

Wow! We have had a tremendous first term of the year at Alt Academy! It has been great to see so many parents/carers coming into school to share their children's learning experiences and take part in some festive celebrations too. We hope you've enjoyed seeing what your children have been learning in their topics and we can't wait to see you back in school with us in the new year.

As you know, school closes today for the holidays. We will return to school on Tuesday 3rd January 2023 bright and early at 8:30am in breakfast club or wake and shake. Have a super and restful Christmas break, and we wish all our families a warm and happy new year when it comes. Let's have a super 2023, team Alt!

We would like to say a huge thank you and goodbye to two of our staff members who will be leaving us this term. Good luck to Miss Crowther and Mr McKay. We wish you all the best in your new ventures.



## EYFS



### Diamond

This week, in nursery, we have been practising various physical skills, such as balancing, throwing and hand-eye co-ordination.



### Amber and Ruby

Reception enjoyed a yummy Christmas dinner - thank you to the ladies in the kitchen! We absolutely loved it. We have loved exploring the Nativity story and performing for our families and friends.



## KS1

### Opal

We have written letters to our elf this week, to tell him what we will be doing over the Christmas holidays. We saw Father Christmas and got to tell him all about what our naughty elf has been up to.



### Jade

This week, we have been making our calendars for 2023. We created a snowy scene and made a wish upon a star. I hope you like them and display them in our homes.



### Pearl

We have been creating our own Christmas decorations this week, using lots of different skills. We used our maths to weigh and measure the ingredients to make salt dough. We used our English skills to follow instructions and then lots of art skills to decorate them. We hope you love them as much as we do!



## Lower KS 2



### Citrine

This week, we have been creating our own Christmas poems to include in our Christmas cards. We have also enjoyed exploring 2D shapes and making our own calendars for 2023! We can't wait to share them with you!



### Emerald and Topaz

On Thursday morning, all Middle School classes performed for parents and carers by treating them to a ukulele extravaganza. It was impossible not to be impressed by the children's musical talent. Everyone was amazing, and left the hall in a very festive and cheery mood!





## Upper KS2



### Amethyst

This week, Amethyst have had some festive fun creating cards, calendars and hats. Here are some pictures of what they created, along with a very special person – Mr Crabtree!



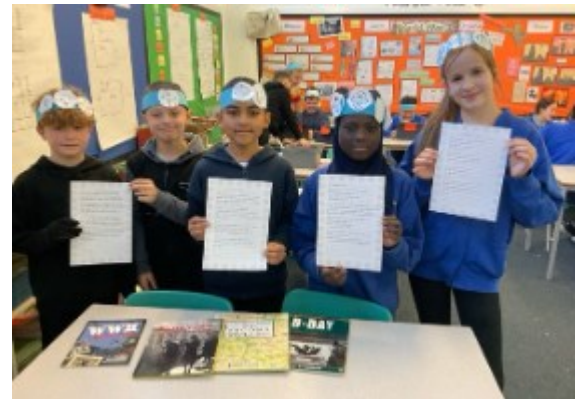
### Tanzanite

We enjoyed lots of festive activities! We also wrote some amazing World War 2 poems – ask us what these included. We had a lovely Christmas dinner together on Thursday too.



### Sapphire

We have learnt about the Christmas Truce that happened on Christmas Eve during WW1. The soldiers thought they would be home for Christmas but this didn't happen. We have then written some poems about this. After that, we have made some festive hats, cards and calendars.



### Forest School

Over the last few weeks, our Forest School Rangers have been making beautiful hand-crafted wooden decorations. This week, they proudly set up a stall to sell their wares to our families. The boys raised a fabulous £176, which will help us to buy some cosy jumpers, hats, scarves and gloves and some waterproofs to wear on wet days.



## Children's Christmas Party

There will be a children's Christmas party at Alt Community Centre, Cherry Avenue on Saturday 17th December, 4pm-6pm. If you would like to attend, please contact Friends of Alt on Facebook.



## This Weeks Attendance



**Overall attendance year to date – 92.2%**

**Class Weekly winners – Well done to:-**

**EYFS & KS1 – Amber**

**KS2 – Emerald**

**Our target is 96%**



# SPORT CAMP

**This Christmas Half Term**  
**At Radclyffe Athletics Centre**

**Fun-Filled Sessions**  
**9am - 3:30pm**  
**Ages 6 - 11 Years**  
**Free Places Available**

Book your space now by visiting:  
[oclactive.co.uk/holidaycampbooking/](http://oclactive.co.uk/holidaycampbooking/)  
or scan the QR code



# 50 things to do before you're five

ATTENTION ALL FAMILIES

Come and join in with some fun FREE activities at Oldham Library

Location: Union Street, Oldham OL1 1BD

Date: Tuesday 20th December

Time: 9.30am - 12.00pm



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Oldham Council  
Right Start and School Nursing Service



## Current Illnesses

As we approach the Christmas period, we are aware that there are a number of illnesses circulating across Oldham which could have similar symptoms. These include a high temperature, diarrhoea, vomiting, and rashes.

The table below gives details of some common infections, their symptoms, and what you should do if your child develops them. The information does not replace advice from a medical professional, so please seek advice if you are worried.

| Illness                       | Symptoms  | Treatment  | Should my child go to school?  | Comments  |
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| <b>Diarrhoea and vomiting</b> | Diarrhoea and / or vomiting   | Encourage fluids to prevent dehydration<br>Seek medical attention if not improving.                                  | Children should not return to the setting until they have been symptom free for 48hours  |   |
| <b>Scarlet Fever</b>          | Fever, sore throat, followed by a sandpappy rash that starts on the tummy and chest, and/or a white coating on the tongue that can leave a "strawberry tongue" which is red with bumps  | Antibiotics are needed and you should see your GP  | Children can return to the setting 24hrs after starting antibiotics.   | A person is infectious for 2 to 3 weeks if antibiotics are not administered.  |
| <b>Hand, Foot &amp; Mouth</b> | Rash across palms of hands, soles of feet & inside of mouth. Tiredness, Fever   | No treatment is required but see a healthcare professional to confirm diagnosis                                      | There is no requirement for children to stay off school unless the child is generally unwell   |   |
| <b>Influenza (flu)</b>        | Fever, chills, headache, muscle aches, cough, sore throat, runny nose   | Drink fluids, take paracetamol, if able, to take to reduce fever.<br>Seek medical attention if not improving.        | It is recommended that your child stay away from school until they are well enough and no longer have a fever.   | Please consider having the flu vaccine for children. Check <a href="http://www.nhs.uk">www.nhs.uk</a> for further information         |
| <b>COVID 19</b>               | Fever, chills, new continuous cough, loss or change in sense of smell or taste. Shortness of breath, general tiredness, muscle aches, headache, sore throat, blocked or runny nose, loss of appetite, diarrhoea, nausea or vomiting | Drink fluids, take paracetamol, if able, to take to reduce fever.<br>Seek medical attention if not improving.        | Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have symptoms of COVID-19 and they either have a high temperature, do not feel well enough to go to school, college or childcare, or do their normal activities. | Please consider having the COVID vaccine if eligible for it. Check <a href="http://www.nhs.uk">www.nhs.uk</a> for further information |
| <b>Chicken Pox</b>            | An itchy, spotty rash that becomes blistered, then scabs over, a high temperature aches and pains, and generally feeling unwell loss of appetite  | Drink plenty of fluid, take paracetamol to help with pain and discomfort, use cooling creams or gels from a pharmacy | Your child should stay at home for at least 5 days from onset of rash and until all blisters have crusted over.  | Pregnant people who have had contact with someone with chickenpox should consult with their GP or midwife.                            |

Some of these illnesses can be infectious and spread to other children within an education setting. Therefore, if your child is unwell, it is important to let the school or nursery know what the illness is. This will enable to school to ensure that other children are not affected.

In addition, there are some general actions that you can take as a family to prevent getting infections during these winter months. These include:

- Getting vaccinated against influenza (flu) or COVID 19 if you are eligible,
- Regularly washing your hands with soap and water or, if hands are visibly clean, using alcohol hand gel
- Remember to "Catch it, Bin it, Kill it" - Using tissues to catch sneezes or runny noses, disposing of them and then washing your hands
- Visit <https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2022/10/25/5-ways-to-protect-your-under-5s-this-winter/> for further information on the 5 ways to protect your family during winter.