



## ALTHAM ST JAMES' CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Stars of the week** - Jaxson, Betsy K, Elyse, Nancy, Edward, Jensen, Lola

**Prayer & Praise Award** - Hudson

**Sports Leader's Award** - Eli, Tommy, Isabelle G

**Multi-skills** - Alfie C

**Football** - Albie

**Next week will be week 2 choices.**

**World Book Day** - We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Children can come to school dressed up as their favourite book character. Please do not go to any expense.

**Nurse drop in** - next Tuesday is our nurse drop in from 2:30pm. If you would like to see the nurse, please can you let us know, so the nurse knows how many are attending.

**Swimming** - From Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April, all junior pupils will start swimming at Accrington Academy in the morning; they will be back in time for lunch. Please note, all pupils will need to wear a swim cap. These can be bought at the Academy for £3 each (last year's price), or you can source your own. Thank you.

**Moorside Workshop** - Year 5 and 6 have been participating in a four-week project. Yesterday, they performed a presentation they had designed to five judges. The winning school will go to London. We do not know the outcome yet, but we are very proud of the work they put in and the way they confidently presented. Well done to them all!

**Tesco Stronger Starts** - Reminder -please remember to use your blue tokens for our school in any of the stores listed below. In Accrington store, there are tubs of tokens on the self-checkout tills. Feel free to share this list of stores amongst your friends & family, we need all the help we can get!

6154 Accrington Extra BB5 1LN

4467 Baxenden Express BB5 2QJ

5350 Accrington Abbey Street Esso Express BB5 1EW

5752 Oswaldtwistle Mill Express BB5 3JB



**Cards, wrapping paper, bows & tissue paper** -We sell cards at £1 each, also 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.

**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 **£11,608.80**

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.**

To support us please visit [Yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://Yourschoollottery.co.uk) and search for Altham St James.

**Sports clubs Year 2 and above**

**Monday, Wednesday & Friday 12-12.30-** Coach to 5K (juniors only)

**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](mailto: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** -

**Tuesday 10th February** - School nurse drop in 2:30pm.

**Wednesday 11th February** - Angel service. An adult must accompany all pupils.

**Friday 13th February** - **School closes for half term and reopens on Monday 23rd February.**

**Thursday 26th February** - Open the Book assembly.

**Friday 27th February** - School photos

**Thursday 5th March** - first Lent Service, in Church (Reception, Year 1-2)

**Friday 6th March** - School nurse drop in 2:15pm.

**Friday 6th March** - World Book Day - dress up as your favourite book character (please don't go to any expense)

**Thursday 12th March** - 2nd Lent Service, in Church (Year 3-4)

**Thursday 19th March** - 3rd Lent Service, in Church (Year 5-6)

**Friday 20th March** - Red Nose Day

**Thursday 26th March** - Open the Book in Church for our final Lent service.

**Friday 27th March** - **School closes for the Easter break and reopens on Monday 13th April.**

Have a lovely weekend

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