



# ALTHAM ST JAMES' CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

7th November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

**Stars of the week** - Isabelle G, Amelia-Rose, Ezra, Oscar, Flossie, Lyla O, Thomas B.W

**Prayer & Praise award** - Chloe

**Football** - Dylan, Maisie

**Next weeks menu will be week 2 choices.**

**Sponsored walk/run** - Thank you very much for your generous support and sponsorship for this event, we really appreciate your kindness and the money raised will make a big difference. 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. Thank you.

**Poppies and related items**- are now on sale and can be worn up to and including 11<sup>th</sup> November.

**SAMMY (Bag2School) COLLECTION** - will be held on Wednesday next week, please leave all bags outside the school reception area by 9:15am. We are paid by the weight of the bags; this money will go to school funds. We will let you know how much we receive ASAP.

**Children in Need Day** - is next Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November. This is a non-uniform day; please do not go to any expense buying Children in Need clothing. Donations to Children in Need can be made either in cash on the day or by ParentPay using the link

**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 now 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.

**School Nurse** - The next drop in session will be on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 2:15pm 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.

**Happy Monkeys Milkshakes & Smoothies** - still on sale in the school office. Milkshakes are 50p for a pack of 3 Smoothies are £1.50 for a pack of 4. All monies from these will go to school funds. Thank you.



**Christmas Jumpers** -Mrs Briggs will be holding a sale of Christmas clothing. If anyone has any Christmas jumpers, clothing, etc., which we could sell on to raise money for School Funds, please drop off at the school office. Thank 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](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools) - it is quick and easy!

**Sports clubs Year 2 and above**

**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](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 -**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November** -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, there are more available in the school office if you need them.

**Friday November 14** - Children in Need - own clothes day with donation to Children in Need.

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December** - Churches Together Carol Service (more information to follow)

**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) letters have been sent home.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** - School closes 1:15pm

Have a lovely weekend.

**Mrs CA Woods**  
**Headteacher**