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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

Stars of the week - Fred, Alfie C, Bella-Rose, Esme V, Paige

Payer & Praise award - Isabelle Greenfield

Lunch choice for next week is week 2 menu. The cost of paid school meals for junior pupils will rise to £3 per day (£15 per week) wef 13th April.

The **new menu** will start with **week 3** choices on **Monday 13th April**. (After the Easter break).

If you have not yet completed a new menu, please ask at the school office for the new menu to complete.

Ofsted - Thank you for all your support, we are happy with how it all went and will share the report with you as soon as we are allowed.

Parent Governors - Paperwork is coming home tonight for you to vote who you would like for our new Parent Governor. Each family has 2 votes, one for each parent. Please complete the ballot form and seal in the white envelope which has the school stamp on the front. The ballot will close on **Monday 23 March** at noon.

Mothers Day Raffle - Thank you for all your support, there were 11 prizes and we have raised **£71** for school funds.

Tempest School Photos - Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Thursday 19th March 2026**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link that was emailed to you, or if you have received paper order forms visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 5). Thank you.

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

Swimming - On Friday 17th 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, up until 31st March. 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

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 **£11,796.40**

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.**

To support us please visit 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

Pre loved uniform - Mrs Briggs runs a Facebook page for this, [Altham St James uniform secondhand | Groups | Facebook](#)

Dates for your diary -

Thursday 19th March - 3rd Lent Service, in Church (Year 5-6)

Friday 20th March - Red Nose Day - None uniform day with donations for Comic Relief

Monday 23rd March - Parents Evening letters have been sent home, please return the request slip asap.

Thursday 26th March - Open the Book in Church for our final Lent service.

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

Tuesday 14th April - School nurse drop in 9am-10am.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs CA Woods

Headteacher