

23 September 2024

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2024/2025 - NEWSLETTER NO 3

CERTIFICATES

Well done to these children who received the certificates for last week 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.

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| Miss Ramli | - Eli Gardner |
| Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett | - Leo McCarthy |
| Miss Whittingham | - Taylor Detheridge |
| Mrs Williams and Mr Dean | - Amelia Wood |
| Mrs Lansdown | - Ella Osborne |
| Mr Evens | - Alfie Grace |
| Mr Garcia | - William McRae |
| Mrs Leonard | - Eloise Collard |
| Miss Hake | - Amaya Patel |
| Mrs North and Mrs Marshall | - The Whole Class |
| Mrs Giles | - The Whole Class |



YEAR 6 VISIT TO PARIS, FRANCE

The Year 6's had a marvellous time in Paris, France last week on their residential trip. We shared our visit this year with St Peter's and all got on brilliantly throughout the week. We left Almondsbury very early to get to the Eurotunnel on our journey through the south of England and northern France. A quick tour of the surroundings and then to the rooms to unpack and sleep.



Tuesday morning saw the group visit the local market town of Brie Comte Robert. After the completion of the town trail and seeing the sights it was time to buy some very priceless souvenirs. The next stop was the huge Carrefour and the chance to purchase some French sweets and chocolates to take home. The afternoon sessions were adventurous activities of orienteering, team challenge and sensory trail. The children thoroughly enjoyed the latter walking around the planned trail with their thick blindfolds on having to rely on their group of friends to lead the way. The evening was filled with a visit to a snail farm to learn all about how snails are bred and raised for the vast market in France and the globe for these delicacies.



It was a gloriously sunny day as we set off for Paris on Wednesday starting with a walk up and down the 1340 steps to the second floor of the Eiffel Tower. We all made it up without stopping and for some being very brave of how high we were going. The clear blue skies made it perfect to see the sights of Paris. After that the River Seine beckoned and a trip on the Bateaux Parisian. The children were superbly behaved and so quiet going around the Musee d'Orsay to look at some precious art from Van Gogh, Monet, Renior and others. It was then onto the coach and back to the chateau for dinner.



Thursday is Disney day on the trip, and the children certainly were excited when they saw the signs at the entrance to the park. Despite being extremely busy we managed a full day of rides especially the two favourites of Hyperspace Mountain and Big Thunder Mountain. The visit to the shop and the Disney Stars Parade were a fitting end to a fun packed visit. A great day was had by all! There was a special treat at dinner for those who wanted to sample the snails in garlic butter. Over half of the children did so. Some actually liked them and had quite a few! The evening disco saw the children (and adults) throwing some great moves. Sadly it was then time to pack to go home.



Our final part of the trip was a visit to the chocolate factory at Lascelle. Here we saw how the chocolate was made and moulded into the various delights that were on sale in the shop. It was a tough decision as to what to buy, however everyone chose their chocolates in the end.



It was a fabulous trip with many wonderful memories made and what a great way to start the school year. Thank you to all the adults who accompanied the children and kept them entertained and safe throughout the week – Mrs Goode, Miss Ramli, Mrs Barrett, Mr Evans and a guest appearance by Mr B-M, I also had a great time as the children were a credit to themselves and our school with their enthusiasm and wonderful behaviour. There were many comments from members of the public on how well behaved the children were in Brie, Paris and at Disney. Well done to all of them so being brilliantly behaved.

There are many more photos on the school website on the year 6 classes pages.



YEAR 5 PROJECT

Madame Tussauds 'Almondsbury style' - Year 5 had a fantastic time last week researching and preparing for their very own Madame Tussauds event in school. We

saw the likes of Albert Einstein, Ant and Dec, William Shakespeare and even Queen Elizabeth II made an appearance. All the children worked extremely hard by carrying out independent research, creating props, costumes and rehearsing their speeches. It was a really successful event and the children loved performing to other year groups and parents/carers.



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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

SCHOOL MEALS PRICE INCREASE

In the first newsletter of this year I indicated that there would be a price increase for paid school meals. This will be introduced as from 4 November. **The new price from that date will be £2.60.** There has not been a price increase for the past three years. The new price reflects the increases to food costs that we have all seen over the last couple of years.

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: <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>

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

Would you like to join our exciting Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) Team? As an OPAL school, we value our outdoor playtimes hugely. We have expanded our outdoor play areas and opportunities for our children and now have a vacancy available for a new Play Lead to join the team. 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 this post please contact the School Office. Please feel free to pass on the details to anyone who may be interested in this opportunity.

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.



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Best wishes



Mr Paul D Smith
Executive Head Teacher

DATES FOR 2024/25

TERM 1

Friday 27 September

Friday 4 October

Thursday 10 October

Friday 11 October

Friday 18 October

Thursday 24 October

Friday 25 October

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

PA Children's disco TBC

Year 6 road safety session this morning

Last day of Term 1

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

Nasal flu vaccines for children

Reception intake September 2025 tours 9.30 am and

11.00am

Tuesday 5 November

Thursday 7 November

Friday 8 November

Monday 11 November

Tuesday 12 November

Swimming for Year 4 Mrs Lansdown's class

Individual photographs

Reception intake September 2025 tours 9.30 am and

11.00am

Thursday 14 November

Friday 15 November

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

Tuesday 19 November

Friday 22 November

Friday 29 November

Friday 6 December

Wednesday 11 December

Thursday 12 December

Parents Evenings 4.00pm – 7.00pm

Swimming for Year 4 Mrs Lansdown's class

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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

Friday 13 December

Tuesday 17 December

Wednesday 18 December

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

Thursday 19 December

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

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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	
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