

15 July 2024

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2023/2024 - NEWSLETTER NO 37

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	- Ashar Khan
Mrs Goode and Mrs Owen	- Finley Winchcombe Pope
Miss Whittingham	- Amber Michael
Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw	- Lois Day
Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown	- Pranaysri Srikanth
Mr Evens	- Reggie Lansdown
Mr Garcia	- Daniel Okunbor and Gino Lattuca
Mrs Leonard	- Sanaa Sahni
Miss Hake	- Joseph Plumb
Ms Hill and Mrs North	- William Acford
Mrs Giles	- Charlie Hazell



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mrs Owen and Mr Owen on the birth of their daughter Alice who arrived at the start of July. She is doing well and is being doted on by her two older sisters and parents.

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. 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. The children also managed to get outside for the picnic lunch for the first time in a number of years as the rain held off.



MATILDA

We are looking forward to the year 5 and 6 performance of Matilda coming up later on this week. The children have worked hard to learn their lines, rehearse the songs and dances. I am sure it will be of the highest quality standards as usual.

PIRATE DAY RECEPTION AND KEY STAGE 1

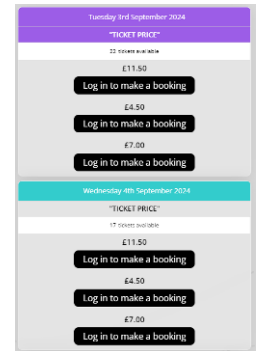
Reception and Key Stage 1 came to school dressed as pirates and ready for high-seas adventures on Pirate Day. They had a fantastic time meeting old friends and new ones and getting to know their new teachers and classrooms. They went to a pirate party island and sang sea shanties around the campfire. They designed pirate flags, went on a treasure hunt around the school and made tin foil boats. They then had competitions to see whose boat could hold the most marbles before sinking to the bottom of the ocean.



WRAPAROUND CARE FOR 2024 25

I hope that you all received the information that was sent out last week regarding the wraparound care for the next academic year. The demand for **breakfast club** on certain days has increased significantly and therefore we have employed another member of staff to address this demand. We will be able to accommodate up to 70 children at the club, should this be required. As we are going into a new academic year and the requirements can change please let the office know if you no longer need the space you currently have or if you need to decrease or increase the number of days.

For the **after school care**, you will have seen that we now have a different provider running the wraparound care which now will operate until 6.00pm Monday to Friday. Please book on with Future Stars for that element of the offer up until 6.00pm. The link is here: [Wrap Around Care Booking - Future Stars Coaching](#) To book for the sports clubs offered by Future Stars you need to select the date/days the clubs runs on and click on the £4.50 option. For the sports clubs then please book in the usual manner.



FUTURE STARS COACHING | **ALMONDSBURY, BRISTOL**

Take a look at what we've got planned for Summer. Every day has a theme, but be assured that children will have access to their very favourite activities **ON TOP** of these themes each and every day!

SUPER SUMMER CAMPS
sport, craft, friends, fun

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
wk 1	NERF BATTLES	RACKET SPORTS	TIM SQUASH	INDOOR GAMES	UV DODGEBALL
wk 2	AROUND THE WORLD	AROUND THE WORLD	AROUND THE WORLD	AROUND THE WORLD	AROUND THE WORLD
wk 3	HOCKEY	SPLASH DAY	FOOTBALL FUN	JOHNNY & FUN	FREE PLAY
wk 4	SPLATS CIRCUS	FOOTBALL FUN	TAG RUGBY	SPLASH DAY	SQUARE BALL
wk 5	INDOOR GAMES	RACKET SPORTS	GB ATHLETE	INVASION GAMES	DANCE WITH LUCY
wk 6	BANK HOLIDAY NO CLUBS	NERF BATTLES	CRICKET & HANGKICKS	UV DODGEBALL	HOCKEY

Monday ↑ Tuesday ↑ Wednesday ↑ Thursday ↑ Friday ↑

BOOK NOW BY VISITING:

WWW.FUTURESTARSCOACHING.CO.UK

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

We have arranged for a whole summer holiday club run by Future Stars. This starts on Wednesday 24 July and runs all the way through to Friday 30 August apart from the Bank Holiday on Monday 26 August. Opposite is a run down of the activities on offer. You can choose long sessions for week bookings or short sessions for individual day bookings. As you can see there are many different activities on different days. There's some enrichment opportunities such as circus school, 'dance with Lucy', magicians, UV dodgeball and a GB Athlete as well as all the other planned activities. To sign up please use the QR code or go to the Future Stars website.

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://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



Join in NOW!
Take on the Summer Reading Challenge!

This year it is all about getting CREATIVE. Music, junk-modelling, photography, dancing, story-writing... the possibilities are endless.

Discover fantastic new books, unlock rewards along the way, and achieve something amazing this summer.

Create your profile or sign in on the home page.

[Meet the characters!](#)

Summer Reading Challenge 2024
Delivered in partnership with libraries

Marvellous Makers

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Get ready for a reading adventure! This year's Summer Reading Challenge started on 6 July in England and Wales. This year's theme is 'Marvellous Makers'. There are two ways you can take part: You can join the Challenge at your local library. A librarian will give you a special collector's pack and help you find books to read for your Challenge. You'll collect stickers and other rewards along the way! Alternatively, take part in the Challenge online by signing up here! Set a reading goal and log your books on your profile. Reach your goal and

unlock a limited-edition online badge and a certificate. There are numerous activities linked to the reading challenge and plenty of things to do online and in the local libraries throughout the summer holidays. Please use the website address above to be able to access all of these and the links to the libraries to identify the times and dates.

OPAL

Very well done to Mr Garcia's Class for completing their OPAL Bingo Board! They will be claiming their extra playtime reward this week, as will Mr Even's class who were the first winners. Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to our bingo game: we have gathered many new and exciting resources from your contributions. The game has now finished, but we are always happy to receive loose parts donations to enhance our playtimes. Next term, we will be continuing to expand our OPAL playtimes. Get ready for muddy play and please remember to provide your children with appropriate clothing (wellies, waterproof overclothes/change of clothes) as we will be playing outside in ALL WEATHERS.

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

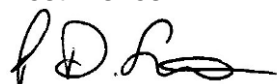
3.20pm – 3.55pm

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 6

Wednesday 17 July

Thursday 18 July

Friday 19 July

Tuesday 23 July

Year 5 and 6 show Matilda 6.30pm

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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

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Term dates for 2023/24

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 5	Monday 15 April 2024	Friday 24 May 2024
Term 6	Monday 3 June 2024	Tuesday 23 July 2024

DATES FOR 2024/25**TERM 1**

Monday 2 September
Tuesday 3 September

INSET DAY school closed to pupils

Start of Term 1 for Years 1 to 6

Home visits for new Reception children

Home visits for new Reception children

Reception children start school

Music tuition starts this week

Meet the teacher sessions from 3.30 – 4.00pm - Miss Hake, Mr Garcia, Mrs Williams and Mr Dean, Mrs Lansdown and Miss Ramli

Wednesday 4 September

Thursday 5 September

Monday 9 September

Tuesday 10 September

Wednesday 11 September

Reception children all in mornings and lunch

Thursday 12 September

Meet the teacher sessions from 3.30 – 4.00pm – Mrs Leonard, Mr Evens, Miss Whittingham, Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett

Friday 13 September

Swimming starts for Year 4 Mrs Lansdown's class

Monday 16 – Friday 20 September

Year 6 visit to Paris, France

Reception children in full time from today

Wednesday 18 September

Meet the teacher sessions 3.30 – 4.00pm Mrs Giles, Mrs North and Mrs Marshall

Friday 20 September

Swimming for Year 4 Mrs Lansdown's class

Friday 27 September

Swimming for Year 4 Mrs Lansdown's class

Friday 4 October

Swimming for Year 4 Mrs Lansdown's class

Thursday 10 October

Harvest Festival this afternoon

Friday 11 October

Swimming for Year 4 Mrs Lansdown's class

Friday 18 October

Swimming for Year 4 Mrs Lansdown's class

PA Children's disco TBC

Thursday 24 October

Year 6 road safety session this morning

Last day of Term 1

Friday 25 October

INSET DAY – school closed to pupils

TERM 2

Monday 4 November

Start of Term 2

Book Week and Black History Week

Book Fair from 3.30 – 4.00pm each day

Tuesday 5 November

Nasal flu vaccines for children

Thursday 7 November

Reception intake September 2025 tours 9.30 am and 11.00am

Friday 8 November

Swimming for Year 4 Mrs Lansdown's class

Monday 11 November

Individual photographs

Tuesday 12 November

Reception intake September 2025 tours 9.30 am and 11.00am

Thursday 14 November

Parents Evenings 4.00pm – 7.00pm

Friday 15 November

Children in Need day

Swimming for Year 4 Mrs Lansdown's class

Monday 18 November

Reception intake September 2025 tours 1.30 pm and 2.30pm

Tuesday 19 November

Parents Evenings 4.00pm – 7.00pm

Friday 22 November

Swimming for Year 4 Mrs Lansdown's class

Friday 29 November

Swimming for Year 4 Mrs Lansdown's class

Friday 6 December

PA Christmas Fayre

Friday 13 December

EYFS and KS1 Christmas party

Tuesday 17 December

Christmas lunch and Entertainment afternoon

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Wednesday 18 December

Year 3 and 4 Christmas party

Thursday 19 December

Year 5 and 6 Carols by Candlelight at St Mary's Church

Friday 20 December

Year 5 and 6 Christmas party

End of Term 2

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 25 October 2024 Friday 23 May 2025 Monday 2 June 2025 Plus 1 other date to be confirmed	