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NEWSLETTER

5th December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Stars of the week- Noah, Birdie, Faye, Esme V, Hendrix, Ted, Amari

Multi Skills - Klay

Football - Paige

Next weeks menu will be week 3 choices.

Churches Together Carol Service - A big thank you to our 19 junior pupils who sang at All Saints Church last night, it was a lovely evening and the children were a credit to their families and our school.

Christmas plays - Over the next week and the start of the week after, we will be performing our Christmas plays. We do not charge for tickets however, there will be a raffle at each performance; all monies raised from the raffle will go towards school funds.

The junior plays are performing in Church, where the heating has been on for each practice and will be on for each performance. We and the Church would really appreciate any donations towards the upkeep of the Church at the end of each play. Thank you.

Sponsored walk/run - Thank you to everyone who has sent in sponsor money- we will let you know the total next week. If you have any outstanding money, please send it in to school as soon as possible. Thank you for your support, you have been very generous.

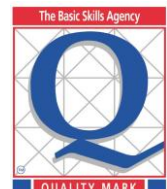
ParentPay - There are quite a few balances creeping up on ParentPay, wherever possible please could these be cleared and kept to a minimum. Thank you.

Statutory Admissions Consultation 2027/2028 - Proposed Admissions Policy (please see the school website). We are inviting any comments on our Proposed Admissions Policy for 2027/2028. By law, schools have to consult every 7 years. **The consultation period will run from 24/11/2025 to 4/1/2026.**

Christmas Arrangements -

Christmas Lunch & Non uniform Christmas Jumper Day 17th December, with donations for Save the Children

Christmas Breakfast with Santa will be on **Friday 19th December.** This will be in school time at 9am, the cost for this will be £4.00. Please let us know if this is a problem. Payment by ParentPay please, this is now showing on ParentPay.



There will be a visit from Santa and all children will receive a gift. Food will include waffles, scotch pancakes, toast, crumpets, apple & orange juice. This will also be our **non uniform party day**.

Christmas party lunch Friday 19th December

School will close at 1:15pm.

Christmas shopping - If you are doing any Christmas shopping on-line, please go through the following link <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/astjprimary/> this will give a small donation to our school funds at no extra cost to you!

School Admissions 2026 - Lancashire County Council's school admissions for children starting primary school in September 2026 is now open.

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

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 **£11,384.40**.

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.**

Sports clubs Year 2 and above

Monday - Dance & Performing Arts until 4.30pm (final session before Christmas break will be 15th December)

Tuesday - Football until 4:30pm. (Final session will be 9th December)

Thursday - Multi Sports until 4:30pm (final session will be 11th December)

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 8th December - Year 1 and 2 Nativity 2pm (in school)

Tuesday 9th December - Year 1 and 2 Nativity 9:30am (in school)

Wednesday 10th December - Junior Christmas Play 2:00pm & 5:30pm (in church)

Thursday 11th December - Altham Christmas Light Switch on

Sunday 14th December - Family Christmas & Christingle Service in Church 9:30am

Monday 15 December - Reception play 2pm (approx. 30 mins) -in school

Tuesday 16th December - Reception play 9:30am (approx. 30 mins) -in school

Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper non-uniform day

Thursday 18th December - Whole-School Pantomime (Empire Theatre).

Friday 19th December - Breakfast with Santa (See above)

Party Lunch

School closes 1:15pm

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs CA Woods

Headteacher