



# ALSTON LANE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

## *Learning and Growing as Children of God*

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER **Friday 5th December 2025**



### 2nd Sunday of Advent - Matthew 3: 1-12

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.' For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight."'



## Gold Awards

Awarded for achievements in their work.

Reception	<b>Amaani Chughtai</b> for writing captions independently using her phonics.
Year 1	<b>Finn Cummins</b> for always working hard and gaining confidence sharing his ideas in class discussions. Well done Finn!
Year 2	<b>Grayson Gowans</b> for his amazing knowledge of castles and The Battle of Hastings on our school trip to Clitheroe Castle. Well done Grayson!
Year 3	<b>Amelia Myers</b> for working hard in Maths this week. She has shown real perseverance and determination with all her work.
Year 4	<b>James Docto</b> for excellent listening skills and putting care into all your work! Well done!
Year 5	<b>George Emmens-Wilkinson</b> for showing amazing responsibility by running all the technology during our class assembly, solving tricky technical problems, and helping everything go smoothly for everyone! Well Done, George!
Year 6	<b>Scott Green</b> for the attention to detail in all of his work. It is a pleasure to mark each day. Thank you Scott!

## Super Citizens

For children showing the Gospel Value of Humility.

Reception	<b>Alice Fisher</b> for always being kind to her friends. Giving up something she has for someone else.
Year 1	<b>Henry Wignall</b> for showing humility by helping a classmate learn their 3D shapes in his exploring time and being kind to others. Well done Henry!
Year 2	<b>Jeremiah Jenkins</b> for always putting others before himself through his kindness, patience and humility. Thank you Jeremiah!
Year 3	<b>Edith Wallbank and Sophia Carroll</b> for showing kindness, patience and care when helping a child during their gymnastics lesson this week.
Year 4	<b>Amelia Atkinson</b> for working hard to improve her work by listening to and responding to feedback. Well done!
Year 5	<b>Elsie Kaye</b> for showing true humility and kindness by comforting a friend during a competition, putting their feelings before her own, reminding them that mistakes happen to everyone and putting kindness before winning!
Year 6	<b>Lotty Monks</b> for her dedication to ensuring that our faith is lived out in the Y6 classroom. Thank you for all of your help Lotty!

# Admission to Primary School

## For September 2026

The closing date for Reception Class applications is Thursday 15th January 2026. Applications are made online through Lancashire County Council's website.

**YOU MUST also complete our Supplementary Application form and return it to us.**

## For September 2027

A new admissions policy is being consulted upon. Sent to parents on Wednesday 3rd December.

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## Sporting Achievements

Congratulations again to the Year 2 multi-skills team who came first place in their recent tournament. The trophy and medals have finally arrived.

A huge well done as well, to the Year 5 and 6 gymnastics team who represented Alston Lane on Wednesday at Longridge Gymnastics. They came 2nd overall, with Teddy E taking first placed boy. Thank you to Miss Stewart for preparing the team.

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Thank you to the 18 families who prepared and beautifully wrapped shoeboxes this year. We had significantly fewer than previous years, but this number still ensures that 18 vulnerable people will feel loved and supported this Christmas.

Thank you

*International  
Aid Trust*  
Christian compassion for a hurting world



Thank you! With your support and generous donations, we made £1200 for PTFA funds.

The PTFA will soon be sending out a questionnaire to gauge your views on events and projects.

**The 'Name the Elf' competition is still running in school. If you would like to buy a square, please bring £1 to the school office. The prize is the Elf cuddly toy and a £20 Smyth's Toy voucher.**

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



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

11th Dec	Year 3	Spreading peace
18th Dec	9.30am	Whole school Mass

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

**Wednesday 10th December**



Festive Roast with chipolata sausage & Yorkshire pudding, served with roast potatoes, mashed potatoes & seasonal vegetables

or

Quorn fillet & Yorkshire pudding, served with roast potatoes, mashed potatoes & seasonal vegetables

Sweet Christmas Treat for dessert



**Be In SCHOOL  
Be On TIME**

**School begins at 8.45am**

**Children should be on the playground at this time and lined up ready to enter school.**

When children enter school at 8.45am, they start morning tasks and often work with an adult to correct or improve work. It is a time to prepare for the day ahead and take the register too.

When children arrive after 8.45am, they miss this learning and are less prepared for the day ahead. Children who are late often miss important class information and messages too.

We never blame children for being late. This is a parental responsibility.

Sorry, but we will be writing to the parents who are regularly late arriving at school.

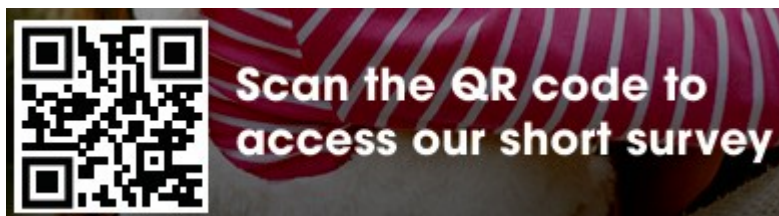
**Arriving at 9am each day means that 1 hour 15 mins of learning is lost each week.**



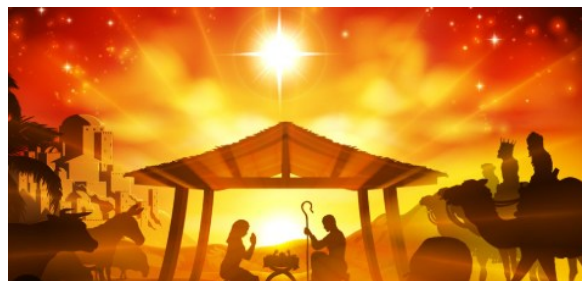
If you are interested in your child joining our nursery, please contact Mrs Patel, Mrs Rooke or Mrs Harrison for information. Alternatively, pop into the school office.



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# All you need to know about our Christmas Events this year...



## **Junior Carol Service                      Monday 8th December from 6pm.**

KS2 have been practising for our upcoming carol concert on Monday.

It is a great way to start the Christmas festivities and important that all children in KS2 attend.

The carol concert is in **Church and begins at 6:00pm**, but we ask that the children **arrive for 5:45pm** so we can get into positions and be ready to start promptly.

Children are allowed to wear a **Christmas jumper with their uniform on the night**.

If you have any questions or need anymore information, please pop me an email or ask at the school office.

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## **Christmas Lunch                      Wednesday 10th December                      Order on the day**

Festive Roast with chipolata sausage & Yorkshire pudding, served with roast potatoes, mashed potatoes & seasonal vegetables.

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Quorn fillet & Yorkshire pudding, served with roast potatoes, mashed potatoes & seasonal vegetables.

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## **Nursery Christmas Sing-a-Long      Wednesday 10th December from 2.30pm in Nursery**

Nursery parents are welcome to come and join us for this festive sin-a-long.

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## **Infant Nativity                      Wednesday 17th December at 2pm & 6pm**

Join us in the school hall for the nativity. Reception class will perform during the 2pm performance but not in the evening.

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## **Whole School Mass                      Thursday 18th December at 9.30am**

Come and join us for our end of term Mass in church.

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## **Christmas Parties in school**

**Reception                      Wednesday 10th December - during school time**

**Nursery                      Wednesday 17th December - from 1.30pm until 3pm**

**Y1 - Y6                      Friday 19th December - during school time**

**Children may come to school in their Christmas party clothes. All classes will receive time in the hall for dancing and party games.**





Artistic grants are available from Ribble Valley Borough Council.

**The Arts Excellence Awards are designed to assist young talented performer's progress in their chosen activity of dance, drama or music.**

The main aim of the scheme is to help with the cost of tuition, travel and equipment in their chosen discipline.

To be eligible, the young people need to: be over the age of 9, must live in Ribble Valley, be in full time education and must have achieved a qualification / accreditation in the art-form they practice that is recognised by a governing body.

**For More Info.** Follow this link to look at the grant criteria, check your eligibility and see how to apply [Arts Excellence Award – Ribble Valley Borough Council](#)

**The deadline for applications is 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026**

If you know of any other people that this may be relevant to please feel free to forward this information e.g. choir leaders, dance tutors, theatre groups, music tutors.

**Kind Regards**

Katherine Rodgers

Katherine Rodgers | Arts Development | Ribble Valley Borough Council

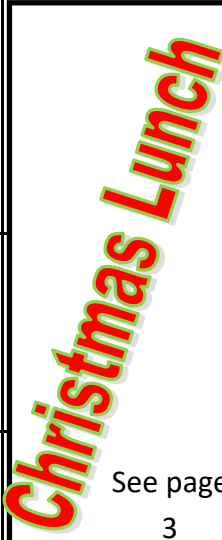
### Winter Week 1 (15th Dec, 5th Jan, 26th Jan, 9th March, 20th April)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	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 Fingers with chips
2	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)
3	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Choice of sandwich & chips

### Winter Week 2 (12th Jan, 2nd Feb, 23rd Feb, 16th March)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	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 & chips
2	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)
3	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Choice of sandwich & Chips

### Winter Week 3 (8th Dec, 19th Jan, 9th Feb, 2nd Mar, 23rd Mar, 13 Apr)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	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	 <p>See page 3</p>	Chicken curry or veg curry (v) with mixed rice and naan bread	Fish Fingers & Chips
2	Harry Ramsden's salmon and sweet potato fishcake with herby potatoes (v)	Pasta tubes & tomato sauce with dough balls (v)		Vegetarian sausage roll, paprika potatoes, peas or beans (v)	Pizza Margherita & chips (v)
3	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato		Jacket Potato	Choice of sandwich & Chips

# Dates for the Diary

## December

- 5 Christmas Wreath Workshop - 7-9PM
- 7 Christmas Wreath Workshop - 1-3PM
- 8 Junior Carol Concert in church
- 10 Christmas lunch
- 10 Reception Christmas party 1.30pm
- 10 Nursery Christmas Sing-a-long 2.30pm
- 17 Nursery Christmas party 1.30 - 3pm
- 17 Infant nativity in the hall - 2pm and 6pm
- 18 9.30am End of term whole school Mass
- 19 School closes for Christmas

## January

- 5 School reopens for the spring term
- 6 Year 3 swimming block starts till 15th Jan
- 15 Year 6 Viking Day
- 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.**