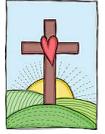




### 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

John declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'



## Gold Awards Awarded for achievements in their work.

Reception	<b>Oakley Barker</b> for drawing and labelling a map. Well done!
Year 1	<b>Elsie Simpson</b> for always being passionate in her learning, taking part in class discussions and always being ready to learn. Well done Elsie!
Year 2	<b>Henry Forshaw</b> for his incredible and insightful interpretations in our art lesson. Well done Henry!
Year 3	No award due to swimming.
Year 4	<b>Selena St Vall</b> for excellent effort in improving her handwriting and overall neatness and
Year 5	<b>Jessica Wallbank</b> for putting in 100% effort into everything she does, being a fantastic role model and always showing a helping hand, especially to Miss Stewart!
Year 6	No award this week due to an error but there will be 2 awards given next week!

## Super Citizens For children showing the Gospel Value of Hope.

Reception	<b>Alice Fisher</b> for being ready for a challenge in maths. Well done!
Year 1	<b>Finn Cummins</b> for showing 'hope' through being determined with his learning and challenging himself within his writing. Well done Finn!
Year 2	<b>Aleksander Sala</b> for sharing hope and happiness through his huge smile and positive attitude. Well done Aleksander!
Year 3	No award due to swimming.
Year 4	<b>Maria Da Silva</b> for a hardworking and positive attitude which has helped her settle in quickly at school. Well done!
Year 5	<b>Leo Carruthers</b> for showing hope through thoughtful actions and being kind to younger children on the playground, offering help where they need it!
Year 6	No award this week due to an error but there will be 2 awards given next week!

# Sporting Achievements

Well done to the under 9s Year 4 team who represented the school at a recent multi-sports competition. The children demonstrated excellent team work and physical ability, coming 2nd place out of 12 schools. Specific thanks Rebecca for helping with transport, as well as the team for their hard work. Well done.

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## Curriculum Cultural Capital

Two extra curricular events place this week ...

### 1. Year 5's visit to the Alston Observatory

The class are studying space in their science lessons and were amazed by the statistics and facts shared by the observatory team. Miss Stewart was particularly pleased with the class's enthusiasm and how they represented Alston Lane during the visit. Well done children.

### 2. Year 6's Viking Day

Year 6 came to school on Thursday as a marauding army of Vikings (some very dodgy beards were seen!) Olaf joined the class for the day (Viking School Experiences) and the children took part in a variety of workshops and battles, replicating Viking culture. Thank you to parents for funding the day and for helping with such great costumes... and beards!

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Our new school website is ready, although some sections still need fresh content adding.

<https://alstonlane.mecmat.org>

Please use this email address from now on. Our previous site no longer works.

Please share with friends and family.



## Our Lady & St Michael's Church - Alston Lane



### School Masses - Thursdays at 9am (unless stated otherwise)

22nd Jan	9.00am	Year 6	Trust
29th Jan	9.00am	Year 4	Spreading Peace
5th Feb	9.00am	Year 3	God's Colourful World
12th Feb	9.00am	Year 6	The Good Shepherd

Parents are welcome to attend these Masses.

### Mass Times at Alston Lane

Saturday evening at 5pm

Sunday morning at 8:30am and 10:30am

All are welcome at Mass

### Winter Week 1 (26th Jan, 9th March, 20th April)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1</b>	Big brunch: pork sausage or veg sausage (v), omelette, crispy potatoes and beans	Loaded mild beef or veg chilli (v) nachos with rice and salad	Roast chicken or Quorn fillet (v), Roast Potatoes & Veg	Booths Beef or Veg Burger (v) With paprika wedges	Fish or Vegetable (v) Fingers with chips
<b>2</b>	Pasta twists with dough balls (v)	Lancashire butter pie with veg or baked beans (v)	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta with herby bread (v)	Mac 'n' cheese with crusty bread (v)	Pizza Margherita (v)
<b>3</b>	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Choice of sandwich & chips

### Winter Week 2 (2nd Feb, 23rd Feb, 16th March)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1</b>	Loaded pizza panini with paprika wedges and peas (v)	Crispy chicken or veg (v) Goujons & Katsu curry sauce with rainbow rice.	Pork or Veg (v) Sausages & Yorkshire Pudding, mash & veg	Spaghetti Bolognese & Dough Balls (v)	Crispy battered Fish fingers (or veg fingers) & chips
<b>2</b>	Tomato & mascarpone pasta with herby bread (v)	Puff pastry cheese whirl with herby potatoes, peas or beans (v)	Pasta spirals & tomato sauce with dough balls (v)	Choice of filled omelette with wedges and beans (v)	Pizza Margherita & chips (v)
<b>3</b>	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Choice of sandwich & Chips

### Winter Week 3 (19th Jan, 9th Feb, 2nd Mar, 23rd Mar, 13 Apr)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1</b>	Pork & carrot meatballs or Veg meatballs (v), mild chilli & sweet pepper sauce, rice and salad	Savoury mince & dumplings with mashed potatoes, green beans and carrots	Roast Chicken or Quorn (v), Roast Potatoes & Veg	Chicken curry or veg curry (v) with mixed rice and naan bread	Fish Fingers or veg fingers (v) & Chips
<b>2</b>	Harry Ramsden's salmon and sweet potato fishcake with herby potatoes (v)	Pasta tubes & tomato sauce with dough balls (v)	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta with herby Bread (v)	Vegetarian sausage roll, paprika potatoes, peas or beans (v)	Pizza Margherita & chips (v)
<b>3</b>	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Choice of sandwich with Tortilla Chips	Jacket Potato	Choice of sandwich & Chips

# Dates for the Diary

## January

- 21 PTFA meeting 6pm - To be confirmed
- 26 3pm Year 4 Class Worship - Parents invited

## February

- 13 Close for half term
- 23 Inset Day - school closed
- 24 School reopens for spring 2 half term
- 25 Year 4 swimming block starts until 6th March

## March

- 5 World Book Day
- 9 3pm Year 6 Class Worship – Parents invited
- 10 Science Roadshows
- 16 6.30pm Full Governors' Meeting
- 23 Parents' Evening day 1 – in school
- 24 Parents' Evening day 2 – in school
- 26 2.45pm Class Worship – Easter Focus – Year 3
- 27 Close for Easter holidays

## April

- 3 Good Friday
- 5 Easter Sunday
- 13 School reopens for summer term

## May

- 4 School closed - Bank Holiday
- 11-14 KS2 SATs Week
- 14-20 Book Fair
- 18-20 Year 4 at Tower Wood
- 18 3pm Year 1 Class Worship – Parents invited
- 21 Close for half term
- 22 INSET Day – school closed

## June

- 1 School reopens for summer 2 half term
- 15 3pm Reception Class Worship – Parents invited
- 15 Class Photographs
- 15 6.30pm Full Governors Meeting
- 16 Sports Day – Juniors 1pm / Infants 2.30pm
- 27 Grimsargh Field Day – all invited to take part

## July

- 2 Move Up Day (Y6 at Secondary Schools)
- 13 Reports to Parents
- 13 Leavers' Mass 6pm
- 15 Governors' SEC meeting 6pm
- 17 9.30am End of Year Whole School Mass
- 17 2.30pm Leavers' Assembly
- 17 Close at 3.30pm

**Some dates may change if necessary.  
Please look regularly for changes.**



Proposed next meeting - Wednesday 21st January at 6pm. **To be confirmed**

All current and new members welcome.

Meetings take place in a classroom. Please come to the main entrance.

See you then.



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Date: Saturday 31st January 2026

Time: 10am-12pm

£15 per team

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