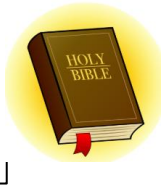
ALSTON LANE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

Learning and Growing as Children of God

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Friday 23rd October 2026

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Matthew 22: 34-40

‘Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?’ And he said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.’



Gold Awards Awarded for achievements in their work.

Reception	**Claire Johnson** - For incredible effort with her phonics and reading. Claire could recall all of her sounds in phonics and could blend words. Well done Claire.
Year 1	**Knox Howard -** For joining in with group activities with a positive attitude and working hard to complete his tasks. Well done Knox!
Year 2	**Ruairi Vernon** - For an incredible week full of hard work, super listening and excellent behaviour. Myself and Mrs Barr have been 'wowed' this week! Well done Ruairi!
Year 3	**Esme Gravell** - For making a really good start to her diary writing.
Year 4	**Ollie Tyson** - For demonstrating his amazing knowledge of capital cities in our round the World game.
Year 5	**Noah Bannister** - For contributing excellently to class discussions. Well done Noah!
Year 6	**Leo Carruthers** - For working really hard and wanting to do his best.

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

Reception	**Emilia McVeigh** - For always showing acts of love and kindness towards other children in the classroom. Emilia is very caring and shows love and compassion when playing with other children. Thank you Emilia.
Year 1	**Edie Hoole -** For showing 'love' to her classroom by always helping tidy up any area of the classroom without being asked. Well done Edie!
Year 2	**Emily Hough** - For showing love to her friend by stopping and helping her clean up when she dropped her drink. She wasn't asked to help and did it through her own kindness. Thank you Emily!
Year 3	**Harriet Porter** - For showing love by always being positive, enthusiastic and helpful.
Year 4	**Rocco Whalley** - For being so loving by helping his class mates and teachers.
Year 5	**Stanley Mitchell** - For showing love to his teacher and peers by always being on hand to help. Keep it up Stanley!
Year 6	**Elsie Kaye** - For showing love by spending time at home making a gift for Ms. Nixon and always being polite and respectful.

School Dinners

Week 2 (3rd Nov)					
	Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
1	INSET DAY	BBQ Pulled Pork or Quorn Burrito with Veg Rice	Roast Chicken or Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes, Veg & Gravy	Booths British Beef & Pork Burger or Veggie Burger with Paprika Potatoes	Harry Ramsden's Crispy Battered Fish with Oven Baked Chips & Mushy Peas
2		Mac 'N' Cheese with Crusty Bread & Peas (v)	Loaded Potato Wedges, BBQ Beans, Crispy Onions (v)	Pasta Spirals & Tomato Sauce, Dough Balls (v)	Pizza Margherita (v)
3		Jacket Potato	Choice of Sandwich	Jacket Potato	Choice of Sandwich

We have new menus from w/c 9th November, these will be shared with parents once we return from the half term break.

Car Park Safety

Near misses on the car park are happening too frequently! These are due to pedestrian error and drivers attempting to get out quickly after pickup or drop-off. The potential for serious injury is high. Please park in allocated bays, collect pupils from the playground and drive with extreme caution at all times. Thank you

Harvest donations to the Food Bank

Thank you to families who have been able to donate to our food bank collection this harvest. The goods will be taken to the food bank hub today, so that families can benefit over half term. If you or anyone you know would benefit from food bank support, please let us know so we can help.

Late pick-ups when school finishes at 3.30pm

We are seeing an increased frequency of pupils being collected late after school. As we are not able to supervise pupils for more than a few minutes after 3.30pm, pupils will have be taken to after school club and parents charged for the service.
Please set off early to get through traffic and inform us if you are due to be late. Thank you.

Uniform and coats

Please ensure pupils bring a coat every day. Jumpers, cardigans and coats must be labelled with names so they are not lost. Lost property is filling up!

Flu Vaccination update

The NHS have phoned to apologise for pupils not receiving their flu vaccines on 24th Sept, despite parental consent having been received. Our school has now been escalated and they are hoping to get back to us with a new date in November, here in school. They will also provide a new link for parents to consent (age 3yrs upwards). If you have already made alternative arrangements or don't wish your child to have the vaccine, you will be able to submit a "do not consent".

Changes to Lunchtimes - from after half term

Helping our pupils to feel that they are part of the 'Alston Lane family' is really important to us. We also want to give them lots to do at lunchtimes, so they keep healthy, active and interested.
From 3rd November, we are changing the way classes eat in the hall and how they play outside. We hope that all pupils will be supported to eat calmly, build cutlery skills and learn new games to play outside. Watch this space for more information.

Year 6 – Secondary School Applications for September 2027

The deadline for secondary school applications is 31st October 2026. Applications must be made online through Lancashire County Council's admissions website. Applying for a secondary school place

Autumn Term Class Masses – parents are welcome to join us in church each week

Date and time	Class or Whole school	Theme
5th November 9am	Year 3	God's colourful world
12th November 9am	Year 6	Listening
19th November 9am	Year 5	Forgiveness
26th November 9am	Year 4	Talents
3rd December 9am	Year 3	Spreading peace
17th December 9.30am	Whole School	Advent

Apologies that some class Masses have been cancelled recently. Unfortunately, Canon Doyle has been unwell.

Dates for the Diary

Diary dates have moved to the school website. Key dates are also listed below.
Calendar | Alston Lane Catholic Primary School and Nursery

November

2 INSET Day – school closed
3 School open
4 PTFA Meeting 6pm
9 Individual and family photographs
10 PTFA Rag Bag collection
11 Remembrance Day
12 pm Y6 Secret War visit
16 Anti-Bullying Week – 'Break the Silence'
16 3pm Class Worship – Year 2
20 6.30pm PTFA Wreath Making workshop
27 Pantomime at The Grand Clitheroe

December

1 Y4 visit to Helmshore Mill
3 Christmas Fair 3.45pm – 5.45pm
7 Assessment Week
7 KS2 Carol Concert 5.45pm in church
9 Nursery Nativity 2.30pm in the hall
15 KS1 Nativity 2.30pm and 6pm (Rec at 2.30 show)
18 Close

PTFA News

Wednesday 4th November – PTFA Meeting
Come and help us plan the Christmas Fair. The meeting starts at 6pm in school.

Tuesday 10th November - Rag Bag Collection ****DATE CHANGED FROM 4th**
We will have another "Rag Bag" Collection, this time on Tues 10th November – please see flyer below. If you are having a clear out at home, please keep items to one side and bring into school.

Friday 20th November – Christmas Wreath Workshop
Open to parents and friends of the school - £40 per person.
All materials provided by the expert wreath maker, who will guide participants as they create their Christmas wreaths. Refreshments provided.
Available to book on Arbor (under School Shop). Limited places available!

Thursday 3rd December – Christmas Fair
3.45pm till 5.45pm
Festive games, Father Christmas' Grotto, refreshments and much more. Volunteers are always needed on the day and to set up. Look out for more details as we get closer.

Easy Fundraising App – see information below.
This easy app links easily to your online purchases with all the high street favourites and supermarkets. Simple set up and no extra cost to you!



Make purchases through the APP and raise money effortlessly!

is free and can raise huge amounts for school without any additional work. Just remember to access shops through the APP. Supermarket shops can also be linked when you register your debit card to the purchase. It really is 'Easy Fundraising'!


Firework Code
Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service
Always supervise young children
Light sparklers one at a time
Keep pets indoors
Keep them in a closed box
Follow all instructions carefully
Stand well back
DO's
&
Don'ts
Never return to a lit firework
Don't give sparklers to under 5's
Don't set fireworks off after 11pm
Never put them in your pocket
Never throw them
Bright Sparx
For more information visit:
www.lancsfireresc ue.org.uk/bonfires-and-fireworks.aspx


Alston Lane Catholic Primary School & Nursery
Rag Bag
Recycling Day!
COLLECTION DAY:
Tuesday 10th November 2026
Bring in your donations on Monday 9th November and the morning of Tuesday 10th November 2026.
WE ACCEPT:
Good quality, clean:
Men's, Ladies' & Children's Clothing
Belts & Bags
Paired Shoes
WE CANNOT ACCEPT:
Workwear or School Uniform
Wet or Soiled Clothes
Blankets & Towels
Pillows & Cushions
Suitcases & Carpets
Books & Bric-a-Brac
Hangers or Electricals
Turn your old clothes into cash for our school!
Please only fill your black bags 3/4 full.


Tom Bamber
SPORTS COACHING
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FOOTBALL CAMP!
Monday 26th – Friday 30th October
8.30am – 4.00pm
£20 per day or £90 for all 5 days
FUN GAMES
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TEAMWORK
MAKES FRIENDS
ENJOY FOOTBALL!
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