

15 April 2024

Dear Parents

## SCHOOL YEAR 2023/2024 - NEWSLETTER NO 26

### LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

Well done to these children who received the Letters of Commendation for last term from their teachers. They were awarded for many different things including: positive attitudes to learning, being conscientious, behaviour and kindness.

Miss Ramli	-	Ethan Jenkins	Riley Jenkins
Mrs Goode and Mrs Owen	-	Lexie-Leigh Dunn	Arthur Robinson
Miss Whittingham	-	Lenny Polak	Matthew Wilkosz
Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw	-	Taylor Detheridge	Daniel Evans
Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown	-	Jacob Little	Kiaan Bhandari
Mr Evens	-	Sophia Taylor	Freddie Davies
Mr Garcia	-	Jake Nelson	Layton Wakeham
Mrs Leonard	-	Amelia Wood	Summer Wilson
Miss Hake	-	Javesh Rajkumar	Oscar Millington
Mrs North and Ms Hill	-	Aryan Patel	Matilda Jenkins
Mrs Giles	-	Roma Smith	Charlie Hazell

### THE GOSPEL SHOW

What a fantastic performance that was given by the children in Years 3 and 4 during the last week of last term. They sang and delivered their lines in such a professional and superb manner. I was unable to attend the parental performances but the dress rehearsal was so well polished it could have been a live performance for an audience. It was very well received by parents and told different stories from the Bible of Jesus's life plus many different parables in 'The Gospel Show'. The individual narrators remembered their lines so well with such great delivery and the soloists and duets were sung so beautifully as well as the whole choral songs. Well done everyone.



We also collected funds towards the Guide Dogs charity at the performance, a charity chosen by the children. This raised a £112.80. Thank you for your contributions.

### PRAYER SPACES

On Friday 22 March, volunteers from St Mary's Church set up and ran 'Prayer Spaces' for the children in the library. They took part in a variety of exciting activities including creating their own bookmark to represent what makes them unique. Through the different tasks children explored questions such as 'How close do you feel to God?' and 'How can you communicate with God?' The children thoroughly enjoyed the time for quiet reflection to think about themselves, others and spirituality.



## YEAR 5 AND 6 VISIT TO HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT



Years 5 and 6 had a wonderful trip to London to visit the Houses of Parliament and the Tate Britain. We were given a tour of parliament with a focus on the different rooms and even had a chance to enter the House of Lords. We then took part in a workshop about law and democracy where we carried out our own debates then met with Jack Lopresti to find out about his role as an MP. The children were beautifully



behaved and asked very thoughtful questions – they were fantastic representatives of the school!

## ARTS WEEK

The Reception children thoroughly enjoyed learning about and exploring different media and techniques during our Easter themed Arts Week. The children were taught how to draw and paint from observation. They looked carefully at spring flowers and produced some fantastically detailed drawings and paintings. They also explored printing with flowers to see what effect the different petals would make, as well as using natural materials to create artwork inspired by their focus artist this term, Andy Goldsworthy.

The children in Years 1 and 2 had a brilliant week. They learnt how to use marbling ink and created fun Easter cards using this technique. They also linked their learning to their most recent DT projects by combining moving parts. The children also decorated eggs using felt tips but unfortunately the annual egg rolling event was rained off. Despite this, the children had great fun.

The children in Years 3 and 4 have had a fantastic week, creating some wonderful, varied pieces of work through painting and printing. Initially, they learnt about the Mexican artist Ivan Guaderamma and discussed his use of mixed media. They took inspiration from this and explored printing with bottle tops. The colourful work the children have produced has been used on their Easter cards this year.



The children in Years 5 and 6 had an exciting week, immersing themselves in art history. At the beginning of the week, the children learnt about the Tate Britain and explored a variety of significant pieces of art that are exhibited there. We then discussed the question 'What is Art?' This led to some interesting and thought-provoking discussion before the children were tasked with creating their own sketchbook page exploring this question.



On Tuesday, we visited the Tate Britain during our trip to London. All of the children were engaged and excited to find the artwork that we had looked at the day before. The highlight of the day was discovering the huge mural painted by black British artist, Chris Ofili. This mural paid tribute to the artist, Khadija Saye, and all of the other victims who lost their lives in the Grenfell Tower Fire. The children had looked at pictures of this the day before but seeing it in real life was much more exhilarating. Both children and adults were 'wowed' by the scale of the piece and the



richness of colour that filled the staircase. It was a truly fantastic day, leading to the children having a better understanding and appreciation of British art history since the 1500s.

## HOUSE POINTS

The children have been busy collecting House Points from a variety of people in school and for lots of reasons, good learning, behaviour, tidy uniform, having correct PE kit, etc. We have been totaling up the number of house points each week. The winning team last term was **WATER**. As their reward for collecting the most house points they are able to come into school on Friday in their own clothes. Well done to everyone in **WATER**. We will see how well we get on this term.

## 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](http://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: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/>

## PA NEWS

The year 2 cake sale is this **Friday 19 April** after school. Cash and card machines available so please come and support. Dietary requirements catered for as much as possible. If you are a year 2 parent that can help with cake decoration on Friday afternoon please get in touch.

School tea towel printing is underway, they will be available to buy towards the end of the school year. A great keepsake for all the family!

## VACANCY FOR LUNCHTIME PLAY LEADER

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 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

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

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Website: [www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk](http://www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk)

Thursday 23 May  
Friday 24 May

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

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

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

**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	