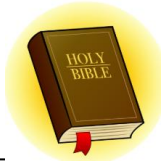
ALSTON LANE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

Learning and Growing as Children of God

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Friday 6th November 2026

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Matthew 25: 1-13

Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.



Gold Awards Awarded for achievements in their work.

Reception	**Lewis Costa** - For a fantastic Supertato design and model. Well done Lewis!
Year 1	**Evelyn Harrison -** For her brilliant explanations of key words and learning from prior lessons. Well done Evelyn!
Year 2	**Louis Williams** - For his excellent efforts in writing this week and his hugely improved handwriting! Well done Louis!
Year 3	**Evie-Mae Ross -** For always trying her best and working hard! This week we have been particularly impressed with her Maths work.
Year 4	**Ellis Degnan** - For his amazing effort in handwriting!
Year 5	**Ayo Odedobe** - For having an excellent attitude to learning since being back at school. Keep up the amazing work Ayo!
Year 6	**Joshua Wright -** For working well on his research project in English and trying hard in all areas of learning.

Super Citizens For children showing the Gospel Value of Humility.

Reception	**Emilia McVeigh -** For showing care towards other children and making good relationships with her friends. Well done Emilia!
Year 1	**Amaani Chughtai -** For showing 'humility' by always being willing to help others any time without expecting a reward. Well done Amaani!
Year 2	**Arlo Pullen** - For showing great humility by accepting feedback positively, taking advice on board and working hard to continually improve his handwriting.
Year 3	**Grayson Gowans** - For always taking into consideration other children's thoughts and feelings. He is a supportive and encouraging classmate!
Year 4	**Scarlett Egan** - For being so humble and modest every day.
Year 5	**Bradley Addison-Harris -** For always taking the time to listen to her peers and valuing others thoughts and feelings, keep it up Bradley!
Year 6	**Jackson Crossley -** For making good choices both inside and outside of the classroom, being ready for learning and thinking of others.

School Dinners

Winter Week 1 (16th Nov, 7th Dec, 18th Jan, 8th Feb, 1st March, 22nd March, 12th April)					
	Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
1	Hunter's Style Chicken or Quorn with Paprika Potatoes & Vegetable Medley	Beef or Vegetarian Spaghetti Bolognaise with Homemade 50/50 Garlic Bread & Salad Selection	Pork or Vegetarian Sausages Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy with Mashed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Homemade Chicken or Quorn Tikka Curry with Mixed Rice & Naan Bread	Golden Crumb Fish or Vegetable Fingers with Oven Baked Chips & Garden Peas
2	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta with Homemade 50/50 Herby Bread & Salad Selection (v)	Salmon & Sweet Potato Fishcake with Potato Wedges Garden Peas & Sweetcorn	Pasta Twists & Tomato Sauce with Homemade 50/50 Dough Balls & Salad Selection (v)	Lancashire Butter Pie with Vegetable Medley or Baked Beans (v)	Homemade Pizza Margherita with Oven Baked Chips & Sweetcorn (v)
3	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Choice of Sandwich

Winter Week 2 (23rd Nov, 14th Dec, 4th Jan, 25th Jan, 15th Feb, 8th March & 29th March)					
	Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
1	Mediterranean Vegetable Panini Melt with Herby Potatoes Garden Peas & Sweetcorn (v)	Mild Fajita Style Chicken or Quorn with Mexican Style Rice, Tortilla Wrap & Salad Selection	Roast Gammon or Vegetarian Meatballs Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy with Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	British Beef & Pork or Vegetable Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges & Homemade Coleslaw	Crispy Battered Fish Fillet or Vegetable Fingers with Oven Baked Chips & Mushy Peas
2	Pasta Spirals & Tomato Sauce with Homemade 50/50 Dough Balls & Salad Selection (v)	Puff Pastry Cheese Whirl with Paprika Potatoes Vegetable Medley or Baked Beans (v)	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta with Homemade 50/50 Herby Bread & Salad Selection (v)	Vegetable & Chickpea Curry with Mixed Rice & Naan Bread (v)	Homemade Pizza Margherita with Oven Baked Chips & Sweetcorn (v)
3	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Choice of Sandwich

Winter Week 3 (9th Nov, 30th Nov, 11th Jan, 1st Feb, 22nd Feb, 15th March & 5th April)					
	Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
1	Big Brunch Pork or Vegetarian Sausages Free Range Omelette Crispy Potatoes & Baked Beans	Savoury Beef or Vegetarian Mince with Yorkshire Pudding Mashed Potatoes & Green Beans	Roast Chicken or Quorn Fillet Sage Stuffing & Gravy with Baby Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Homemade Chicken or Quorn Korma Curry with Mixed Rice & Naan Bread	Golden Crumb Fish or Vegetable Fingers with Oven Baked Chips & Garden Peas
2	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta with Homemade 50/50 Herby Bread & Salad Selection (v)	Vegetable Quesadilla with Rainbow Rice & Salad Selection (v)	Pasta Tubes & Tomato Sauce with Homemade 50/50 Dough Balls & Salad Selection (v)	Vegetarian Sausage Roll with Paprika Potatoes Vegetable Medley or Baked Beans (v)	Homemade Pizza Margherita with Oven Baked Chips & Sweetcorn (v)
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Changes to Lunchtimes - from TODAY!

Our Family Groups for lunchtime began today and we are really proud of how the pupils responded.
First sitting: Year 6, Year 4, Year 2, Year 1
Second sitting: Year 5. Year 3, Reception Class
Mixed ages on each table will help younger pupils to have great role models in the hall, all pupils to talk to each other and raise our community values in school.
Pupils are in Family Groups for about 20 minutes in the hall, before they join their friends outside at playtime. Our next step will be to set up 'play zones' outside to ensure all pupils have plenty to keep them active, occupied and having fun with their friends.

We are excited to share our new menu which is being introduced next week, please see above choices.

School Photos

Tempest Photography will be in school the morning of Monday 9th November for individual/family photos. If you have children who don't attend Alston Lane and for whom you'd like including in a family photo, or you have a child in Nursery for whom Monday isn't one of their usual days, they are welcome to come to school at 8.30am for their photo - please come along to the School Office.

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!

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.

Flu Vaccination update

Just to let you know we are still awaiting further information from the NHS, we have chased again today.

Autumn Term Masses

Date and time	Class or Whole school	Theme
17th December 9.30am	Whole School	Advent

Please note that all class Masses have been cancelled until further notice due to Canon Doyle's ongoing illness. Please join us in praying for him, so he recovers and is able to once again lead our spiritual formation. We hope to end this term with a whole school Mass, but this will be reliant on the stand-in priest's availability.

Metanoia Project – serving the poor of Preston and beyond

We regularly support food banks in our locality, but Metanoia is a local Catholic charity that seeks to help the poor and also serve their spiritual needs. They are currently seeking the following items:

Personal care essentials

- Spray deodorant – men's and ladies' (we are completely out!)
- Shampoo (we are completely out!)
- Shower gel
- Baby wipes
- Shaving gel and plastic razors
- Toothpaste
- Sanitary towels

New underwear and clothing essentials

- Brand-new men's socks
- Brand-new men's underpants – medium and large
- Brand-new ladies' knickers – small

Household and bedding

- Single duvets
- Pillows
- Sleeping bags
- Towels
- Flannels

Clothing and footwear

- Good-quality clothing and shoes suitable for colder, outdoor weather.
- Tracksuit bottoms, leggings and hoodies are particularly useful.
- Walking shoes and trainers are always welcome.

Items can be handed in to the school office and we will pass them on.

Dates for the Diary

Calendar | Alston Lane Catholic Primary School and Nursery

November

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
24 Sacramental Programme meeting 7.15pm
27 Pantomime at The Grand Clitheroe

December

1 Y4 visit to Helmshore Mill
3 Christmas Fair 3.45 - 5.45pm
7 Assessment Week
7 KS2 Carol concert in church 5.45pm
9 Nursery Nativity 2.30pm in the hall
15 KS1 Nativity 2.30pm and 6pm (Rec at 2.30pm)
18 Close at 3.30pm

PTFA News



Tuesday 10th November - Rag Bag Collection We will have another "Rag Bag" Collection, this time on Tues 10th November – please see flyer. If you are having a clear out at home, please keep items to one side and bring into school. Clothing can be brought in on Monday 9th and Tuesday morning.

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). FINAL TICKETS AVAILABLE – contact the school office

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!
Easyfundraising 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'!

International Aid Trust – Christmas Shoeboxes

Help us collect alongside the parish – Please send into school by 1st December

Your donations will mean that the most vulnerable people will receive a gift this year.

JOIN IN THE FUN – FILL A BOX OR TWO



Gift wrap the box and lid separately so lid can be lifted off, don't wrap individual items, use an elastic band to hold the box together.

Choose the age and gender of the person you want to receive your shoe box and fill the box with suitable items.

Label the box with who it is for e.g: Girl aged 2- 4, Boy aged 8-10, Adult Female aged 60+

TOILETRIES	Toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, flannel or sponge, comb, hair bobbles, roll on deodorant *No sprays, medicines, vitamins, tablets.*
TOYS	Small toys, cuddly toys, balls, skipping rope, games, small jigsaws etc. *No guns or war toys.*
CLOTHES	Socks, T-shirts, hats, scarves, gloves, underwear, Babygro for little ones.
STATIONERY	pens, pencils, crayons, eraser, sharpener, notebooks, colouring books, *if sending scissors to children, please ensure they are round ended safety type.*
PRACTICAL	plastic bowl, cup, cutlery. Teens and adults: a small sewing kit, string, safety pins, a wind up torch or plasters. No *matches*

Transport

It costs us £2 per box to collect, store, transport and distribute each shoebox. In a time of increasing costs, your contributions are very welcome. Please do not put money inside or attached to boxes. Donations can be made through our website or by cheque.



Label to cut out and stick on your box

☐ BOY ☐ GIRL

☐ ADULT MALE ☐ ADULT FEMALE AGE ☐