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NEWSLETTER

17th October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Stars of the week - Thea, Matilda, Elbie, Dexter, Courtney, Lydia, Eli

Prayer & Praise award - Rupert A

Multi-Sports - Maisie

Football - Lyla O, Esme MJ

Sports Leader Award - Matilda, Klay, Rupert A

Next week will be week 2 for meals.

Sponsored walk/run - Next Friday will be none uniform for sponsored run/walk day. Clothes should be suitable for being outdoors. Once they have done the run/walk they will be given a signed slip to confirm this has been done. Please collect any sponsor money and bring back into school after the half term break. Thank you for your support.

Fundraising Raffle - tickets are now on sale for our fundraising raffle £1. Prizes include a bottle of Cava, 12 cans Prime Time IPA beer, Happy Monkeys drink bundle, Cath Kidston notebook, a relaxation candle, a box of Dairy milk. We have also been donated a Tough Mudder blanket which will be included in the raffle. Drawn next Friday 24th October. All monies raise will go to school funds. Thank you.

Cards, wrapping paper, bows & tissue paper - you may not have noticed but we have a stand outside the school office that has many excellent quality cards on it! We sell these at £1 each. We now also have lots of tissue paper (various colours) for £1.50 per pack, a gift box of bows, ribbon and tags for £4, wrapping paper £1, curly bows £2 (pack of 4), paper bows £1.50 (pack of 4). All money raised from the sale of these will go to school fund. Thank you.

School Nurse - The next drop in session 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



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!

Reminder closing date for secondary application is Friday 31st October.

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](#)

Dates for your diary -

Monday 20th October - Flu immunisations.

Monday 20th October - 3:30pm - 6pm. Parents Evening - slips have been sent home, with time written on them.

Wednesday 22nd October - Angel Service - 3:30pm, all children must be accompanied by an adult.

Thursday 23rd October - 9am Open the Book team in for assembly, Please stay if you are able to.

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 - Year 1 and 2 Nativity 2pm

Tuesday 9th December - Year 1 and 2 Nativity 9:30am

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

Thursday 11th December - Altham Christmas Light Switch on

Monday 15 December - Reception play 2pm (approx. 30 mins)

Tuesday 16th December - Reception play 9:30am (approx. 30 mins)

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

Friday 19th December - School closes 1:15pm

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs CA Woods

Headteacher