

25 March 2024

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2023/2024 - NEWSLETTER NO 25

CERTIFICATES

Well done to these children who received the certificates for last week from their teachers. The certificates are given for a variety of reasons from positive attitude, great work and learning, showing the three elements of Ready, Respectful and Safe.

Miss Ramli	- Bella Little
Mrs Goode and Mrs Owen	- Amos Reynolds
Miss Whittingham	- Jasmine Watt
Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw	- Hiteshree Zala
Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown	- Molly Harrex
Mr Evens	- Tommy Strazdins
Mr Garcia	- Lawson Dix
Mrs Leonard	- Florian Harris
Miss Hake	- Costas Vogiatzis
Ms Hill and Mrs North	- Adhyansh Sanadhya
Mrs Giles	- Noah Visser



NEURO DIVERSITY WEEK

What a delight it has been to see the children all engage in activities as part of Neurodiversity week. Across the school the children have engaged in discussions, games and activities to raise their awareness of Neurodiversity. We are so very proud of our school community and we have had some lovely insightful discussions about what neurodiversity means and how everyone is unique and different which is what makes the world a more beautiful place. It really has been a pleasure to be part of. Quotes from the children;

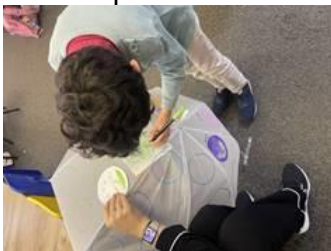
"It doesn't matter if you are different from somebody else."

It means your brain works differently to other people. The world can look scarier but we must be aware and help others."

"Neurodiversity – anything with neuro means brain and diversity is different."

"Everybody is different, everyone should be treated equally, everyone is brilliant."

In addition to individual class lessons, each class has dedicated some time to creating their own design on an umbrella. We aim to incorporate these umbrellas into a whole school display, watch this space for the finished product!



YEAR 3 AND 4 VISIT TO CAERLEON



Year 3 and 4 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the National Roman Legion Museum in Caerleon. The weather was kind and they were able to explore the military amphitheatre, the Roman baths and the Roman barracks. In addition, they were treated to Roman feast, discovered many Roman artefacts and tried on armour worn by soldiers in the Roman army. The children were very well behaved throughout and keen to share their Roman knowledge.



TOCKINGTON FOOTBALL AND NETBALL TOURNAMENT

The Almondsbury School football team had a great afternoon at Tockington Manor Football Festival on Thursday 20 March. During the afternoon they played 3 matches, two Tockington teams A&B and an Olveston team. They fought hard and played brilliantly as a team to win all their matches (1-0, 6-0, 6-0) and win the tournament. There was some great team work and good defensive work including excellent goalkeeping. Player of the Festival was Will Dawson for holding his own as the only year 5 player, picking himself up and dusting himself off without any fuss when he fell and holding his position in defence throughout all three matches. Well done to all the team!



The Almondsbury School netball A & B teams also had a great afternoon. They grew in confidence and produced some great team work, versatility in playing new positions and great shooting throughout all their matches. They won one game, drew one and lost the rest. A great achievement for their first competition playing together in their teams. Players of the Festival were Isla Drewitt and Imogen Truscott for great play and for excellent attitude in supporting and encouragement of their teams. A great afternoon for all, finished off by welcomed celebratory doughnuts!

A big thank you too to Siobhan and Steve for their expertise and support in managing the teams over the afternoon!

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

In these difficult times we would like to remind you that your child may be eligible for Free School Meals. Please check out this link www.southglos.gov.uk/schoolmeals. This even applies to children in Reception and KS1 who are already entitled to Universal Free School Meals as this brings in additional funding to support your child.

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://www.activityvillage.co.uk/easter>

PA NEWS

★ The year 5 cake sale was a massive success, with a huge **£229** raised for the year 5 classes to spend on whatever resources they wish. Well done to everyone involved and a huge thank you to all the team that helped make, decorate and sell cakes, and to everyone who donated ★

Neurodiversity Week

Today the children have been asked to come to school wearing something they feel happy and comfortable in. This event is to raise money to create regulation stations and SEN activities in each classroom for **all** the children to use.

To support you can donate via the QR code on the posters around the drop off and pick up areas, bring in coins or donate here: <https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QEBL2DY9>

Easter Playground Sale

We're holding an Easter playground sale on **Wednesday 27 March** after school. There are a great selection of sweet treats, **LOADS AND LOADS** of books and some excellent quality summer uniform, PE kit and branded items to get ready for the summer term and the warmer weather. Cash and card payments taken. Please come and support, bring a bag, and all funds raised go back to school so please give generously.

Tea Towels

Watch this space for upcoming school tea towel sales online. The children have been busy drawing their self portraits ready to be printed onto branded tea towels for all to buy. A great keepsake for all the family. Online sales open after Easter.

Don't forget there are lots more events coming up soon including **Almondsbury does DIY SOS on the weekend of 27 April**. We're inviting parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and everyone else I've missed to come along and help tidy up the school (inside and out). More details to follow, but dust off your wellies and gardening tools, paintbrushes, overalls and power tools ready for the big event. Our **Summer Fayre will be on Saturday 22 June**, plans are underway for our Olympic themed fun day, and a **Quiz Night on Friday 5 July**. Please save the dates!

VACANCY FOR LUNCHTIME PLAY LEADERS

We currently have a vacancy for a lunchtime play leader 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.

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: £11ph

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.



Best wishes

Mr Paul D Smith
Executive Head Teacher

DATES FOR 2023/24

TERM 4

Monday 25 March

Tuesday 26 March

Wednesday 27 March

Thursday 28 March

Arts Week

Dress in clothes that make you happy

Year 5 and 6 visit to Houses of Parliament, London

9.30am Year 3 and 4 Easter performance

PA Easter playground sale 3.30pm

6.00pm Year 3 and 4 Easter performance

End of Term 4

TERM 5

Monday 15 April

Friday 19 April

Friday 26 April

Friday 3 May

Monday 6 May

Friday 10 May

Monday 13 – Thursday 16 May

Friday 17 May

Monday 20 May

Tuesday 21 May

Thursday 23 May

Friday 24 May

Start of Term 5 for all pupils

12.30pm Mr Even's class swimming

3.30pm Year 2 Cake Sale

12.30pm Mr Even's class swimming

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BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY – School closed

12.30pm Mr Even's class swimming

3.30pm Year 4 Cake Sale

Year 6 SAT week

12.30pm Mr Even's class swimming

Start of Sports Week

Sports Day 9.15am EYFS and KS1

Sports Day 1.15pm KS2

End of Term 5

INSET DAY – School closed to pupils

TERM 6

Monday 3 June

Monday 3 – Friday 14 June

Friday 7 June

Monday 10 – Friday 14 June

Friday 14 June

Friday 21 June

Saturday 22 June

Friday 28 June

Friday 5 July

Friday 12 July

Wednesday 17 July

Thursday 18 July

Friday 19 July

Tuesday 23 July

Start of Term 6

Year 4 Multiplication check for all children

12.30pm Mr Even's class swimming

Year 1 phonics check for all children

12.30pm Mr Even's class swimming

3.30pm Reception classes cake sale

12.30pm Mr Even's class swimming

PA Summer Fayre – Olympic themed

12.30pm Mr Even's class swimming

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Celebration Day for all children – details to follow

Year 5 and 6 show

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Reports for be sent home

Leaver's Service at St Mary's (Year 6 parents only)

Last day of the school year

Term dates for 2023/24

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 4	Monday 19 February 2024	Thursday 28 March 2024
Term 5	Monday 15 April 2024	Friday 24 May 2024
Term 6	Monday 3 June 2024	Tuesday 23 July 2024
INSET DAYS	Friday 24 May 2024	

Term dates for 2024/25

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 1	Monday 2 September 2024	Friday 25 October 2024
Term 2	Monday 4 November 2024	Friday 20 December 2024
Term 3	Monday 6 January 2025	Friday 14 February 2025
Term 4	Monday 24 February 2025	Friday 4 April 2025
Term 5	Tuesday 22 April 2025	Friday 23 May 2025
Term 6	Monday 2 June 2025	Tuesday 22 July 2025
INSET DAYS	Monday 2 September 2024 Friday 23 May 2025 Plus 3 other dates to be confirmed	