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NEWSLETTER

28th November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Stars of the week- Odette, Bella-Rose, Maisie, Roman, Amber, Jensen, Eli

Multi Skills - Roman

Sports Leaders Award- Maisie, Oscar

Special Headteacher award - Jensen Riley

Next weeks menu will be week 2 choices.

Sponsored walk/run -If anyone has any sponsor money still to bring in, please send next week, then we can tot up the final total raised and let you know. 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 - Letters have been sent home regarding play tickets and the Christmas & Party Lunch.

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 should now be 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**. **School will close at 1:15pm.**

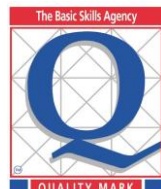
Christmas shopping - If you are doing any Christmas shopping on-line, please go through the following link <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/astjprimary/> this will give a small donation to our school funds at no extra cost to you!

School Nurse - Apologies the school nurse visits are cancelled at the moment due to sickness.

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 **£11,306.40**.



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](#)

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

Christmas Jumpers -Mrs Briggs is holding a sale of Christmas clothing, these are currently on sale on our Facebook page [Altham st James Church Of England Primary School | Facebook](#) If anyone has any further items of Christmas jumpers, clothing, etc., which we could sell on to raise money for School Funds, please drop off at the school office. Thank you

Dates for your diary –

Thursday 4th December – Churches Together Carol Service (letters have been sent home)

Monday 8th December – Year 1 and 2 Nativity 2pm

Tuesday 9th December – Year 1 and 2 Nativity 9:30am

Wednesday 10th December– Junior Christmas Play 2:00pm & 5:30pm

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)

Tuesday 16th December – Reception play 9:30am (approx. 30 mins)

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

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

School closes 1:15pm

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs CA Woods
Headteacher