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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back

Welcome back to all the children and a special hello to those who are new to the school. Ms. Baxendale is the new TA in Year 1 / 2 and we would like to say a warm welcome to her. The children in reception have settled in really well and are already working hard.

Stars of the week (Last week) all the new reception children , Freddie, Maxwell, Dexter, Holly. This week -Lyla B, Hendrix, Alfie A, George. **Football** - Solomon.

Next week will be week 2 for meals:

Reminder the new cost for paid school meals is £2.70 per day or £13.50 per week.

Online Safety Newsletter - Sent home last week (yellow paper), this is a monthly letter produced by Knowsley Borough Council, if you would like to see a particular subject please let us know and we can pass the request on to them.

Flu Immunisations - will take place on Tuesday 29th October. The link to consent and give your child's details is <https://nhsImms.azurewebsites.net/session/68c3ea7d>

This link will be live until 7th October.

Prayer Spaces in School - we had a wonderful day on Tuesday when each class spent an hour in the Prayer Space set up in the Year 5/ 6 classroom. Please ask your child about it.

Sports clubs

Monday - Dance & Performing Arts until 4.30pm (year 2 and above)

Tuesday - Football Years 2/3 until 4:30pm and Yrs. 4//5/6 until 5pm

Thursday - Multi Sports until 4:30pm (Year 2 and above) - run by Accrington Stanley

Wherever possible, these clubs will be held outside. Please ensure your child has suitable clothing.

School Admissions 2025 - Lancashire County Council's school admissions for children starting primary school or moving to secondary school in September 2025 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:



Tuesday 31 October 2024 for secondary applicants

Monday 15 January 2025 for primary applicants.

Holiday List - The holiday list for this school year is below. Please note the holiday list for 2025-2026 will be agreed at the Governors meeting in the Autumn term and we will confirm these dates with you as soon as we can.

Asda Cashpot Rewards - Parentkind - the charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who are making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative - all you have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024.

Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our Primary school. In addition, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Moreover, it does not stop there - Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

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 - A big thank you to all who support this for our school. 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> **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 £25,000 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 **£9234.40**

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 18th September - Advance notice there will be no paid or sports after school clubs due to safeguarding training for all staff.

Thursday September 26th -AM - Open the Book team will be in for our assembly, please stay and watch if you are able to.

Angel Service 3@30 - 4:30pm PM, held in school, all children to be accompanied by an adult, this is a child friendly service led by members of Altham church.

Friday 27th September - Cauliflower Card designs to be back in school. (Order online)

Thursday 10th October - Harvest Service (more information to follow)

Friday 18th October School closes for October half term **Friday 20th October** -
School reopens on Monday 28th October

Have a lovey weekend

Mrs CA Woods
Headteacher

Altham St James' CE Primary School
Holiday Pattern 2024-2025 Agreed

Autumn Term

School opens	Wednesday 4 th September 2024	
Autumn Half Term, school closes	Friday 18 th October 2024	
school reopens	Monday 28 th October 2024	
Christmas Holiday, school closes	Friday 20 th December 2024	
		= 73 openings

Spring Term

School opens	Monday 6 th January 2025	
Spring Half Term school closes	Friday 14 th February 2025	
school reopens	Monday 24 th February 2025	
Spring Holiday, including Easter		
school closes	Friday 4 th April 2025	
		= 60 openings

Summer Term

School opens	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	
May Day closure: school closed	Monday 5 th May 2025	
Summer Half Term, school closes	Friday 23 rd May 2025	
school reopens	Tuesday 3 rd June 2025	
Summer Holiday, school closes:	Friday 18 th July 2025	
		= 57 openings
		= 190 Teaching Days

Days when the school is closed to pupils, but teachers are available for duty

1 Monday 2 nd September 2024	
2 Tuesday 3 rd September 2024	
3 Monday 2 nd June 2025	
4 Monday 21 st July 2025	
5 Tuesday 22 nd July 2025	
	=5 teacher days

At the discretion of the Headteacher, and with the agreement of the staff one or more of these INSET Days may be done as a series of after-school twilight sessions.

TOTAL	190 teaching days
	+ 5 teacher days

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Holiday Pattern 2025-2026
(Provisional dates not yet agreed)

Autumn Term

School opens	Wednesday 3 rd September 2025	
Autumn Half Term, school closes	Friday 24 th October 2025	
school reopens	Monday 3 rd November 2025	
Christmas Holiday, school closes	Friday 19 th December 2025	= 73 openings

Spring Term

School opens	Monday 5 th January 2026	
Spring Half Term school closes	Friday 13 th February 2026	
school reopens	Monday 23 rd February 2026	
Spring Holiday, including Easter school closes	Friday 27 th March 2026	= 55 openings

Summer Term

School opens	Monday 13 th April 2026	
May Day closure: school closed	Monday 4 th May 2026	
Summer Half Term, school closes	Friday 22 nd May 2026	
school reopens	Wednesday 3 rd June 2026	
Summer Holiday, school closes:	Friday 17 th July 2026	= 62 openings
		= 190 Teaching Days

Days when the school is closed to pupils, but teachers are available for duty

1 Monday 1 st September 2025	
2 Tuesday 2 nd September 2025	
3 Monday 1 st June 2026	
4 Tuesday 2 nd June 2026	
5 Monday 20 th July 2026	
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