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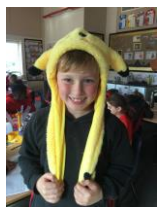
Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2024/2025 - NEWSLETTER NO 6

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.

Miss Ramli	- Jaiya Voual
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	- Mahima Raju
Miss Whittingham	- Amalie Price
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	- Jack Jones
Mrs Lansdown	- Neve Bennett
Mr Evens	- Ifeoluwa Osokoya
Mr Garcia	- Henry Jarvis
Mrs Leonard	- Casey Parratt
Miss Hake	- Sophie Vornicu
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	- Nikolai Daniels
Mrs Giles	- Gracie Jenkins



WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

HELLO YELLOW! *Because we stand brighter, together.*

The children looked very bright and on trend with all of their yellow touches to the normal uniform, including hair bands, socks, polo shirts and my personal favourite yellow ties as well as yellow t-shirts. There was also a novelty yellow banana hat, which looked great! We collected funds towards supporting mental health in school through donations. The fund raising page set up specifically for last Friday. [Almondsbury Hello Yellow donation page](#) is still accessible if you wish to donate. Thank you for all your efforts and donations.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest festival went very well with the children singing beautifully. We focused this year on the work of the farmers to tend the land and harvest the crops that we eat and how thankful we should be for this. The harvest display looked fulsome with tinned and packet goods alongside the harvest loaves and the flower arrangements, courtesy of Mrs Byrne. All of the food that was donated by yourselves has been sent to the food bank namely the Five Loaves and Two Fishes charity of St Paul's in Bristol. The loaves were shared during the afternoon with all of the pupils, they were delicious! Thank you for all your contributions, they were much appreciated.



THORNBURY TAG RUGBY

On Friday 11 October, Almondsbury entered two year 3 teams into the annual Thornbury Tag Rugby Festival. They played 4 matches in two different pools and for some it was the first time they had played rugby. Despite this, the teams picked up the game remarkably quickly, they worked incredibly well in their teams, encouraging one another and playing with amazing determination and grit in both attacking and defending. Jake and Spencer took on the roles of team captains with real leadership qualities, encouraging their teams to sub on and off fairly to ensure everyone was included and valued. As a result of all the players good team spirit and enthusiasm, both teams played brilliantly winning all of their games. Great work Almondsbury!



SAFEGUARDING POLICIES

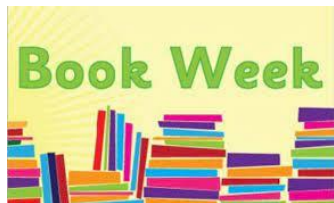
Every year we must update our Safeguarding Policies in light of the updated guidance from Keeping Children Safe in Education 2024. Here is the link to the policies that we are required to publish to parents and all stakeholders. [Safeguarding - Almondsbury Church of England Primary School \(almondsburyprimary.co.uk\)](https://almondsburyprimary.co.uk)

If you have any comments on these please direct them to myself Paul.Smith@almondsburyprimary.co.uk
Thank you in advance.

PARENTS EVENINGS

We have set the Parents Evenings booking system up on Arbor. This is now live and available for booking. The Parents Evening dates of **Thursday 14 November and Tuesday 19 November will be face to face. The booking system is on Arbor and will be open for you to book appointments from Monday 21 October until Wednesday 13 November.**

BOOK WEEK



Straight after half term when we return on Monday 4 November, it is our annual Book Week. We have linked this in with our Black History Week. There are lots of exciting things happening. We have the Book Fair every evening after school from 3.30 – 4.00pm in the library area, Big Read, drop everything and read sessions, reading swaps lessons, homework linked to reading and dressing up day on Friday. On Tuesday or Friday, you are invited into the library for a reading breakfast from 8.15am. A letter was emailed last Friday with more details.

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.

NEW MENU

Attached to the newsletter is the new Autumn/Spring menu for school meals. The company AiP are introducing a two-week menu as you will be able to see. Baguettes will still be available next term with ham or cheese options. Sadly, AiP are not offering tuna mayo as an option going forward. You will be able to book the meals for Term 2 shortly. We do have a theme day on Tuesday 5 November, which the children will be able to have hot dogs and curly fries.

The company have apologised to us to pass onto parents and children as there have been ordering and delivery issues for certain parts of the current menu and they have had to change the food on offer at very short notice. They have assured us that this has been addressed.

You will have also noticed that Mrs Byrne, our kitchen manager, has not been in school as she broke her elbow at the end of the summer holidays. She will be returning to school at the start of Term 2.

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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.

SUPPORT FOR PARENTS/CARERS

The LA have created a set of materials for parents, carers, and family members living in South Gloucestershire, which you have free access to via the link below to expertly designed online learning and resources on nurturing emotional health and wellbeing so that our children can thrive as kind, sociable and emotionally aware people throughout their lives. Please do look through these and take up the offer of workshops. Webpage for parents: <https://inourplace.co.uk/south-gloucestershire/>

SCHOOL TOURS FOR NEW PARENTS 2025 INTAKE

Please see below dates for 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

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: [Advice for parents and guardians - Mental Health UK \(mentalhealth-uk.org\)](http://Advice for parents and guardians - Mental Health UK (mentalhealth-uk.org))

PA UPDATE

Autumn disco tickets are on sale **now** via our website. Discos are split between KS1 and KS2, and price per ticket is £5, which includes a drink and snack. These are great fun for all ages so please support us and buy your tickets before they sell out! <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/almondsburypta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=85932>

We have plenty of great quality pre loved uniform available on our PA website. Prices start from £1 so if you need items to see you through to half term or the end of the year please take a look here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/almondsburypta/index.cfm?event=products>

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

- 👻 Spooky sale including sweet cones, fidgets and spooky fancy dress Thursday 24 October - *please let us know if you can help with the sale after school.*
- 🍁 Autumn Disco Friday 15 November 6-8.15 split between KS1 and KS2 (tickets available **now**)
- 🎄 Christmas fayre Friday 6 December after school

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

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/almondsburypta/index.cfm?event=login¬LoggedIn=true&success=myAccount>

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

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(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: £11.50ph

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

Friday 18 October

Thursday 24 October

Friday 25 October

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

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

Monday 2 December

Friday 6 December

Wednesday 11 December

Thursday 12 December

Friday 13 December

Tuesday 17 December

Wednesday 18 December

Thursday 19 December

Friday 20 December

Start of Term 2

Book Week and Black History Week

Book Fair from 3.30 – 4.00pm each day

Reading breakfast from 8.15am for KS1 pupils in Library

Nasal flu vaccines for children

Reception intake September 2025 tours 9.30 am and 11.00am

Reading breakfast from 8.15am for KS2 pupils in Library

Swimming for Year 4 Mrs Lansdown's class

Individual photographs

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Parents Evenings 4.00pm – 7.00pm

Children in Need day

Swimming for Year 4 Mrs Lansdown's class

Autumn Children's Discos 6.00 – 7.00pm for KS1, 7.15pm – 8.15pm for KS2

Reception intake September 2025 tours 1.30 pm and 2.30pm

Parents Evenings 4.00pm – 7.00pm

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Non uniform day for the Christmas fayre

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

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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	