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Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2023/2024 - NEWSLETTER NO 38

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	- The Whole Class
Miss Whittingham	- Lenny Polak
Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw	- Tommy-Sol Schwarz
Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown	- The Whole Class
Mr Evens	- Orfeas Perakakis
Mr Garcia	- Jaxon Maggs
Mrs Leonard	- Mihaly Chinaka
Miss Hake	- The Whole Class
Ms Hill and Mrs North	- The Whole Class
Mrs Giles	- Alys Hallworth



MATILDA

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.



A few special mentions for the children – Imogen G and Imogen S, Molly P and Molly T, Indie and Emilia, Eva, James and all the 'children' who's facial expressions were brilliant. 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, Miss Ramli, Mr Evans and Miss Whittingham for staging the production so very well. The scenery and props were well-made by Mrs Jamieson. We also collected £205.49 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.

ROCKSTEADY CONCERT

On Tuesday 9 July, children who have been learning to play in a band with 'Rocksteady' had the opportunity to perform to the whole school. It was like a mini Glastonbury! There were songs by Cold Play, Bob Marley, George Ezra and many more. The children did a fantastic job performing their songs - for many it was the first time they had got up on stage in front of the school. They were so brave! Well done to all the performers, you should be very proud of yourselves. If anyone is interested in finding out more about Rocksteady, you can visit their website: rocksteadymusicschool.com



END OF YEAR



The end of the school year has nearly arrived (well it will do tomorrow!). It has been another fun packed and eventful year: from the highs of our extremely successful and hugely deserved outcome from our Ofsted inspection maintaining our 'Outstanding' judgement, being able to share Christmas plays, the Matilda 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.

The end of year results have also been very strong with the Year 1's gaining 96% passing the phonics threshold, Year 2 and Year 6 also well above the national averages in all three tested subjects. 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 several people tomorrow including Mrs Bailey, who is taking early retirement, having worked at the school for an amazing 22 years. Mrs Greenland is taking flexible retirement and she he has worked in school for an incredible 27 years. However, we will be welcoming Mrs Greenland back for two mornings next year. We also say



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GOOD BYE & GOOD LUCK!

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
wk 2	NERF BATTLES	RACKET SPORTS	TIM SQUASH	INDOOR GAMES	SQUARE BALL
wk 3	HOCKEY	SPLASH DAY	FOOTBALL FUN	JOHNNY O FUN	FREE PLAY
wk 4	SPLATS CIRCUS	FOOTBALL FUN	TAG RUGBY	SPLASH DAY	SQUARE BALL
wk 5	INDOOR GAMES	RACKET SPORTS	BB ATHLETE	INVASION GAMES	DANCE WITH LUCY
wk 6	BANK HOLIDAY NO CLUBS	NERF BATTLES	CRICKET & HANDBALLS	U/V BASKETBALL	HOCKEY

Monday ↑ Tuesday ↑ Wednesday ↑ Thursday ↑ Friday ↑

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goodbye to Ms Hill who is also retiring and we say goodbye to Mr Ramshaw. We wish all of them the very best for the future and will be sad to see them leave.

Best wishes for the future to the Year 6's moving on. They have been a great 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.

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

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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



The banner for the Summer Reading Challenge 2024 features a blue background on the left with white text and a colorful illustration on the right. The text on the left includes: '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.', and a button that says 'Meet the characters!'. The illustration on the right shows a group of diverse children engaged in various activities like reading, drawing, and playing. The title 'Marvellous Makers' is written in large, colorful letters. At the bottom of the illustration, it says 'READING Agency Celebrating Creativity CREATE!' and 'Illustrations by Natalie Quirk and logo artwork by Lizzie Everard. All © The Reading Agency 2024.'

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 claimed their extra playtime reward last week, as did 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.

PA Update

It's the end of another bumper school year. On behalf of the PA I'd like to thank everyone who has contributed to any event we have held this year, whether it be via volunteering, donating time or money, or generally just playing a huge part in helping us raise much needed funds for school. There are several key members leaving us this year, so a massive thank you to Kelly Jenkins, Nicola Street, Sophie and Rich Truscott, Helen Beard, Sammy Waterhouse and all others that I have missed, there are too many to name you all. Thank you and good luck to you and yours in the future. That's it from me for this year, but watch out for loads more exciting events next year.

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



Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk
Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

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

Tuesday 23 July

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 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

Wednesday 4 September

Thursday 5 September

Monday 9 September

Tuesday 10 September

Wednesday 11 September

Thursday 12 September

Friday 13 September

Monday 16 – Friday 20 September

Wednesday 18 September

Friday 20 September

Friday 27 September

Friday 4 October

Thursday 10 October

Friday 11 October

Friday 18 October

Thursday 24 October

Friday 25 October

TERM 2

Monday 4 November

Tuesday 5 November

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

New Reception Parents phonics, writing and funky fingers workshop at 6.00pm in the Hall

Reception children all in mornings and lunch

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

Swimming starts for Year 4 Mrs Lansdown's class

Year 6 visit to Paris, France

Reception children in full time from today

New Reception parents mathematics workshop 9.15am in the Hall

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

Swimming for Year 4 Mrs Lansdown's class

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Harvest Festival this afternoon

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PA Children's disco TBC

Year 6 road safety session this morning

Last day of Term 1

INSET DAY – school closed to pupils

Start of Term 2

Book Week and Black History Week

Book Fair from 3.30 – 4.00pm each day

Nasal flu vaccines for children

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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
Wednesday 11 December	Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance at 2.00pm
Thursday 12 December	Reception nativity performance at 2.30pm
	Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance at 6.00pm
Friday 13 December	EYFS and KS1 Christmas party
Tuesday 17 December	Christmas lunch and Entertainment afternoon
Wednesday 18 December	Year 3 and 4 Christmas party
	Year 5 and 6 Carols by Candlelight at St Mary's Church
Thursday 19 December	Year 5 and 6 Christmas party
Friday 20 December	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	