



ALTHAM ST JAMES' CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

**Stars of the week this week - Alice M, Nina, Klay, Olivia
Football - Harry B Hockey - Klay**

New menus will start with week 1 after the break.

Bag2School - The bags and leaflets have been sent home. Collection is on Wednesday 15th November. Please leave your bags of donations outside the school reception area by 9am on that morning. School is paid by the weight of the bags. Thank you.

British Legion - The boxes of poppies and the school box of goodies will be on sale after the half term break. We also have a few metal poppies available at £2 each. Thank you

Scholastic Book Club - Magazines have been sent home but if you would like to order on line please go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/altham-ce/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and place your order. For **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, **our school will earn 20p** in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your **order online by November 30th, books will be delivered to school.**

After School Club Contract - If you use the after school club for your child, you should have received a contract to sign. Please sign and return to school ASAP. If you have not received one please let Mrs Kenyon know. Thank you.

Christmas Raffle - We are hoping to do a big Christmas raffle and have already been donated a **Kindle** as one of the prizes. If you know anyone who may be able to donate a prize i.e. employers/friends/family, we would be very grateful.

£1 draw - Thank you so much for all your number purchases, we sold all 55 numbers. The winner is number 36 Claire Cotton (Alfie in reception's mummy). As we are planning to do a large Christmas raffle we won't do any more of these draws till the New Year. Thank you.

PTA - One of our parents Mrs Chloe Briggs has offered to start up a school PTA, if anyone is interested in helping us organise fundraising events, please email chloebriggs7@gmail.com

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

Monday - Hockey until 4:30pm (juniors only).



Tuesday - Netball until 4:30pm (juniors only)

Wednesday - Football until 4:30pm (Years 4/5/6)

Thursday - Football until 4:30pm (Years 2/3)

Friday - Fencing - after the break (Year 2 & above)

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

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.

****Tuesday 31 October 2023 for secondary applicants**

Dates for your diary

Thursday 2nd November - Open the Book team in for assembly, please stay if you able to.

Tuesday November 7th pm - Flu immunisations

Monday 13th November - Odd Sock day - anti bullying

Tuesday 14th November am - Year 3-4 WW2 Secret War Special event - trip to Museum of Lancashire.

Wednesday 15th November - Bag2School day, please save any unwanted clothing (bags sent home this week)

Friday November 17th - Children in Need Day

Thursday November 23rd am-Open the Book team in for assembly **pm** Angel service afterschool.

Tuesday December 5th - Peter Pan Panto trip - whole school. (More info to follow)

Thursday 7th December - School Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 11th December - Infant play performance 2pm

Tuesday 12th December - Infant play performance 9:30am

- Junior play performance 2pm

- Junior play performance 5:30pm

Thursday 14th December - Churches Together Carol Service - more information to follow

Thursday 21st December am - Breakfast with Santa (school closes 1:15pm)

School reopens on Monday 30th October - Have a lovely break!

Mrs CA Woods

Headteacher