

16 September 2024

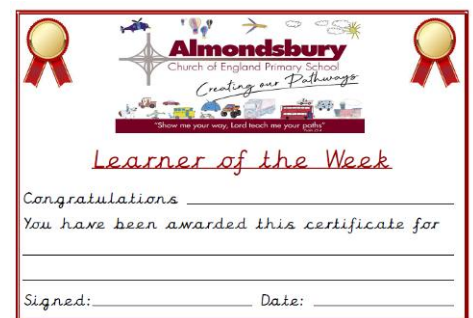
Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2024/2025 - NEWSLETTER NO 2

CERTIFICATES

Well done to these children who received the certificates for last week and the week before from their teachers. We have a new sharing of these on a Friday in worship where the class teacher is sharing the reasons for the certificates being awarded.

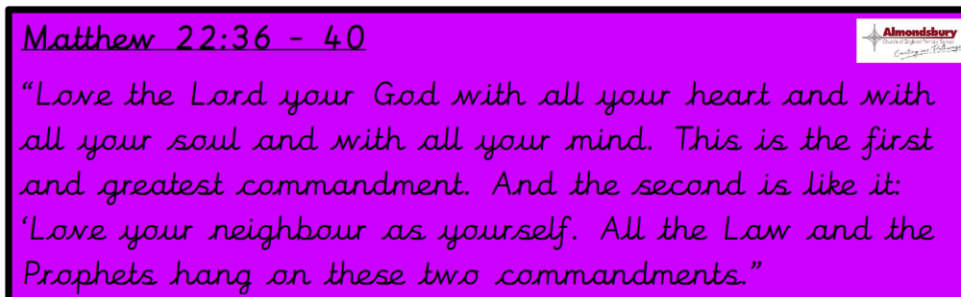
Miss Ramli	- Euan Laing	Jessica Dedman
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	- Megan Gascoyne	Dhriti Patel
Miss Whittingham	- Dara Adeitan	Bella Scott
Mrs Lansdown	- Harrison Sander	Kiaan Bhandari
Mr Evens	- Tommy Strazdins	Marnie Rae
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	- Lia ElHalabi	Evie Rae
Mr Garcia	- Antonia Leung	Coby Pearce
Mrs Leonard	- Henry Belisaro-Elford	Rosie Ford
Miss Hake	- Mac Pearce	Aoife Doherty



Reception classes will start to receive certificates when they start full time in school

TRUST HOME DISCUSSION SHEET

This term's theme for our Collective Worship is Trust. We have attached the home discussion sheet for you to read through and talk to your child/ren about the themes within it. As you know the theme runs throughout the term and we will also be looking at 'Get Heartsmart' within our Heartsmart PSHE programme and Tolerance within our British Values. Below is our Bible reading linked to our Heartsmart theme for this term.



E-SAFETY NEWSLETTER

Attached to this newsletter is the next E-safety newsletter for your information. The theme for this month is about how to keep safe when online and the age restrictions for social media sites such as Snapchat and WhatsApp. There are some very good links to different websites to enable you to have the tools to stay in control of device usage and parental controls.

THIS SCHOOL IS
NUT FREE



THANK YOU
for keeping our school safe!

Please remember we are a nut free school. This includes any foods that contain nuts as well such as Nutella, etc. Please do ensure you check your child's packed lunch as to whether anything contains nuts. We have children in school who are extremely allergic to peanuts, in particular, and would need hospital treatment should they come into contact with nuts. Thank you for your consideration.

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

GOOD LUCK AND ENJOY

Our Year 6's, and the staff, left on their travels to Paris, France this morning at 6.00am. I am sure they will have a fantastic time and thoroughly enjoy their residential visit along with St Peter's Year 6's. Look out for how they get on in next week's newsletter.

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.

PE KIT

As usual we are straight back into all aspects of school life including PE and Forest School. As part of this healthy attitude to physical activity, we would like to remind all the children that it is essential to be properly prepared to participate. This is a reminder of the request that children come into school in their PE kits on their allotted PE days. The children have been told, a timetable has been put into the school newsletter and the days will be published on each class's webpage on the website.

PE kit is available from the school uniform shop - Linela Embroidery, Unit 1, Tomorosa, Awkley Lane, Olveston, Bristol. BS354EW - Tel - 01454 615300. There are some supplier issues for the school hoodies for the youngest and oldest ages so please be patient when ordering.



PE kit White T-shirt/school red & black (new style) PE top, red or black shorts.
School red & black hoody/red sweatshirt and red/black tracksuit bottoms.

Footwear Trainers should be worn into school in readiness for PE.

Long Hair Hair bands and clips to tie hair back.

Jewellery All jewellery must be removed including studs. (Please supply tape for newly pierced ears for the first 6 weeks only)



Outdoor Playtimes, Lunchtimes on the field & Outside Learning - All children will need wellies, to be kept in school.

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 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.

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.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>

PA NEWS

PA Update

Our first event of the school year will be a **Conka Bar sale!** Don't worry if you have no idea what this is, it's our take on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory's Wonka Bars.

Conka Bars can be pre-ordered via our PA website priced at £2 each (Vegan options available). Find a **★ GOLDEN TICKET ★** in one of the bars to win a prize. The more you buy, the more chance you have of winning! Bars are on sale now via our website, and will be handed out after school on Friday 27 September.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/almondsburypa/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=84925>

Dates for your diaries for the rest of the year include:

★ Conka bar sales OPEN NOW UNTIL 24 September

👻 Spooky sale including sweet cones, fidgets and spooky fancy dress Thursday 24 October

🍁 Autumn Disco Friday 15 November 6-8.30 split between KS1 and KS2 (tickets available soon)

🎄 Christmas fayre Friday 6 December after school

If you haven't joined our PA website yet, follow the link above and send us a request, add the name and class of your child and we'll give you access to our website where you can hear about our events, buy event tickets and products and all of our pre loved uniform too.

Our next PA AGM will be held on Wednesday 9 October 6-8pm in the staff room. All welcome.

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.

FUNDRAISING FOR THE SCHOOL



Want to help raise money for the school? Here are 3 ways you can help:

ASDA REWARD APP – If you nominate us as your chosen school on the ASDA rewards app they will donate 0.5% of your spend to us. It doesn't affect your cashpots & its super easy to do.

EASYFUNDRAISING – Sign up to Easyfundraising on their website <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> and nominate our school, every time you shop with participating retailers online they will donate a percentage to the school, this varies for each company but it doesn't cost you a penny. You can also add a donation reminder so it reminds you that the retailer website you are browsing is part of the scheme.



CLOTHING BANK – We have a clothing bank on site, you donate your unwanted clothes and the company pays the PA money per kg collected.

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

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 2024/25**TERM 1****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****Thursday 7 November****Friday 8 November****Monday 11 November****Tuesday 12 November****Thursday 14 November****Friday 15 November****Monday 18 November****Tuesday 19 November****Friday 22 November****Friday 29 November****Friday 6 December****Wednesday 11 December****Thursday 12 December****Friday 13 December****Tuesday 17 December****Wednesday 18 December****Thursday 19 December****Friday 20 December****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****Swimming for Year 4 Mrs Lansdown's class****Swimming for Year 4 Mrs Lansdown's class****Harvest Festival this afternoon****Swimming for Year 4 Mrs Lansdown's class****Swimming for Year 4 Mrs Lansdown's class****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****Reception intake September 2025 tours 9.30 am and 11.00am****Swimming for Year 4 Mrs Lansdown's class****Individual photographs****Reception intake September 2025 tours 9.30 am and 11.00am****Parents Evenings 4.00pm – 7.00pm****Children in Need day****Swimming for Year 4 Mrs Lansdown's class****Reception intake September 2025 tours 1.30 pm and 2.30pm****Parents Evenings 4.00pm – 7.00pm****Swimming for Year 4 Mrs Lansdown's class****Swimming for Year 4 Mrs Lansdown's class****PA Christmas Fayre****Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance at 2.00pm****Reception nativity performance at 2.30pm****Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance at 6.00pm****EYFS and KS1 Christmas party****Christmas lunch and Entertainment afternoon****Year 3 and 4 Christmas party****Year 5 and 6 Carols by Candlelight at St Mary's Church****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	