



# ALSTON LANE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

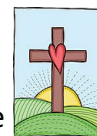
## *Learning and Growing as Children of God*

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Friday 7th November 2025



### Dedication of the Lateran Basilica -

In the Temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the Temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables.



## Gold Awards

*Awarded for achievements in their work.*

Reception	<b>Poppy Gomulko</b> for settling well into Reception class, always being busy with her friends and trying her best with everything.
Year 1	<b>Finley Andrew</b> for showing a real passion for learning this week by sharing his ideas confidently and trying his best especially with his writing. Well done Finley!
Year 2	<b>Ronnie Dwyer</b> for fantastic listening this week, especially in English where he remembered so many of our WOW words! Well done!
Year 3	<b>Hugo Logan</b> for showing perseverance and determination during gymnastics this week. He worked hard on his teddy bear roll technique and mastered it in the end!
Year 4	<b>Daisy-Rae Kerrigan</b> for excellent behaviour and focus in class, and wonderful work produced this week. Well done Daisy!
Year 5	<b>Liam Nixon</b> for making a fantastic start to the school term and showing an outstanding attitude towards both learning and behaviour.
Year 6	<b>Matilda Rogers</b> for excellent work during our Women's History topic this week.

## Super Citizens

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

Reception	<b>Lomax Byrne</b> for always being willing to help others and going out of his way to help in class, especially with tidying.
Year 1	<b>Hallie Woods</b> for showing humility by asking for help when she needs it and trying her best to overcome challenges. Well done Hallie!
Year 2	<b>Ivy Richardson</b> for showing humility by always offering to help out in class without any expectation of rewards in return. Thank you!
Year 3	<b>Jack Masheter</b> for acting with kindness and encouragement with his peers during lessons. He has been spotted numerous times this week helping others with their tasks.
Year 4	<b>Olek Slack</b> for being a good listener in class discussion and showing interest in others' views.
Year 5	<b>Victoria Costa</b> for demonstrating humility and outstanding teamwork in organising and presenting a thoughtful and engaging presentation on how the Anglo-Saxons changed the way of living.
Year 6	<b>Teddy Eastham</b> for always putting others before himself and volunteering to help others in class.

# SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS - Monday 10th November

Dear Parents and Carers

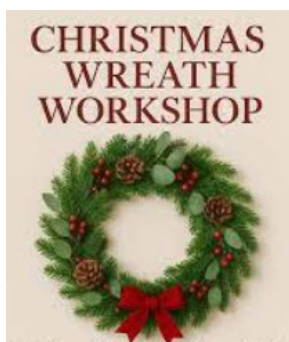
Welcome back to the second autumn term and what will be a very busy time in school. Thank you again for making appointments to speak to teachers at parents' evening. Feedback has told us that 5 minutes was too short. We were also frustrated by technology at times too. The next meetings, in the spring term, will take place in the school hall, face-to-face.

Attendance at Alston Lane has always been above the national average and we work hard to support excellent attendance throughout the year. Please continue to send children in, even if they are just a bit under the weather. Every day absent leads to lost learning and gaps in knowledge.

Reading remains the 'gateway to learning'. As such, please give your children the best start in life by reading regularly with them. Please record this in their diary and send both into school each day. Children who read **more** will know **more** and be **more** successful in school.

Thank you for your ongoing support for everything we do at Alston Lane.

M FitzGibbon



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

**Friday 5th Dec (7pm-9pm) 6 spaces left**

**Sunday 7th Dec (1pm-3pm) 13 spaces left**

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

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)

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.

# Sporting Achievements

Year 2 children were in action this week at the Preston Mini Skills tournament. Just like their Year 4 peers before half term, they scored a huge amount of points securing first place for their efforts.

Thank you to Mr Harris, who continues to prepare the teams really well through his regular after school clubs.

## Staffing Update

Reception and Nursery parents will be aware that Mrs Andrew left school at half term, to start her maternity leave. We will keep you informed when we hear of the happy arrival.


Mrs Rooke has assumed full time teaching in Reception class, whilst Mrs Patel is working full time in Nursery.

There is also just one week to go until Mrs Sanderson (Year 6 teacher) begins her maternity leave. Mrs Mulcock will join the staff in Year 6 to lead the class until her return next year. I know you will make her feel very welcome.




# STEM STARS

## NATIONAL CHEMISTRY WEEK SPECIAL

A detailed illustration of various chemistry glassware on a lab bench. It includes a blue microscope, a round-bottom flask with orange liquid on a stand over a Bunsen burner, a test tube with green liquid, a flask with blue liquid, a test tube with pink liquid, and a flask with blue liquid on a stand. There are also some bubbling effects and colorful splashes.

Explore chemistry with fun  
hands-on experiments that  
pop and fizz! For ages 8-15

Longridge Library  
Monday 10 November  
3.45pm to 4.30pm  
Free, booking required

A square QR code located in the bottom right corner of the poster, which likely links to a booking page for the event.

### 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 (10th Nov, 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

# Dates for the Diary

## November

- 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 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.**



The flyer below is for a charitable organisation that can provide presents and other emergency support at Christmas, to those in desperate need.

Please pass on if you know someone who may need help this year.

