

09 September 2024

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2024/2025 - NEWSLETTER NO 1

Welcome back to school

It's great to see you!

Welcome back to all parents and children. I do hope that you have had a lovely summer holiday and been able to have some relaxation and recuperation and managed to get away either on a staycation or ventured further afield.

I would like to welcome all of the new children in Reception and new parents who will be joining us this week. I am sure you and your child will have seven wonderful years at Almondsbury. All of the staff look forward to getting to know your children as well as yourselves.

STAFFING

We welcome Mrs Emma Marshall who will be teaching Reception 2 class along with Mrs North on a Thursday and Friday. Mrs Marie Barrett also joins us to work in Year 5 and 6 class alongside Mrs Goode on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. She joins us from a school in North Somerset. We also welcomed Mrs Hannah Moore towards the end of last term to work as a teaching assistant now in Year 3 and across years 1 and 2. We also welcomed Mrs Natalia Reihe as our Play Leader Co-ordinator leading the OPAL play project during lunchtimes.



Mrs Emma Marshall



Mrs Marie Barrett



Mrs Hannah Moore



Mrs Natalia Reihe

WRAPAROUND CARE

Thank you for all of your requests for attending wraparound care either before or after school. There has been a tremendous influx of requests, so much so that we have up to 70 children at breakfast club during the week. I am sure that both clubs at either end of the day will continue to be successfully run.

MEET THE TEACHER

The annual Meet the Teacher sessions for you to meet and introduce yourself to your child's new class teacher are next week on Tuesday and Thursday. They start at 3.30pm until 4.00pm. The dates for these are below in the dates section of the newsletter.

CONTACT DETAILS

Please update Arbor if there have been any changes in your address or contact details to enable us to update our records, including mobile numbers and email addresses. Thank you.

NAME LABELS

Please do ensure that you have labelled all of your children's jumpers, ties, shirts etc. It is very important that this is done as it is very difficult to return any lost property that is not labelled. Thank you.

WATER BOTTLES

Children can bring a small plastic bottle of drinking water to school. This bottle should be clear (see through), with a sports top and named – and taken home each day. Bottles can be refilled in school during the day to ensure freshness of water and ensure the children have enough to drink.

PARKING AT THE BOWL INN

Parents have an allocated time slot of 8.30-9.30am in the morning and 3-4pm in the afternoon to park in the Bowl Inn car park. If you are going to be in the car park for longer please pop into The Bowl and let them know.

LUNCH OPTIONS

Please make sure that you have discussed and shared the menus with your children so they know what is on offer and what you would like them to eat daily. There has not been an increase in the price of meals agreed for September. However, we expect an increase at some point this academic year. Once this is confirmed we will provide you with the new costs. Please book your child/ren's lunch using the Arbor App (even for a home packed lunch).

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/>

PE DAYS

Here are the days for PE and therefore the day in which the children need to arrive at school in their PE kits. For Forest Schools Year 1 and above children will be required to wear PE kits and hoodies. Thank you.

PE TIMETABLE 2024/25

DAY/TIME	MORNING SESSION	MORNING SESSION	AFTERNOON SESSION	AFTERNOON SESSION
Monday	Y1/2 - Mrs Leonard	Rec 1 - Mrs Giles	Y3 - Mr Dean	Y3/4 – Mr Evens Y6 – Miss Ramli (Term 1 only)
Tuesday	Y2 – Mr Garcia		Mr Evens/Mrs Williams/Mrs Lansdown	
Wednesday			Miss Whittingham/Mrs Goode/Mrs Barrett	
Thursday	Y5 – Miss Whittingham	Rec 2 – Mrs Marshall	Mrs Leonard/Mr Garcia/Miss Hake	
Friday	Y1 – Miss Hake		Swimming	Y6 - Miss Ramli
			Autumn Term – Mrs Lansdown Spring Term – Mr Evens Summer Term – Mrs Williams Y5/6 – Mrs Goode/Mrs Barrett	

Forest Schools

Term	Day	Class	Day	Class
Term 1	Tuesday	Mrs Williams's/Mr Dean's class	Thursday	Mrs Leonard's class
Term 2	Tuesday	Mr Evens's class	Thursday	Mr Garcia's class
Term 3	Tuesday	Mrs Lansdown's class	Thursday	Miss Hake's class
Term 4	Tuesday	Mrs Williams's/Mr Dean's class	Thursday	Mrs Leonard's class
Term 5	Tuesday	Mr Even's class	Thursday	Mr Garcia's class
Term 6	Tuesday	Mrs Lansdown's class	Thursday	Miss Hake's class

Reception children will have Forest Schools (aka Welly Wednesday's) every week. Suitable outdoor clothing and footwear are required for each Forest School session.

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OPAL

As an OPAL School, we are proud to play outside in all weathers. The benefits of continued outdoor play, in addition to physical activity, are that our children also learn socialising and negotiating skills, understanding their bodies better, engaging in imaginative play, and enjoying fresh air: all of which contribute to their physical and emotional health.

Playing outside also prepares children to be ready to engage and learn in their classrooms after break- and lunchtimes. Please can you support our outdoor play and learning by ensuring that your child is appropriately clothed for the season. Should they be wanting to access the field and/or forest school area, this includes having welly boots. You are welcome to bring in a waterproof coat, trousers, and wellies to leave in school, should this be easier than bringing in items daily. Also, should you have any outgrown or unwanted wet weather clothing at home, we would really appreciate it to have in our spares.

Should you need support in sourcing wet weather clothing, please feel free to get in touch with the OPAL Coordinator. Many thanks. Natalia Reihe

SCHOOL TOURS FOR NEW PARENTS 2025 INTAKE

We have the dates now confirmed for the school tours for new prospective parents for the intake in September 2025. It will be lovely to show new parents around and share all that is great about our school.

Thursday 7 November 9.30am	Thursday 7 November 11.00am
Tuesday 12 November 9.30am	Tuesday 12 November 11.00am
Monday 18 November 1.30pm	Monday 18 November 2.30pm

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.

PA NEWS

Secondhand Uniform

Get prepared for the 2024/25 academic year - have a look at the secondhand uniform available on the PA website: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/almondsburypta/>

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.

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.



Best wishes

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

Mr Paul D Smith
Executive Head Teacher

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DATES FOR 2024/25**TERM 1****Tuesday 10 September****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****Wednesday 11 September****Meet the teacher sessions from 3.30 – 4.00pm – Mrs Leonard, Mr Evens, Miss Whittingham, Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett****Thursday 12 September****Swimming starts for Year 4 Mrs Lansdown's class****Friday 13 September****Year 6 visit to Paris, France****Monday 16 – Friday 20 September****Music tuition starts this week****Monday 16 September****Reception children in full time from today****Wednesday 18 September****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****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****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**Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.ukWebsite: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

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	