



ALSTON LANE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

Learning and Growing as Children of God

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER **Friday 14th November 2025**



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Luke 21: 5-19

You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and sisters, and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. You will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.



Gold Awards

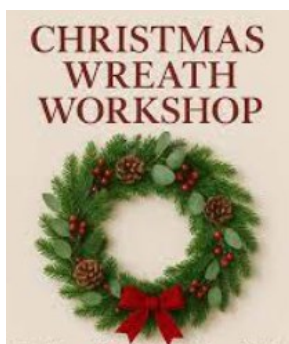
Awarded for achievements in their work.

Reception	Evelyn Harrison for good contributions during our RE discussions.
Year 1	Gabriella Pue for always trying her best with her work and being a kind friend to all. Well done Gabriella!
Year 2	Alfie Watson for excellent listening and progress in maths when adding across a 10. Well done Alfie!
Year 3	Edith Wallbank for being a model student! She is always working hard, trying her best and being a good friend and classmate.
Year 4	Charlotte Farmar for a hardworking attitude in class and as part of the student council. As well as displaying exceptional maths skills this week.
Year 5	Edward Whitmore for always being on task, always showing excellent behaviour and true determination to all his pieces of work, particularly this week in maths when dealing with tricky fraction questions.
Year 6	Scott Green for consistently producing outstanding presentation and handwriting in all his books.

Super Citizens

For children showing the Gospel Value of **Humility**.
Valuing others and knowing your own limitations.

Reception	Emilio Porter for showing an act of kindness to a friend.
Year 1	Ivyleigh Ellis-Power for showing humility by being kind to her friend and putting them first when they were upset. Well done Ivyleigh!
Year 2	Everleigh Howard for showing humility by admitting when help was needed and accepting it willingly. Super Everleigh!
Year 3	Sophia Carroll for showing humility by always being kind, showing forgiveness and patience to others.
Year 4	Amber Grayson for always being there to volunteer and lend a helping hand in class with tidying up and handing out materials.
Year 5	Caleb Ryan for showing humility by always offering a helping hand in class to both peers and staff.
Year 6	Zuzanna Wolanczyk for showing humility by not complaining about anything, just getting on and doing what she has been asked to do.



Places are still available on the PTFA's wreath making workshops in December.

Friday 5th Dec (7pm-9pm)

Sunday 7th Dec (1pm-3pm)

Please contact a member of the PTFA or speak to the school office about how to book on and pay. £40 per person

All resources and refreshments included.

Can you be a regular donator to our food bank collection? Please place items in the box next at the school office, or in the church porch.

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)

20th Nov	Year 6	Listening
27th Nov	Year 5	Forgiveness
4th Dec	Year 4	Talents
11th Dec	Year 3	Spreading peace

Parents are welcome to attend these class Masses.

Mass Times at Alston Lane

Saturday evening at 5pm

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

All are welcome at Mass



Alston Lane



Christmas Fair

Friday 28th November

3.45pm till 5.45pm

Bottle Tombola

Raffle

Chocolate Tombola

Slime making

Food from the kitchen

Craft Stalls

Cakes

Tea, coffee and juice

Side stalls

Snowball throwing

Fr Christmas' Grotto

Cuddly Toy dice game

Each family will be sent a book of raffle tickets per child. Please fill in the stubs and return to school with the money. If you would like more books for yourselves or family and friends, please ask at the school office.

We rely on your generosity to make our fair a success. Please help us by donating items on the two planned own clothes days.

Own Clothes Day 1 - Wed 19th Nov for the chocolate tombola

Own Clothes Day 2 - Thurs 27th Nov for the bottle tombola

Day 2 is a 'Break the Rules Day' - wear uniform but with extravagant hair do's, ear-rings, trainers, make-up (a bit), hats ... or just own clothes again...

Can you also provide a raffle prize?

If you have a business, know someone who does, or you would just like to help ... please bring raffle prizes to the school office.

Tickets will be sent home next week



Finally - we need volunteers to help on stalls.

Could you help out for 20 or 30 minutes on a stall? Sign up at the office

OUR LADY AND ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH, ALSTON LANE.

ADVENT CELEBRATION 30th NOVEMBER 2025

Dear Families,

Once again this year we would like to prepare for Christmas with the children and young people of the parish in a special way. We would like to repeat the experiences of preparing for, and holding an Advent Celebration, which has been such a huge success with our young parishioners in the past.

We are proposing to have the **Advent Celebration on Sunday 30th November.**

We intend to make this an afternoon of fun, learning and prayer. **The children will meet in the Caton Room at 3.00 p.m.** when they will make a Christingle to take home with them, which will remind them about the special season of Advent and help them to prepare for Christmas. **We will then go into church for a Celebration. You may leave your children with us at 3.00 p.m. But we would like you to join us in church at 4pm.**

For health and safety reasons and to enable us to organise the session we need to know the number of children wishing to take part. **We also require the name and number of an emergency contact for the afternoon.**

To help us with our planning we need the slips completing and returning to Church or to school on or before Sunday 23rd November. For Health and Safety reasons, children can only take part if you have returned your slip by this date.

YOUR CHILDREN WILL NEED TO BRING AN ORANGE WITH THEM.

As in the past we would be grateful for some people to help with a small group of children. If you are able to offer your services or have any questions please contact Jayne on 07976905463

Yours faithfully,

Jayne, the catechists, and liturgy group

ADVENT CELEBRATION 30TH NOVEMBER 2025

NAME/S AND AGE/S OF CHILD/CHILDREN

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NAME AND NUMBER FOR EMERGENCY CONTACT.....

Signed.....

FOR HELPERS

NAME.....

I am willing to help.

Tel. No.....

Hard copies of this letter are available at the school office.

Winter Week 1 (24th Nov, 15th Dec, 5th Jan, 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 (1st Dec, 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 Bolognese & 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 (17th Nov, 8th Dec, 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



NHS Dental Check-Up Initiative for Children Aged 16 and Under

We are working with local primary schools and community groups to support children who are **not currently registered with a dental practice**. The aim of this initiative is to help all children access routine NHS dental care and build positive dental habits from an early age.

What's involved?

- Children will be invited to attend a routine NHS dental check-up
- If any treatment is needed, this will also be offered under the NHS
- Once a parent, carer or responsible adult gets in touch with us, our team will arrange the child's appointment directly with them.

Who the initiative is for?

This initiative is for children **aged 16 and under** who are **not registered with a dentist**.

It is open to all families and care arrangements, and we welcome enquiries from anyone supporting a child who needs access to dental care.

How to take part

If your child, or a child you look after, is not currently registered with a dental practice and you would like them to be included, you're welcome to contact us:

Phone: 01772 458855

Visit us: 71 Dental, 71 Towngate, Leyland, PR25 2LR

A member of our team will then arrange the child's NHS dental check-up with you.

Dates for the Diary

November

- 19 Own Clothes Day 1 - Chocolate Tombola
- 24 3pm Year 5 Class Worship - Parents invited
- 24 6.30pm Governors' Meeting
- 26 Year 4 Helmsore Mill visit
- 27 Own Clothes Day 2 - Bottle Tombola
- 28 Pantomime at The Grand
- 28 Planned Christmas fair date (FRIDAY 3.45pm)

December

- 5 Christmas Wreath Workshop – 7-9PM
- 7 Christmas Wreath Workshop—1-3PM
- 8 Junior Carol Concert in church
- 10 Christmas lunch
- 10 Reception Christmas party 1.30pm
- 10 Nursery Christmas Sing-a-long 2.30pm
- 17 Nursery Christmas party 1.15pm
- 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.**

GRIMSARGH FIELD DAY

Rose Queen and Retinue Applications 2026



*We are now accepting new applications to be the next
Grimsargh Rose Queen
and for her Retinue.*

*Apply now via the QR code below, via the Rose Queen page
www.grimsarghfieldday.co.uk*

or find the link on the 'Grimsargh Field Day' facebook page

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Applications close 11 January 2026

Good luck everyone!



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