



ALTHAM ST JAMES' CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

Stars of the week this week - Maisie, Betsy, Albie, Harry B

Football - Scarlett & Dexter Hockey - Felicity Netball - Otis

Lunches are week 2 choices next week.

Message from Altham St James Church - Please note there is no service at Altham Church this Sunday, 5th November. There is a Benefice Service at All Saints starting at 11am. Thank you.

Bag2School - The bags and leaflets have been sent home. Collection is on Wednesday 15th November. Please leave your bags of donations outside the school reception area by 9am on that morning. School is paid by the weight of the bags. Thank you.

British Legion - The boxes of poppies and the school box of goodies are now on. We also have a few metal poppies available at £2 each. Thank you

Scholastic Book Club - Magazines have been sent home but if you would like to order on line please go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/altham-ce/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and place your order. 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 November 30th, books will be delivered to school.**

Christmas Raffle - Tickets are being printed for our big Christmas raffle. Prizes donated so far include a **Kindle, Monte Cristo meal vouchers, a BMW child's micro scooter, alcohol and toys.** If you know anyone who may be able to donate a prize i.e. employers/friends/family, we would be very grateful.

PTA - One of our parents Mrs Chloe Briggs has offered to start up a school PTA, if anyone is interested in helping us organise fundraising events, please email chloebriggs7@gmail.com

PE Kits - Please ensure your child has an indoor PE kit in school at all times.
As all pupils do PE on a Friday, please ensure any jewellery is removed that day.

Sports clubs

Hockey is changing to Mindfulness and Yoga for juniors only from Monday next week. We are aware that some parents have bought shin pads and mouth guards, we want to offer children a wide range of sports and the hockey will return in the future.



Monday - Mindfulness & yoga until 4:30pm (juniors only).

Tuesday - Netball until 4:30pm (juniors only)

Wednesday - Football until 4:30pm (Years 4/5/6)

Thursday - Football until 4:30pm (Years 2/3)

Friday - Fencing (juniors only)

Whenever possible all clubs will be held outside, please send suitable clothing.

UNIFORM - Whittakers 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](#)

OUR SCHOOL LOTTERY - If you have not yet bought your ticket, or your debit card payment has finished, the link to register is <http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/altham-st-james-c-of-e-primary-school>

If you have not yet joined please support us - **for just £4.34 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 **£8,308.40**.

School Admissions 2024 - Lancashire County Council's school admissions for children starting primary school or moving to secondary school in September 2024 is now open.

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

The national closing dates for applications are:

Monday 15 January 2024 for primary applicants.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday November 7th pm - Flu immunisations

Monday 13th November - Odd Sock day - anti bullying

Tuesday 14th November am - Year 3-4 WW2 Secret War Special event - trip to Museum of Lancashire.

Wednesday 15th November - Bag2School day, please save any unwanted clothing (bags sent home, we have more available if you need them)

Friday November 17th - Children in Need Day

Thursday November 23rd am-Open the Book team in for assembly **pm** Angel service afterschool.

Tuesday December 5th - Peter Pan Panto trip - whole school. (More info to follow)

Monday 11th December - Infant play performance 2pm

Tuesday 12th December - Infant play performance 9:30am

- Junior play performance 2pm

- Junior play performance 5:30pm

Thursday 14th December - Churches Together Carol Service - letters have been sent home this week.

Wednesday 20th December - Christmas lunch & Christmas jumper day (change of date)

Thursday 21st December am - Breakfast with Santa (school closes 1:15pm)

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Woods
Headteacher