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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

Stars of the week - Alice C, Betsy K, Toby W, Amber, Esme MJ, Toby H

Football - Albert

Multi-skills - Albert, Edie

Prayer & Praise - Georgie

School meals will be week 2 choices next week.

Sammy Bag Collection - Please save your preloved clothing, bedding, towels, unwanted gifts etc. to raise money for school and leukaemia & myeloma research. Collection bags have been sent home this week, there are more in the office if you need them.

Church Attendance - As there is currently no vicar, there is a new booklet in Church to confirm your attendance, as proof for Church school applications. Please collect from one of the Church wardens, You then keep this book, take it with you when you are attending any services and get it signed by one of the wardens.

Harvest Service - Thank you very much for all your kind donations, they will be sent to the Baptist church in Clayton le Moors. Thank you also to the children who were amazing- we are very proud of them.

Drop off and pick up arrangements - A letter has been sent home this week regarding new drop off arrangements. From 8:50am to 8:55am, children should enter school and go straight to their classroom rather than lining up on the playground. A member of staff will be on the gate at the front of school, near the EYFS classroom, from 8:50am to welcome children and supervise entry.

Scholastic Book Club is up and running! - Brochures have been sent home this week. Go to <https://clubs.scholastic.co.uk/C-2K6T4BN3> to browse the latest books and order online. For **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, **our school will earn 20p** in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your **order online by October 15th, 2026**.

Teacher 2 Parents - Please can you move over to the Eduspot App, as this is a more cost effective way? We already have 48% moved over but we still have a long way to go. Instructions are on the Facebook page and printed instructions are available from school



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 **£12,706.00**

If you have not yet joined please support us - **for just £5.00 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.**

To support us please visit Yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for Altham St James.

Sports clubs Year 2 and above

Tuesday - Football until 4:30pm (years 2-6)

Thursday - Multi Sports until 4:30pm (juniors only)

UNIFORM - Whittaker's supply our uniform, it is available at the 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

Pre loved uniform - Mrs Briggs runs a Facebook page for this, [Altham St James uniform secondhand | Groups | Facebook](#)

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 12 th October	Pm - annual flu vaccinations
Monday 19 th October	Parents Evening 3:30 - 6pm, letters have been sent home.
Friday 23 rd October	School closes for half term - reopen on Monday 2 nd November
Monday 2 nd November	Nursery opens
Tuesday 3 rd November	Sammy bag collection (bags to be outside school reception by 9:15am)
Monday 7 th Dec.	2pm EYFS Nativity
Tuesday 8 th Dec.	9.30am EYFS Nativity
Wednesday 9 th Dec.	Junior play 2pm and 5.30pm at church
Friday 13 th November	Children in Need Day - none uniform with donations to Children in Need
Monday 16 th November	School Nurse drop in from 2:15-3:15pm if you want to see her for anything
Monday 14 th Dec.	2pm Infant Play
Tuesday 15 th Dec.	9.30 Infant Play
Thursday 17 th Dec	Aladdin - Empire Theatre (all)
Monday 21 st Dec.	Breakfast with Santa in school time. (school closes at 1:15pm)

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs CA Woods
Headteacher