Joseph's Primary School
Boundaries and Rules	11th February 9:30 - 11:30	St Paul's Primary School
Sleep and Routines	17th February 10:00 - 12:00	Virtual
Understanding Children's Behaviour	18th February 09:30 - 11:30	Virtual
Understanding Your Teenager	19th February 13:30 - 15:30	Virtual



**Book your
free place**

For Warwickshire
parents only.

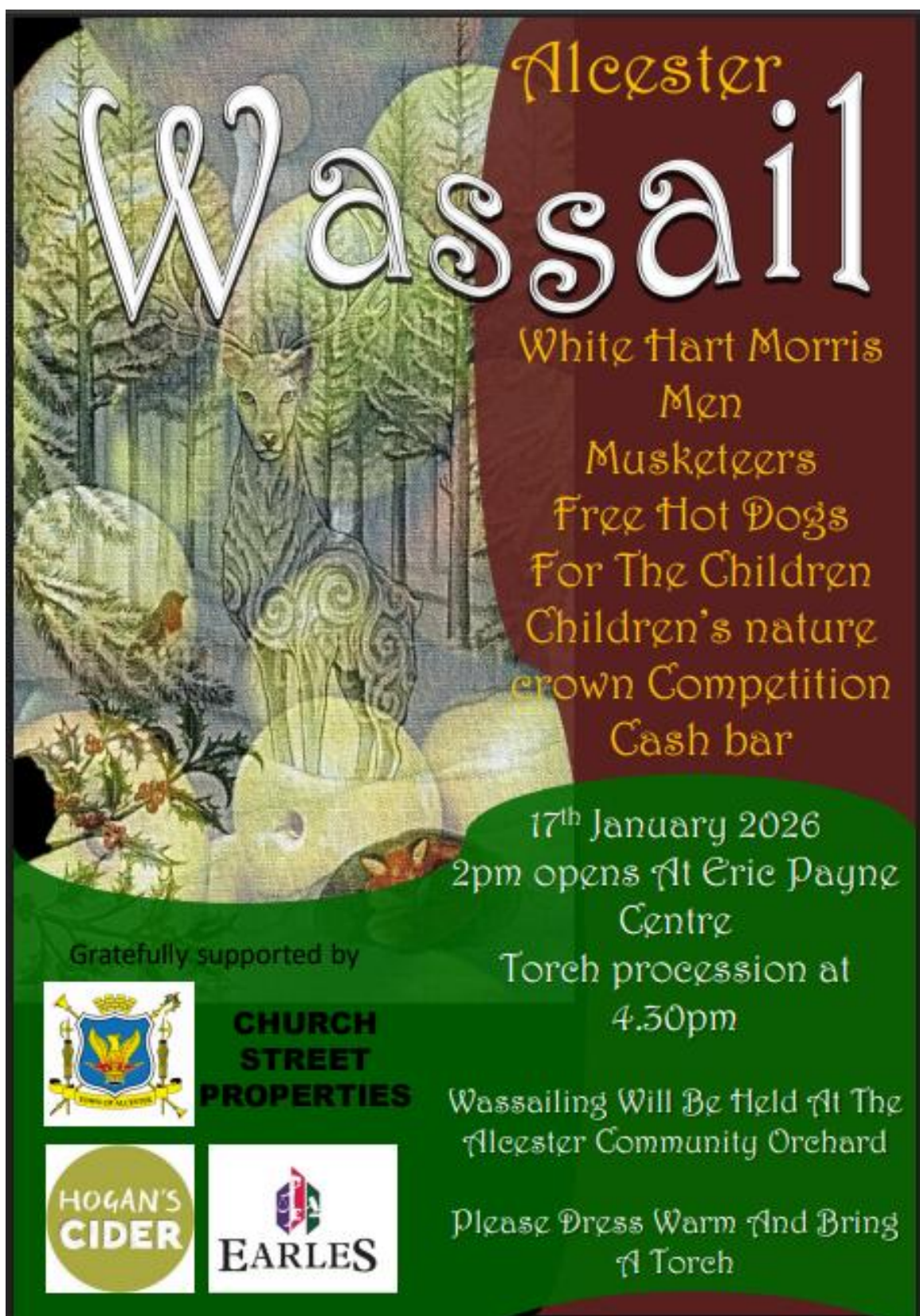
For further information about this
programme please email
ehparenttrainers@warwickshire.gov.uk



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Alcester Wassail

White Hart Morris
Men
Musketiers
Free Hot Dogs
For The Children
Children's nature
crown Competition
Cash bar

17th January 2026
2pm opens At Eric Payne
Centre
Torch procession at
4.30pm

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**CHURCH
STREET
PROPERTIES**



**HOGAN'S
CIDER**



EARLES

Wassailing Will Be Held At The
Alcester Community Orchard

Please Dress Warm And Bring
A Torch



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DANCE AND CHEERLEADING
CLASSES

At St Nicholas C of E
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SPRING
TERM
2026



EVERY WEDNESDAY

STARTING 14TH JANUARY - 3:20-4:20PM

YEAR 1-6 WELCOME

*Come and join us for some dance and cheerleading with our
pom poms and gymnastic equipment. As well as performances,
games and routines!*

We also bring our inflatable air track

Certificates of recognition given out weekly

SIGN UP NOW OPEN TO JOIN



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GYMNASTIC BEFORE SCHOOL
CLUB!

At St Nicholas C of E
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SPRING
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2026

EVERY MONDAY MORNING STARTING 12TH
JANUARY - 8-8:45AM
YEAR 1-6 WELCOME

*Come and join us for some gymnastics learning tricks and flips
with our inflatable bouncy air track and gym equipment! As
well as performances, games and routines!*

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MUSICAL THEATRE CLASSES

At St Nicholas C of E
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JOIN US IN
JANUARY!

**EVERY FRIDAY STARTING 16TH JANUARY -
3:20-4:20PM**

YEAR 1-6 WELCOME

*Come and join us for some acting, singing and dancing. As
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EMAIL US FOR MORE DETAILS!

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Lighting up the dark in Alcester

WINDOW WANDERLAND



FROM SATURDAY 28TH FEBRUARY TO SATURDAY 7TH MARCH 2026



An outdoor gallery flooding Alcester with love, light and creativity



Theme for 2026 is **HOPE**

- **Everyone** welcome to enter
- **Workshops** available to attend
- **Prizes** for the winners



MORE INFO

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REGISTRATION





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ALCESTER YOUTH CHOIR

**IS LOOKING FOR ENTHUSIASTIC, MUSIC LOVING
8 - 14 YEAR OLDS TO JOIN OUR GROUP!**

LOVE TO SING?

**THEN COME ALONG ON
THURSDAYS FROM 6-7PM!**

**WE COVER POP, ROCK AND
MUSICAL CLASSICS!**

**MAKE NEW FRIENDS, DEVELOP YOUR
PERFORMANCE SKILLS AND HAVE FUN!**

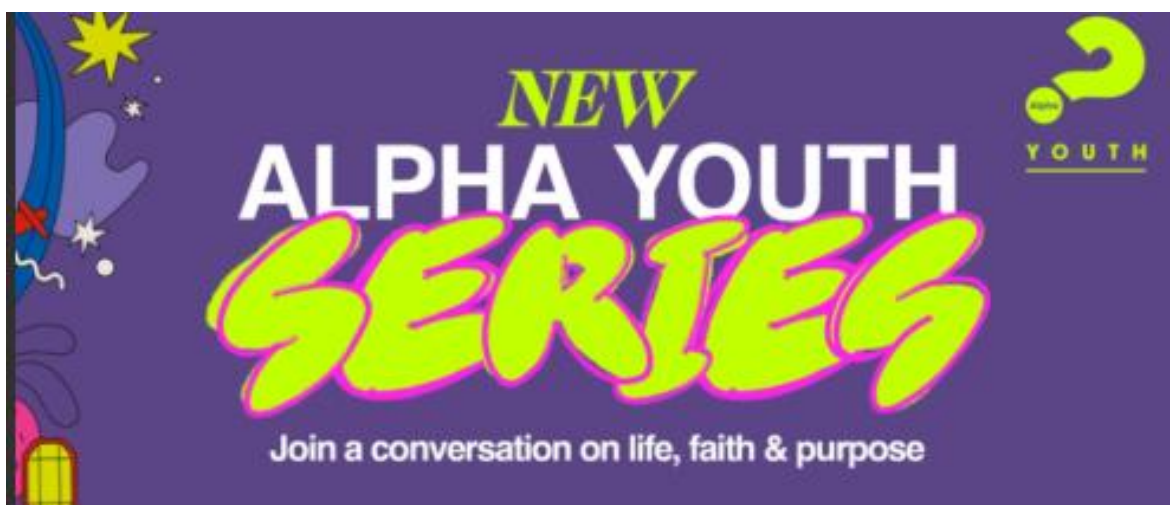
**Please email alcesteryouthchoir@gmail.com
to sign up or for more information**



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You're Invited!

Ages 10-18

Every Sunday from 25th January
to 29th March.

6-8pm

CHURCH HOUSE, BUTTER STREET.
Food. Fun. Real conversations about
life and faith.

Come as you are - bring a friend!

To register email: julie.lindsay@alcesterminster.org





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RARA Youth Group

Monthly Church Youth Group

Fridays 6pm – 8pm

Church House, Alcester



2026 dates:

9th January

6th February

6th March

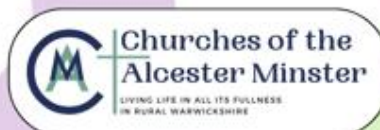
17th April

8th May

12th June

10th July

**Fun, Games & Bible Study for
Year 6s to 18 year olds.**



For more details email:

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Dynalistic Rockets

Swim School



Each Child Matters



Small Groups



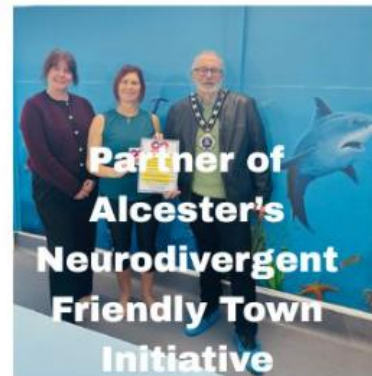
Individual Attention

Neurodivergent Friendly

Ages 4 - 11years



Pool at St Nicholas Primary School



Contact Rebecca 07710 318041
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