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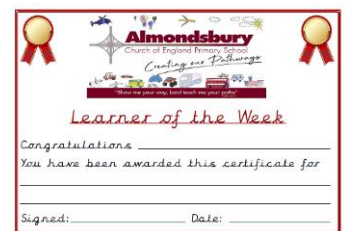
Dear Parents

## SCHOOL YEAR 2022/2023 - NEWSLETTER NO 39

### CERTIFICATES

Well done to these children who received the certificates for last week from their teachers.

Mr Dean	- Quincy Ho
Mrs Goode and Mrs Owen	- Olive Pearson Lake
Miss Maynard	- The Whole Class
Miss Ramli	- The Whole Class
Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw	- Dhriti Patel
Mr Evens	- The Whole Class
Mr Garcia	- Neve Bennett
Mrs Leonard	- The Whole Class
Miss Hake	- Florian Harris
Mrs North and Ms Hill	- Coby Pearce
Miss Wingett	- Lily Taylor



### END OF YEAR



The end of the school year has nearly arrived (well it will do on Friday!). It has been another fun packed and eventful year: from the depth of Strep A times during terms 1 and 2, which many of the children contracted the virus which decimated the classes and attendance for many children to the highs of being able to share Christmas plays, the Beauty and the Beast performance and visits for the children to have those enrichment experiences. It was lovely to see so many parents who were able to join us during our Celebration Day to see the children's work and what they have achieved over the course of this year.

I would like to thank everyone of the staff team for their dedication and brilliance over the past year. They have been true advocates for your children, the school and so supportive of them and each other. I couldn't wish for a better staff group. The children have also been immense as well. They have coped so well with all of the changes, different teachers, working in different ways and supporting each other as well.

The end of year results have also been very strong with the Year 1's gaining 97.5% passing the phonics threshold, Year 2 being well above the national averages for all three subjects and Year 6 also well above the national averages especially mathematics which is very strong. The Year 4's multiplication check was also very pleasing with nearly half of the children scoring 25/25! We are very proud of all the children and their continued efforts.

We say goodbye to Miss Maynard, who has been teaching year 5 since November. We wish her well for the future.



Best wishes for the future to you and to the Year 6's moving on. They have been a fantastic year group all the way through school. We will miss them as well.

I hope you all have a lovely summer break and look forward to seeing the majority of you back in September. Thank you to those parents who will not be returning to us, we will miss your support and having you around school.



## CELEBRATION DAY

It was great to see so many parents coming into school to share their children's achievements looking through their books and work completed. There were a few tears at the presentations in Reception and Key Stage 1 with their singing and dancing. I do hope that you were suitably impressed by the children's efforts over the course of the year. They have worked incredibly hard to do their best. Despite the very wet weather, we managed to have our picnic for the children altogether in key stages in the hall. Fingers crossed for next year and weather permitting we can invite parents to join us.



## BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Once again we were treated to a fantastic performance by our Year 5 and 6 children. The children had practiced their lines, songs and dances to perfection as they performed magnificently to the appreciative audience. Every single one of them sang beautifully and acted superbly.



The scenery and props were well-made by Mrs Jamieson and Mrs Bailey and Mr Evans for his fantastic back stage work. A few special mentions for the children – Evie and Peyton singing beautifully as Belle, Henry and Lewis as Gaston, Dylan as Le Fou, Grace as Mrs Potts, Kalyani as Cogsworth, Sophia as Lumiere, Poppy as Madame de la Grande Bouche, Alfie as Chip, Mila as Plumette, Harry as Maurice. All of them did brilliantly with their solos; singing with clarity. It made us all very proud of the children and praise that is richly deserved. Well done once again. Thank you to Mrs Goode, Mr Dean, Mrs Owen, Miss Maynard and Miss Winter for staging the production so very well. We also collected £320.91 from the performances which has gone towards costumes and other items linked to putting on the show such as the licence. Thank you for your generosity. The photos have been placed on the website.



## BRIDGE FAMILY OF SCHOOLS VIRTUAL ART GALLERY

We are very excited to unveil our Bridge Family of School's Art Gallery. Our Year 3 children from across our group of schools have all contributed a piece of art that they are particularly proud of to be shared in a virtual art gallery. We are so pleased that their art can be showcased for everyone to see and admire. We hope you enjoy exploring the different exhibitions and hopefully you are also able to spot a piece of artwork created by an artist you know well!

Olveston CE Primary - <https://www.artsteps.com/view/645e52191362827053b446c3>

St Peter's CE Primary and Almondsbury CE Primary - <https://www.artsteps.com/view/645e5113b529326748df5c72>

The Manor CE Primary and St Chad's CE Primary - <https://www.artsteps.com/view/645e4f18d246f96edd6e3ff9>

# Ready, Set, Read!

Presented by The Reading Agency  
Delivered in partnership with Bookzoo

**JOIN TODAY!**

The Summer Reading Challenge is ON.

Ready, Set, Read! is the name of the game and this year, you guessed it, our theme is sports and games.

Take part in your local library or online, right here. Set a reading goal and log your books on your profile. When you reach your goal you will unlock some digital goodies.

**Join today!**

Lots of these titles are also available for you to enjoy – for free! –

The Challenge will begin on the 8th July in England. You can take part either at the library or online



**Please see the link below for the exciting opportunities for Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme provision over the summer holidays.**

There are many other schemes and activities on offer throughout the summer holidays. Please click on the links for more information

[South Gloucestershire Children's Holiday Clubs - Summer \(all4kidsuk.com\)](http://all4kidsuk.com) This has some online courses that children can do on coding, cooking, and games.

<https://beta.southglos.gov.uk/activities-and-resources-for-children-and-young-people> The libraries also have lots of different activities throughout the summer including Lego clubs and reading challenges.

South Glos Playscheme run free holiday clubs across South Glos - South Gloucestershire Play Scheme – 2022 holiday playscheme in South Gloucestershire for 5-11 year olds <https://www.sgplayscheme.co.uk/>

Progressive Sports offer a range of activities but these will need to be paid for. <https://progressive-sports.co.uk/bristol-south-glos/holiday-courses/>

Bookings are open for children to take part in a wide choice of activities, discover and develop all kinds of skills, learn about healthy, tasty food and eat it with new friends in the summer holiday.

## Secondhand Uniform

Get prepared for the 2023/24 academic year - have a look at the secondhand uniform available on the PA website: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/almondsburypa/>

Great quality shorts, trousers, dresses, skirts, cardigans, branded items are all available and range for 50p-£2

Our secondhand stores are currently full for most ages, so apart from brand new and branded items, and 12 plus age range (please hand to reception), we won't be accepting any more donations until further notice.

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## VACANCY FOR LUNCHBREAK SUPERVISOR AND BREAKFAST CLUB SUPERVISOR

We currently have a vacancy for a lunchbreak supervisor within school. This is to join the rest of the team in working over lunchtime to support the children in the hall and outside whilst at play each day. The hours are between 12.00noon– 1.30pm daily. This equates to 7.5 hours per week. We can be flexible if needs be with number of days.

We are also looking to expand our number of staff members at Breakfast Club to accommodate more children who are wishing to attend. The timings for the breakfast club post are 7.45am – 9.00am. This would be for Monday to Friday and 6.5 hours per week. You will be joining an existing team of 4 or 5 members on a regular daily basis.

If you would like more information and the salary for either post please contact Mrs Heaps in the office. If you know of someone, other than yourselves who read the newsletter, who may be looking for a part-time role please pass on the details.

## VACANCY FOR ROAD CROSSING PATROL HERO

We are still looking for our very own School Road Crossing Patrol Hero. We are very keen for someone to join the Road Safety team to ensure that the children (and parents) remain safe on their way to and from school. If you are interested in helping out and doing your bit for our local community please see the details below.

Post Details:

Role: School Crossing Patrol - Almondsbury

Site Location: Sunday's Hill, Opposite Church

Times: 8.30am – 9.05am

3.20pm – 3.55pm

Hourly rate: £9ph

Full training and uniform is provided, we are happy to consider part time and/or job share for further details please contact myself, Martina Byrne-Obee 01454 863611.



## HELPFUL WEBSITES

There are a number of websites that will be helpful for each child to investigate to help them with their home learning. This week's website is: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P.D. Smith'.

**Mr Paul D Smith**  
Executive Head Teacher

## DATES FOR 2022/23

### TERM 6

Friday 21 July

**Leavers Service for Year 6 (more details to follow)**  
**End of the school year**

## DATES FOR 2023/24

Friday 1 September

**INSET DAY School closed to pupils**

Monday 4 September

**INSET DAY School closed to pupils**

Tuesday 5 September

**School starts for Years 1 to 6**

Tuesday 5 & Wednesday 6

**Reception class home visits**

Thursday 7 September

**Reception children start part-time mornings or afternoons**

Monday 11 September

**Reception children in school all morning plus lunch**

Friday 15 September

**Year 4 class starts swimming**

Monday 18 September

**Year 6 residential to Paris, France**

Friday 22 September

**Year 6 return to school**

Thursday 19 October

**Last day of Term 1**

Friday 20 October

**INSET DAY School closed to pupils**

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**Term dates for 2023/24**

<b>Term</b>	<b>Starts</b>	<b>Ends</b>
<b>Term 1</b>	<b>Friday 1 September 2023</b>	<b>Friday 20 October 2023</b>
<b>Term 2</b>	<b>Monday 30 October 2023</b>	<b>Friday 15 December 2023</b>
<b>Term 3</b>	<b>Tuesday 2 January 2024</b>	<b>Friday 9 February 2024</b>
<b>Term 4</b>	<b>Monday 19 February 2024</b>	<b>Thursday 28 March 2024</b>
<b>Term 5</b>	<b>Monday 15 April 2024</b>	<b>Friday 24 May 2024</b>
<b>Term 6</b>	<b>Monday 3 June 2024</b>	<b>Tuesday 23 July 2024</b>
<b>INSET DAYS confirmed for the academic year</b>	<b>Friday 1 September 2023 Monday 4 September 2023 Friday 20 October 2023 Tuesday 2 January 2024 Friday 24 May 2024</b>	