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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

**Stars of the week this week - Sam C, Hendrix, Eli, Bryn
Football - Henry Yoga - Blake Netball - Felicity**

Next week menus is choice 3

Non uniform today- Thank you for your support. We will be making up some Christmas Hampers for raffle prizes and will donate any surplus to the Baptist Church foodbank in Clayton.

Christmas Raffle - Tickets have been sent home for our big Christmas raffle. Prizes donated so far include a Kindle, Monte Cristo meal vouchers, a BMW child's micro scooter, wall art from Graham & Brown, a 60 min personal training session & 2 gym classes with Emma McCarthy Jenkins, 2 Tickets for Rovers vs Huddersfield 20th January, Little Lancashire Village voucher (2 adults & 2 children), £40 treatment voucher from Sally Randall, 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.

Please return any sold raffle tickets ASAP, then Mrs Kenyon isn't inundated with having to fold stubs at the last minute! Thank you

Holiday List 2024-2025 - Apologies, the holiday list sent home last week for 2024-2025 has the wrong dates for inset days in September 24. The dates should say 2nd & 3rd September. If you would like a new sheet please call in at the school office.

Guess the Bears name - 50p a name, we have 2 bears available, if possible we would like to get the square filled and drawn, before the Christmas break. Thank you.

Christmas Breakfast with Santa will be on **Thursday 21st December**. This will be in school time at 9am, the cost for this will be £3.50. Please let us know if this is a problem. Payment by ParentPay please, this should be showing on ParentPay now.

There will be a visit from Santa and all children will receive a gift. Food will include waffles, scotch pancakes, toast, crumpets, choc chip muffins, 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!



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 - letters sent home this week regarding the sports clubs for the New Year

Monday - Mindfulness & yoga until 4:30pm (juniors only) final session this year 11/12/23

Tuesday - Netball until 4:30pm (juniors only) **final session this year 12/12/23 - we are aware this is the night of the play, if your child will not be attending netball please let us know.**

Wednesday - Football until 4:30pm (Years 4/5/6) final session this year 13/12/23

Thursday - Football until 4:30pm (Years 2/3) final session this year 14/12/23

Friday - Fencing (juniors only) last session will be next Friday 8th December

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

Please note there will be no after school sports clubs the week commencing 18th December but After School Club will be available.

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 December 5th - Peter Pan Panto trip - whole school - this will take place in school hours.

Monday 11th December - Infant play performance 2pm - letters for play tickets have gone home this week.

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.

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