



ALTHAM ST JAMES' CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back

Welcome back to all the children and a special hello to those who are new to the school. The children have settled in really well and are already working hard.

Stars of the week this week are all the new reception class pupils, Dexter, Ted & Arthur.

Next week will be week 3 for school meals.

If you pay for school meals, reminder that these have increased by 10p a day therefore the cost will be £2.50 per day or £12.50 per week.

Milk Money - Please note from September the milk ordering will be done directly with the company. You should have received a letter from Milk4Life before we broke up. You need to register on the link below to add your child to the milk registers and pay the company direct. Please use the links below to register, then log in and just a gentle reminder if you do not pay the milk company, milk will not be delivered for your child. We will be given a register for each week with names of children having milk. Thank you.

Parent Register

<https://www.milk4life.com/yourschoolmilk/parent-register.php>

Parent Login

<https://www.milk4life.com/yourschoolmilk/parent-login.php>

FLU CONSENT - The nasal flu consent forms have been sent home, please complete and return ASAP, even if you do not want your child to have this vaccination. The **no** section is on the back of the form. The date for the immunisations will be the afternoon of 7th November. Thank you.

Online Safety Newsletter - Has been sent home this week (yellow paper), this is a monthly letter produced by Knowsley Borough Council, if you would like to see a particular subject please let us know and we can pass the request on to them.

Breakfast Club - Breakfast club cost is now £4 from 8am and £2 from 8:30am. This is in line with our after school club and we have no plans to increase this at the present time.

Can we also please remind you that if your child arrives at Breakfast club from 8:30am onwards there is no breakfast available? Thank you.

PE Kits - Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school at all times.

Sports clubs start next week.



Monday -Hockey until 4:30pm (juniors only).

Tuesday - Netball until 4:30pm

Wednesday - Football until 4:30pm (Years 4/5/6)

Thursday - Football until 4:30pm (Years 2/3)

Friday - Cricket/Rounders

Whenever possible all clubs will be held outside, please send suitable clothing.

OUR SCHOOL LOTTERY - If you have not yet bought your ticket, or your debit card payment has finished, the link to register is <http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/altham-st-james-c-of-e-primary-school>

If you have not yet joined please support us - **for just £4.34 per month (direct debit) you have a chance of winning our weekly prize of approximately £20 (dependant on number of supporters) and the chance to win a national weekly prize of £25000 every week.**

Our school lottery is open to everyone so please encourage your family and friends to join. This has been a fantastic fundraiser for our school and since the launch has now raised **£7,663.20**.

UNIFORM - uniform is now available at the Whittakers store inside Oswaldtwistle Mills.

If you have any queries or want to check before you travel contact details are tel. 01254 871025 or email Accrington-orders@whittakersschoolwear.co.uk

****Also just a reminder Mrs Briggs has set up a pre loved uniform page on Facebook for our school. If there is something you need have a look on [Altham St James uniform secondhand](#)**

Holiday List - The holiday list for this school year is below. Please note the holiday list for 2024-2025 will be agreed at the Governors meeting in the Autumn term and we will confirm these dates with you as soon as we can.

School Admissions 2024 - Lancashire County Council's school admissions for children starting primary school or moving to secondary school in September 2024 is now open.

Parents can apply online at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools - it's quick and easy!

The national closing dates for applications are:

Tuesday 31 October 2023 for secondary applicants

Monday 15 January 2024 for primary applicants.

Dates for your diary

Monday 18th September - Cauliflower Card designs to be back in school. (Order online)

Thursday September 21st - Angel Service 3:30-4:30pm. - In the school hall, all children to be accompanied by an adult, this is a child friendly service led by members of Altham church.

Thursday September 28th - Open the Book team will be in for our assembly.

Friday September 29th - Go for gold (wear gold or yellow) and make a donation to Milly's Smiles

Tuesday 17th October- Parent's Evening 3:30-6pm - more information to follow

Thursday 19th October -Angel Service 3:30-4:30pm, in the school hall, all children to be accompanied by adult.

Friday 20th October - School closes for October half term

School reopens on Monday 30th October

Have a lovey weekend

Mrs CA Woods

Headteacher

Altham St James' CE Primary School
Holiday Pattern 2023-2024 Agreed

Autumn Term

School opens	Monday 4th September 2023	
Autumn Half Term, school closes	Friday 20 th October 2023	
school reopens	Monday 30th October 2023	
Christmas Holiday, school closes	Thursday 21 st December 2023	
		= 74 openings

Spring Term

School opens	Monday 8 th January 2024	
Spring Half Term school closes	Friday 9 ^h February 2024	
school reopens	Monday 19 th February 2024	
Spring Holiday, including Easter		
school closes	Thursday 28 th March 2024	
		= 54 openings

Summer Term

School opens	Monday 15 th April 2024	
May Day closure: school closed	Monday 6th May 2024	
Summer Half Term, school closes	Friday 24 th May 2024	
school reopens	Wednesday 5 th June 2024	
Summer Holiday, school closes:	Friday 19th July 2024	
		= 62 openings
		= 190 Teaching Days

Days when the school is closed to pupils, but teachers are available for duty

1 Friday 1st September 2023	
2 Friday 22 nd December 2023	
3 Monday 3 rd June 2024	
4 Tuesday 4 th June 2024	
5 Monday 22 nd July 2024	
	=5 teacher days

At the discretion of the Headteacher, and with the agreement of the staff one or more of these INSET Days may be done as a series of after-school twilight sessions.

TOTAL	190 teaching days
	+ 5 teacher days