



# ALTHAM ST JAMES' CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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5<sup>th</sup> September 2025

## NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to all the children and a special hello to those who are new to the school. We have had a lovely first week in school. Miss Price is the new teacher in Year 5-6 and we would like to say a warm welcome to her. The children in reception have settled in really well and our existing children have all set a fantastic example to them. Everyone is already working hard!

**Stars of the week** all the new reception children, Freddie A, Millie, Betsy S, Amari, Jensen.

**Next week will be week 2 for meals:**

Reminder, the new cost for paid school meals is £2.90 per day or £14.50 per week

**Flu Immunisations** - will take place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October. Letters have been sent home today. 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

**Guitar** - Please note guitar lessons will be on a Wednesday lunchtime from September, starting on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September.

**Altham St James Church** - are holding a free Walking Treasure Hunt around the village next Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September, after the All Age Service, which starts at 9:30am. There will be a free barbeque after the Treasure Hunt. If you are attending, please give the school office numbers, then Church know how many to cater for. All are welcome to attend.

**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](http://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**



**Holiday List** - The holiday list for this school year is below. Please note the holiday list for 2026-2027 will be agreed at the Governors meeting in the Autumn term and we will confirm these dates with you as soon as we can. You can also find the list pinned at the top of our school Facebook page. [Altham st James Church Of England Primary School | Facebook](#) and on the school website.

**Dates for your diary -**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September** - Vision screening for Reception pupils. (Letters home today)

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September** All Age Service in church at 9:30am, followed by Walking Treasure Hunt around the village.

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September** - pm Year 2 & Year 6 fire safety talks

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October** - Flu immunisations, letters have been sent home today.

**Outdoor play area** - If anyone is getting rid of any items that would be suitable for an outdoor play area, we would love to take them off your hands!

**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](mailto: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 **£10,953.60**

Have a lovely weekend.

**Mrs CA Woods**  
**Headteacher**

**Altham St James' CE Primary School**  
**Holiday Pattern 2025-2026 - (agreed)**

**Autumn Term**

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

**Spring Term**

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

**Summer Term**

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

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

- 1 Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025
- 2 Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025
- 3 Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026
- 4 Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026
- 5 Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026

=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