

**The Baptism of Our Lord - Matthew 1: 18-24**

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

 **Gold Awards**

Awarded for achievements in their work.

Reception	<b>Knox Howard</b> for writing numbers and words independently.
Year 1	<b>Roman Banner</b> for starting the new year with a great sense of determination and positivity towards his learning. Well done Roman!
Year 2	<b>Hunter Kenyon</b> for working super hard in PE and avoiding distractions. Well done!
Year 3	No awards due to swimming!
Year 4	<b>Frankie Jackson</b> for excellent behaviour, wonderful manners and working well in her independent work. Well done!
Year 5	<b>Kaiden Parkinson</b> for having a super first week back to school and a brilliant attitude towards all his written work!
Year 6	<b>Nancy Millward</b> for fantastic effort in her work all week - especially times tables!

**Super Citizens** For children showing the Gospel Value of **Humility**.

Reception	<b>George Ridley</b> for holding the door open for a teacher.
Year 1	<b>Louis Williams</b> for showing 'hope' and determination in his learning, especially in his independent writing. Well done Louis!
Year 2	<b>Isla-Rose Day</b> for showing hope through her 'can-do' attitude in maths, always being ready for a challenge. Well done!
Year 3	No awards due to swimming!
Year 4	<b>Stanley Mitchell</b> for displaying a can-do attitude, always taking it in his stride and always being ready for a challenge.
Year 5	<b>Ava Ball</b> for showing hope by having a 'can do' attitude and not giving up on some really tricky long multiplication questions!
Year 6	<b>Martim Bento</b> for always showing such respect and kindness in the way he offers other children constructive feedback for their class worship.



We are delighted to share some happy news with you.

Mrs Rooke is expecting her third child in the summer term.

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Rooke and family x

## 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 Information form and return it to us.**

### Spring Term Report Cards

We hope that this week's report cards helped you to have a greater understanding of your child's current attainment and progress in school.

Some parents may be concerned that their child's scores have dropped from the previous report card or end of year report. Teacher assessments are always based on formal assessments as well as pupils' class work and attitude to learning. Please speak to your child's teacher if you have a query about your child.



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)

15th Jan	9.00am	Year 6	Trust
22nd Jan	9.00am	Year 5	The Missions
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



**Mass Times at Alston Lane**

**Saturday evening at 5pm**

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

All are welcome at Mass

Parents are welcome to attend these Masses.

# School Dinners

In line with Lancashire County Council's meal pricing,  
the cost of a school meal is now £2.90

## Winter Week 1 (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 or Vegetable (v) 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 Bolognaise & Dough Balls (v)	Crispy battered Fish fingers (or veg 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 (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	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
2	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)
3	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Choice of sandwich with Tortilla Chips	Jacket Potato	Choice of sandwich & Chips

# Dates for the Diary

## January

- 15 Year 6 Viking Day
- 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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HOLIDAY  
CLUB**

**ST CECILIAS  
LONGRIDGE**

**16TH-20TH  
FEBRUARY**

**JUST  
£20 PER DAY**

**DROP OFF 8-9AM  
PICK UP 4-5PM**

**VERY LIMITED SPACE !**

**BOOK NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT**

**TEXT GARETH  07840193500**

