



# ALSTON LANE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

## *Learning and Growing as Children of God*

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER **Friday 10th October 2025**



### 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Luke 17: 11-19

As Jesus entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.' When he saw them he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Jesus answered, 'Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? And he said to him, 'Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.'



## Gold Awards

*Awarded for achievements in their work.*

Year 1	<b>Isla Collier-Myers</b> for always trying her best with her learning even when a task may be challenging. Well done Isla!
Year 2	<b>Archie Donnelly</b> for excellent contributions this week in our assembly and lessons in class. Well done Archie!
Year 3	<b>Eadie Sharples</b> for showing great enthusiasm and participation in the classroom. She is always ready to work hard and learn.
Year 4	<b>Alfie Donnelly</b> for excellent behaviour, confidence in class discussion and super neat work.
Year 5	<b>Jackson Crossley</b> for growing in confidence and showing great enthusiasm and knowledge on our Anglo-Saxon day; well done, Jackson!
Year 6	<b>Ruby Meek</b> for working hard consistently in all subjects.

## Super Citizens

*For children showing the Gospel Value of Love for one another in all their thoughts and actions.*

Year 1	<b>Zoe Pivovarnikova</b> for showing love through looking after her friends and always helping tidy the classroom. Well done Zoe!
Year 2	<b>Eva Robinson</b> for showing love to her classmate during Computing by being kind, supportive and encouraging. Thank you Eva!
Year 3	<b>Melody Goldrick</b> for showing love by being kind and helpful to others. She is always the first to offer help and make sure others are okay.
Year 4	<b>Lois Gowans</b> for showing love and a caring nature by helping a younger member of the school make new friends.
Year 5	<b>Kaiden Parkinson</b> for showing love to his school by showing excellent behaviour all week but especially on our school trip, modelling how to be a fantastic pupil all day!
Year 6	<b>Poppy Banner</b> for showing love to the adults in class by always being ready to learn.

## Parents' Evening

Have you made your appointments for Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th October? Please see your Arbor emails for details.

# Parents Evenings

Autumn term **Parents' Evening meetings** will take place on **Monday 13th & Tuesday 14th October.**

These will be online via Microsoft TEAMS and outline your child's start to the school year, successes and targets.

Please book your slots through the Arbor link received.

## First event - Halloween Discos on Wednesday 22nd October



### Nursery and infant Disco - 3.45pm until 4.30pm

Parents must accompany nursery children.



Infants will be brought into the disco from the classroom. Please send any costumes into school in a bag, or come and help them change at 3.30pm.

### Junior Disco - 4.45pm until 5.45pm

Juniors should go home and return to their disco at 4.45pm.



**Parent volunteers are needed for both discos. They will be helping to sell items and serve food during the evening.**

**Price: £5 for one child    £4 for siblings (e.g 2 siblings will cost £9)**

**Tickets on sale now through the Arbor shop.**

Ticket price includes entry to the disco, a glow stick, pizza or a hot dog, a small bag of sweets and a drink. (Additional cordial and water will be available during the event).

Children may buy additional 'glow' items during the disco, as well as sweets. Juniors may buy cans of drink.

**Next Meeting: 6pm 12th November - to arrange the Christmas Fair**

If you are in a position to help this talented group of dancers compete in Las Vegas in October 2026, please click the link below to help them achieve this aspirational goal.

One of our own pupils was in the team who received a 'Golden Buzzer' and a fast pass to the final.

Thank you from King's Dance Academy.

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The school nurse is visiting on **Monday 20th October**

**from 8.45am, for a parents' drop-in.**

We are often asked about children's health issues and refer these to the school nursing service. If you have a query and would like to ask in person, please drop in on Monday 20th October at 8.45am to meet her.



Thank you for the wonderful and varied donations towards our food bank collection. Your generosity, as always, is fantastic. **You can still bring items next week.**

Our Gospel value of 'Love' has certainly been shown through this giving and focus on the poorest and most vulnerable in our locality.

If you personally require support of this nature, please contact Mr FitzGibbon for a referral to the food bank.



Access to help from the food bank is now through referral only. Please contact Mr FitzGibbon, Mrs Woodrow or the school office if you need support.

The Gateway Trust, who operate the Longridge food bank, can also support our families with affordable counselling and art sessions for disadvantaged children or children with special educational needs and disabilities.

Contact Mr FitzGibbon for additional information.

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

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

16th Oct	Year 5	Friends are a gift
6th Nov	Year 4	The gift of seeing
13th Nov	Year 3	God's colourful world
20th Nov	Year 6	Listening
27th Nov	Year 5	Forgiveness
4th Dec	Year 4	Talents
11th Dec	Year 3	Spreading peace



### 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 class Masses.

### Summer Week 1 (13th Oct)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1</b>	Oriental Style Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatballs, Rice or Noodles	Cheese Swirl with Herby Potatoes (v)	Roast Gammon or Veg Meatballs (v), Roast Potatoes & Veg	Booths Beef or Veg Burger (v) Tortilla Chips	Fish or Vegetable (v) Fingers
<b>2</b>	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta (v)	Veg Tikka Curry, Rice and Naan (v)	Summer picnic lunch - sausage roll & sandwiches	Pasta Tubes in Tomato Sauce (v)	Pizza Margherita (v)
<b>3</b>	Choice of sandwich	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Choice of sandwich

### Summer Week 2 (20th Oct)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1</b>	Vegetarian Sausage Roll and herby potatoes (v)	Southern Style Chicken Goujons & Chilli Wedges	Booths Pork or Veg (v) Sausages & Yorkshire Pudding, mash & veg	Cook's Choice of Chicken or Veg Curry (v), Rice and Naan.	Crispy battered Fish & chips
<b>2</b>	Loaded Veg and bean Taco with Rainbow Rice (v)	Mac and Cheese with crusty bread (v)	Spaghetti Arrabbiata & Dough Balls (v)	Homemade Cheese Flan & Baby Potatoes (v)	Pizza Margherita & chips (v)
<b>3</b>	Jacket Potato	Choice of sandwich with Tortilla Chips	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Choice of sandwich & Chips

### Summer Week 3 (

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1</b>	Booths Pork or Veg Hot Dog (v), Ketchup and Wedges	Golden Crumb Salmon or Veg Fingers (v) with Paprika Potatoes	Roast Chicken or Quorn (v), Roast Potatoes & Veg	Spaghetti Bolognese with Dough Balls	Fish Fingers & Chips
<b>2</b>	Pasta Twists & Tomato Sauce with Dough Balls (v)	Loaded Pizza Panini & Tortilla Chips (v)	Tomato & Mascarpone Herby Bread (v)	Ploughman's Picnic lunch with Crusty Bread	Pizza Margherita & chips (v)
<b>3</b>	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Choice of sandwich with Tortilla Chips	Jacket Potato	Choice of sandwich & Chips

# Dates for the Diary

## October

- 13 Parents' Evening Day 1 - online
- 14 Parents' Evening Day 2 - online
- 22 3.15pm Reception class learning showcase
- 22 PTFA Halloween Discos
- 24 Close for half term

## November

- 3 INSET DAY - School closed
- 4 School reopens for Autumn 2 half term
- 10 Individual and family photographs
- 13 'Bug Busters' visit for Y1 and Y2
- 13 Y6 Secret War visit
- 24 6.30pm Governors' Meeting
- 26 Year 4 Helmsore Mill visit
- 28 Pantomime at The Grand
- 28 Planned Christmas fair date

## December

- 5 Christmas Wreath Workshop – 7-9PM
- 7 Christmas Wreath Workshop—1-3PM
- 8 Junior Carol Concert in church
- 10 Christmas lunch
- 10 Nursery nativity in the hall
- 17 Infant nativity in the hall
- 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
- 24 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.**



# Happy Minds & Juno

bring you our

## OCTOBER

HALF-TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

at St. Maria Goretti

**27<sup>TH</sup> - 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER**

**8:30AM - 4:00PM**

Glow-in-the-Dark  
Dodgeball

Football

Play-Doh  
Modelling

Lego  
Construction

Den  
Building

Arts & Crafts

Lasertag

...and lots more!



## Prices



£22.50 per day

£100.00 for the whole week

You will need to provide your child with a packed lunch and snacks to last the day.

## Book Here



[happy-minds.org](http://happy-minds.org)

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# JINGLE BELL J G

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

**Arrive from 11am • Jog starts 12 noon**

**£10**  
for a  
family  
of 4

**£3**  
per entry



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