



## ALTHAM ST JAMES' CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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27<sup>th</sup> February 2026

### NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Stars of the week - Odette, Tommy, Elbie, Flossie, Sam W, Rupert J, Phoebe W**

**Prayer & Praise Award - Ezra**

**Football - Jensen**

**Lunch choices for next week is week 3 menu.** The cost of paid school meals for junior pupils will rise to £3 per day (£15 per week) wef 13<sup>th</sup> April.

**Parent Governors** - There is a place for 1 parent Governor at school. Nomination forms have been sent home 1 per family yesterday. If you are interested you would need to complete the form and get a proposer and a seconder to sign your application, you would also need to give us a little information about yourself, which will then help parents decided who to vote for. These forms need to be returned by noon on 11th March.

If you are interested in applying for one of the positions and would like anymore information please see Mrs Woods or ask at the school office. Thank you.

**World Book Day** - We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Children can come to school dressed up as their favourite book character. Please do not go to any expense.

**Year 1-2** - New changeover day for books is Thursday.

**School Nurse** - The next school nurse drop in will be after Easter on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 9-10am.

**Swimming** - On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April, all junior pupils will start swimming at Accrington Academy in the morning; they will be back in time for lunch. Please note, all pupils will need to wear a swim cap. These can be bought at the Academy for £3 each (last year's price) or you can source your own. Thank you.

**Financial Year End** - As we approach the financial year-end, please could all payments on ParentPay, be brought up to date wherever possible? Thank you.

**Tesco Stronger Starts** - Reminder -please remember to use your blue tokens for our school in any of the stores listed below. In Accrington store, there are tubs of tokens on the self-checkout tills. Feel free to share this list of stores amongst your friends & family, we need all the help we can get!  
6154 Accrington Extra BB5 1LN  
4467 Baxenden Express BB5 2QJ



5350 Accrington Abbey Street Esso Express BB5 1EW

5752 Oswaldtwistle Mill Express BB5 3JB

**Scholastic Book Club** - Leaflets have been sent home this week for Scholastic books. The link to order is <https://clubs.scholastic.co.uk/C-22CQWXBT>. Last day to order is 12<sup>th</sup> March; books will be in school before Easter. 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 **£11,719.60**

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](http://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](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 5<sup>th</sup> March** - first Lent Service, in Church (Reception, Year 1-2)

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March** - World Book Day - dress up as your favourite book character (please don't go to any expense)

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Lent Service, in Church (Year 3-4)

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Lent Service, in Church (Year 5-6)

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March** - Red Nose Day

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** - Parents Evening (more information to follow)

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March** - Open the Book in Church for our final Lent service.

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** - **School closes for the Easter break and reopens on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April.**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April** - School nurse drop in 9am-10am.

**Have a lovely weekend.**

**Mrs CA Woods**

**Headteacher**