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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

Stars of the week - Fred, Rupert A, Regan, Oscar, Roman, Fletcher, Blake

Prayer & Praise Award - Lyla Barlow

Sports Leader's Award - Lola, Harry, Jacob, Henry P

Football - Lyla O

Next week will be week 3 choices.

Couch to 5K for the juniors - Mrs Woods and Mr Haworth are going to start a Couch to 5K group for juniors on Monday, Wednesday & Friday, starting next week. This will be on the path around the school field from 12-12.30pm. If your child would like to take part, please ensure they have a kit in school. The path is muddy in parts; please do not send 'best' clothing or trainers. If the kit is dry, it can be left in school.

Sammy Clothes Collection - our next collection has been booked for Tuesday 21st April. Please keep this in mind when tidying out old clothes, shoes, towels, soft toys, bedding & household items. We are paid by the weight of the bags when they are collected. We have bags in school now if you need any! Thank you.

Tesco Stronger Starts - If you are going to Tesco shopping, please use your blue tokens to support us from mid-January until the end of March.

Please see below a list of stores taking part in the voting on your project. Feel free to share this list of stores amongst your friends & family.

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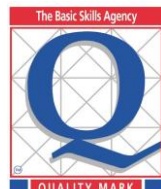
4467 Baxenden Express BB5 2QJ

5350 Accrington Abbey Street Esso Express BB5 1EW

5752 Oswaldtwistle Mill Express BB5 3JB

Reminder - The holidays for 2026-2027 & 2027-2028 have been approved. When booking holidays, our holiday dates are also pinned to the top of our Facebook page.

Please note that the new penalty notices (wef August 2024) for unauthorised absence in term time, are now issued based on a rolling 3-year period. If a second penalty is issued to the same child, the fine to be paid is £160 per parent. (Please note this fee does not come to school).



Cards, wrapping paper, bows & tissue paper -We have a stand outside the school office that has many excellent quality cards on it! We sell these at £1 each. We also have lots of tissue paper (various colours) for £1.50 per pack, a gift box of bows, ribbon and tags for £4, wrapping paper £1, curly bows £2 (pack of 4), paper bows £1.50 (pack of 4).

All money raised from the sale of these will go to school fund. Thank you.

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 **£11,550.00**

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

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 12-12.30- Coach to 5K (juniors only)

Monday - Dance & Performing Arts until 4.30pm

Tuesday - Football until 4:30pm.

Thursday - Multi Sports until 4:30pm

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 -

Wednesday 21st January - Angel Service, after school in the hall. An adult must accompany all pupils.

Thursday 29th January - Open the book team will be in for morning worship, please stay and watch if you are able to.

Friday 6th February - School nurse drop in 2:15pm.

Wednesday 11th February - Angel service.

Friday 13th February - School closes for half term and reopens on Monday 23rd February.

Thursday 26th February - Open the Book assembly.

Friday 27th February - School photos

Thursday 5th March - first Lent Service, in Church (Reception, Year 1-2)

Friday 6th March - School nurse drop in 2:15pm.

Thursday 12th March - 2nd Lent Service, in Church (Year 3-4)

Thursday 19th March - 3rd Lent Service, in Church (Year 5-6)

Friday 20th March - Red Nose Day

Thursday 26th March - Open the Book in Church for our final Lent service.

Friday 27th March - School closes for the Easter break and reopens on Monday 13th April.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs CA Woods

Headteacher