



# ALTHAM ST JAMES' CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

21<sup>st</sup> November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

**Stars of the week-** Henry P, Freya D, Freya F, Alfie C, Sam W, Jesse. Henry B, Albie

**Football** - Sam W

**Multi Skills** - Courtney, Alice M

**Next weeks menu will be week 1 choices.**

**Sponsored walk/run** - Thank you very much for your generous support and sponsorship for this event. If anyone has any sponsor money still to bring in, please do this as soon as possible, then we can tot up the final total raised and let you know. Thank you.

**Children in Need Day** - Thank you for all your support with the donations for Children in Need. This week, with a few extra donations, we have sent **£200**.

Today, each child is bringing home a copy of the agreed holidays for 2026-2027 & 2027-2028.

**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** - Letters have been sent home this week regarding play tickets and the Christmas & Party Lunch.

**Christmas Breakfast with Santa** will be on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 should be showing on ParentPay now.

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**. **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.easypfundraising.org.uk/causes/astjprimary/> this will give a small donation to our school funds at no extra cost to you!

**School Nurse** - The next drop in session will be on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 2:45pm onwards. If you wish to see the nurse, please could you let us have an idea of what you want to discuss, then she can have the correct resources with her.



**Flu Vaccinations** - Flu cases are rising across the UK and vaccination is an important way to help protect children and the wider community.

We will be holding a **flu vaccination clinic tomorrow 22nd November**, between 10:00am and 2:00pm, at our **Burnley base**.

If your child has not yet received their flu vaccine, please **call us to book an appointment on 0333 358 3397 (Option 2, then Option 2)**.

**Clinic Address:** Lancashire Digital Technology Centre, Bancroft Road, Burnley, BB10 2TP

Thank you The School Immunisation Team

**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](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools) - it is quick and easy!

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.**

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 **£11,306.40**

#### **Sports clubs Year 2 and above**

**Monday** - Dance & Performing Arts until 4.30pm.

**Tuesday** - Football until 4:30pm. (Final session will be 9<sup>th</sup> December)

**Thursday** - Multi Sports until 4:30pm (final session will be 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 -**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December** - Churches Together Carol Service (letters have been sent home)

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December** - Year 1 and 2 Nativity 2pm

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December** - Year 1 and 2 Nativity 9:30am

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** - Junior Christmas Play 2:00pm & 5:30pm

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December** - Altham Christmas Light Switch on

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December** - Family Christmas & Christingle Service in Church 9:30am

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

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** - Reception play 9:30am (approx. 30 mins)

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December** - Whole School Pantomime (Empire Theatre).

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** - Breakfast with Santa (See above)

**School closes 1:15pm**

Have a lovely weekend.

**Mrs CA Woods**

**Headteacher**