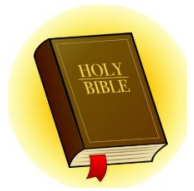




# ALSTON LANE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

*Learning and Growing as Children of God*

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Friday 27th March 2026



## **Palm Sunday. Matthew 21: 1-11**

They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!



## **Gold Awards** Awarded for achievements in their work.

<b>Reception</b>	<b>Luca Farnworth</b> for always giving 100% effort in everything he does.
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Louis Williams</b> for showing a passion for learning through asking questions and joining in with class discussions. Well done Louis!
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>James Whitmore</b> for always treating others fairly, listening to others and making thoughtful choices.
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Daisy Platt</b> for taking the time both in school and at home to perfect her role in our class assembly.
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Connie Walker</b> for her dedication and focus throughout our guided and independent write this term.
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Whole of Year 5</b> for being an amazing class to teach. You have all been incredible and all made fantastic progress. I will miss you all and I am proud of each and everyone of you! Keep shining and remember how fabulous you are!
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Ruby Meek</b> for showing that hard work pays off and achieving excellent results in her reading assessment. Well done Ruby!

## **Super Citizens** For children showing the Gospel Value of Justice.

<b>Reception</b>	<b>Tommy Holt</b> for showing justice by being a good listener to his friends and taking on board what they say.
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Emily Hough</b> for showing 'justice' by working well in a team and making sure her partners all had a turn at the task. Well done Emily!
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Evie-Mae Ross</b> for her hard work in math's this week. She has shown good understanding of capacity and reading scales and worked hard independently.
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Hugo Logan</b> for being a fabulous friend, always wanting to do the right thing, being able to apologise and forgive his friends when needed, and for being a fabulous classmate to everyone in year 3!
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Louie Hodgson</b> for being a good friend, always choosing fairness and making good choices.
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>William Rainford</b> for showing justice by being a fun, honest and kind character in our class and always putting a smile on Miss Stewarts face!
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Ike Wallbank</b> for ensuring that everyone had an equal opportunity to participate in an activity, even though he had the skill to take the lead. Thank you, Ike!

**CADFOD Easter Egg Raffle** – You raised £244.00 to help people grow their own food in the poorest parts of the world. A huge thank you and well done.

Summer Week 1 (20 <sup>th</sup> April, 11 <sup>th</sup> May, 1 <sup>st</sup> June, 22 <sup>nd</sup> June, 13 <sup>th</sup> July, 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept, 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct)					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1</b>	Chicken Goujons or Vegetable Finger Wrap, Paprika Potatoes, Veg, Beans	Mild Beef or Vegetable Chilli Nacho Bake, Rice & Sweetcorn	Pork or Vegetarian Sausages & Yorkshire Pudding, Mash, Veg	Chicken or Quorn Balti Curry with Rice & Naan Bread	Fish or Vegetable Fingers with Oven Baked Chips, Peas
<b>2</b>	Pasta Tubes & Tomato Sauce with Dough Balls & Salad (v)	Summer Picnic: Sandwiches, Vegetarian Sausage Roll, Pasta Salad	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta, Herby Bread, Salad (v)	Cheese Flan Baby Potatoes & Beans (v)	Pizza Margherita (v)
<b>3</b>	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Choice of Sandwich	Jacket Potato	Choice of Sandwich

Summer Week 2 (27 <sup>th</sup> April, 18 <sup>th</sup> May, 8 <sup>th</sup> June, 29 <sup>th</sup> June, 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug, 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept, 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov)					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1</b>	Vegetarian Sausage Roll, Herby Potatoes, Peas & Sweetcorn/Beans (v)	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
<b>2</b>	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta Herby Bread (v)	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)
<b>3</b>	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Choice of Sandwich	Jacket Potato	Choice of Sandwich

Summer Week 3 (13 <sup>th</sup> April, 4 <sup>th</sup> May, 25 <sup>th</sup> May, 15 <sup>th</sup> Jun, 6 <sup>th</sup> July, 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept, 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept, 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov)					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1</b>	Piri Piri Chicken or Quorn Pitta Pocket with Sunshine Rice & Peas	Harry Ramsden's Salmon & Sweet Potato Fishcake with Paprika Potatoes & Veg	Honey Roast Gammon & Pineapple or BBQ Veggie Meatballs with Rosti Potatoes	Chicken or Vegetable Tikka Curry with Rice & Naan Bread	Pork or Vegetarian Hot Dog, Crispy Onions & Tomato Ketchup with Oven Baked Chips
<b>2</b>	Pasta Twists & Tomato Sauce, Dough Balls (v)	Puff Pastry Cheese Whirl with Paprika Potatoes & Beans (v)	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta with Herby Bread & Salad (v)	Summer Picnic Lunch of Sandwiches, Vegetarian Sausage Roll, Pasta Salad, (v)	Pizza Margherita (v)
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## Current attendance by year group for this academic year:

**Green** = above national average

**Red** = below national average

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
School Average	92.9%	91.7%	95.6%	96.5%	97.4%	97.1%	94.2%
National Average	93.8%	94.5%	94.9%	95.2%	95.1%	94.9%	94.7%

## Thank you Mr Monks

The school's chair of governors, David Monks, has volunteered his services to Alston Lane for many years. He has been hugely helpful in supporting school improvement and, along with other governors, ensuring we serve the school community to the best of our ability.

Following approximately 10 years of support, he has stepped down from this role, with our thanks and appreciation.

We are now actively seeking practising Catholics, who may like to become foundation governors. Please speak to Canon Doyle or Mr FitzGibbon if you would like to know more about this vital role.



## The Great Preston Fairtrade Egg Hunt ... Is Back!

Come and join our great Fairtrade Egg hunt and win some Fairtrade chocolate.

- There are 12 knitted eggs located at different businesses in the city centre - all businesses that support Fairtrade. A knitted egg will be on display at each of these - either visible from outside in the window or inside in the counter area. Each egg will display a letter.
- Print off the map/entry form (next page) or collect one from the Harris Library or from one of the following: Lush, Holland & Barrett, Body Shop, Central Methodists, Oxfam, Waterstones.
- Write the letter found at each location on your entry form.
- When you have found all the letters, use them to find the hidden phrase.
- Finally leave your completed form at the Harris Library or in Central Methodists letter box and wait to hear if you have won some tasty Fairtrade chocolate.

You can do this any time between Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March and Saturday 11th April  
[www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk) Fairtrade Preston, [fairpreston@gmail.com](mailto:fairpreston@gmail.com), 07813 870641

**Competition  
runs from  
28th March to  
11th of April.**



My Name is..... Contact details: .....

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### The Great Preston Fairtrade Egg Hunt.

Go to the \* marked places to pick up a map, & find the knitted eggs on display in windows or on counters. Each egg has a letter. Write down the letter and work out what phrase they make. Drop off your finished sheet at Central Methodist's Letter Box or the Harris Library for the chance to win some excellent prizes in our chocolatey draw!

SHOP NAME	
1 Lush *	
2 Holland and Barrett *	
3 Greggs [Fishergate]	
4 Sainsburys	
5 Greggs [St George's downstairs]	
6 Body Shop [Nr Fishergate entrance] *	
7 Central Methodists Letter Box Drop Off	—
8 Greggs [Orchard Street]	
9 Oxfam *	
10 Preston Health Food Store	
11 Waterstones *	
12 Co-op bank	
13 Harris Library* Drop off Point	



Now you have all the letters, work out the excellent phrase that they make and write it in the space below.

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## Class Masses – parents are welcome to attend

Date and time	Class or Whole school	Theme
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> April 9.05am	Whole school	Start of summer term
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 9.05am	Year 6	God knows me
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> April 9.05am	Year 5	God's colourful world
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> May 9.05am	Whole school	May Procession
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> May 9.30am	Whole School	Ascension
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> May 7.00pm	Year 6	Sacrament of Confirmation
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> May 9.05am	Year 3	Light



There will be a Children's Way of the Cross and an opportunity to make an Easter garden on Good Friday at 10.45am in the Caton room to coincide with the Stations of the Cross in church (which start at 11am).

We would love to see you there.

In order to obtain materials for this event we need an indication of numbers attending. If your child would like to attend please contact Jayne Barton on 07976905463 by 30th April.

## Easter Masses and liturgy at Our Lady and St Michael's Church

**Maundy Thursday Mass** 7pm

**Good Friday** Children's Easter Gardens 10.45am in the Caton Room

Stations of the Cross 11am in church

Good Friday Liturgy 3pm

**Holy Saturday** Vigil Mass 8pm

**Easter Sunday** 8.30am and 10.30am

## Dates for the Diary

### April

- 3 Good Friday – Easter Garden making for children (see above)
- 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 PTFA Colour Run - sponsored event
- 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
- 29 During this week, the Year 6 performance will take place

### July

- 2 Move Up Day (Y6 at Secondary Schools)
- 13 Reports to Parents
- 13 ~~Leavers' Mass 6pm~~ Year 6 will lead the final Mass on 17<sup>th</sup> July instead of an evening Mass.
- 15 Governors' SEC meeting 6pm
- 17 9.30am End of Year Whole School Mass – led by Year 6
- 17 2.30pm Leavers' Assembly and Close for summer at 3.30pm

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

**Tom Bamber**  
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**EASTER FOOTBALL CAMP!**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April**

**8.30am - 4.00pm**

**£20 per day or £75 for all 4 days**

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