



ALTHAM ST JAMES' CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

Stars of the week - Jaxson, Ezra, Theo L, Esme V, Alfie A, Blake, Lyla O

Prayer & Praise award - Emily N

Multi-Sports - Paige

Football - Roman, Nancy

Sports Leader Award - Tommy, Lydia, Eli, Chloe

Next week will be week 3 for meals.

School Nurse - the first drop in session was today. The next one will be on Tuesday 4th November from 2:15pm onwards. If you wish to see the nurse, please could you let us have an idea of what you want to discuss, then she can have the correct resources with her.

Happy Monkeys Milkshakes & Smoothies - are now on sale in the school office. Milkshakes are 50p for a pack of 3; Smoothies are £1.50 for a pack of 4. All monies from these will go to school funds. Thank you.

Christmas Jumpers - Mrs Briggs will be holding a sale of Christmas clothing after the half term break. If anyone has any Christmas jumpers, clothing, etc., which we could sell on to raise money for School Funds, please drop off at the school office. Thank you

Sickness - If your child has been off ill and vomiting, the official guidance to return is 48 hours after the last episode. If the last episode was early the previous day and there has been no further sickness since, then please use your judgement about them returning to school. Thank you.

Flu Immunisations - will take place on Monday 20th October. Letters have been sent home.

The link to consent and give your child's details is

<https://nhsImms.azurewebsites.net/session/421db419>

This link will be live until 13 October. If the link does not work, please copy and paste into your browser

School Admissions 2026 - Lancashire County Council's school admissions for children starting primary school or moving to secondary school in September 2026 is now open.

Parents can apply online at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools - it is quick and easy!

The national closing dates for applications are:



Friday 31 October 2025 for secondary applicants

Thursday 15 January 2026 for primary applicants

Sports clubs Year 2 and above

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](#)

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.**

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 **£11,126.00**

Dates for your diary -

Thursday 9th October - Harvest Service in church next week. Letters have been sent home.

Monday 20th October - Flu immunisations.

Monday 20th October - 3:30pm - 6pm. Parents Evening, letter has been sent home.

Friday 24th October -- Sponsored walk/run round the track.

School closes for half term.

Friday 31st October - Closing date for secondary applications.

Monday 3rd November - School reopens.

Wednesday 12th November -Sammy bag collection. Please save your preloved clothing, bedding, towels, unwanted gifts etc. to raise money for school and leukaemia & myeloma research. Collection bags have been sent home, there are more available in the school office if you need them.

Thursday 4th December - Churches Together Carol Service (more information to follow)

Monday 8th December - Infant Nativity 2pm

Tuesday 9th December - Infant Nativity 9:30am

Wednesday 10th December- Junior Christmas Play 2:00pm & 5:30pm

Thursday 11th December - Altham Christmas Light Switch on

Thursday 18th December - Whole School Pantomime (Empire Theatre) **letters have been sent home today.**

Friday 19th December - School closes 1:15pm

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs CA Woods

Headteacher