

21 October 2024

Dear Parents

## SCHOOL YEAR 2024/2025 - NEWSLETTER NO 7

### 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                 | - Astin Wong               |
| Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett  | - Oscar Estcourt           |
| Miss Whittingham           | - Isabella Suggitt         |
| Mrs Williams and Mr Dean   | - Vivaan Turner            |
| Mrs Lansdown               | - Annabelle Street         |
| Mr Evens                   | - Maverick Haynes          |
| Mr Garcia                  | - Mattia Akira Boscolo     |
| Mrs Leonard                | - Ellie Strazdina          |
| Miss Hake                  | - Roma Smith               |
| Mrs North and Mrs Marshall | - Eva Hall                 |
| Mrs Giles                  | - Florrie Belisario-Elford |



### ESFA Girls Football Tournament

Almondsbury's girls year 5 and 6 football team played in the girls football tournament which took place at Almondsbury GFA pitches on Tuesday 15 October. Our squad of 8 girls played some great matches, winning the first of their matches against Wheatfield 1-0. They played their second game against Mangotsfield team who proved difficult opponents. Despite their perseverance and enthusiasm, Almondsbury lost 3-0. Coming second in their group, they went through to their final game and played a well fought game against Stanbridge resulting in a 1-1 draw. The girls thoroughly enjoyed the tournament and made the school proud. A great team effort. Well done Almondsbury!

### YEAR 1 AND 2 WOW DAY

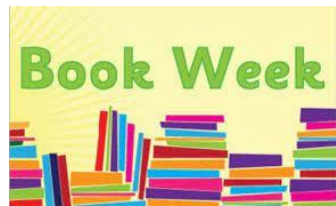
Year 1 and 2 had a fantastic Wow Day as part of their 'Let's Explore London' topic! During the day, the children made marmalade sandwiches, designed a royal crown, learnt to do court dancing and created a piece of artwork based on the London landmarks. We also had a great time being dressed up as Kings, Queens, Princes, Princesses, King's guards, Paddington Bear, Big Ben, a red bus and wearing red, white and blue!



## 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.

## 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](http://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 local authority 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.

Tuesday 12 November 9.30am	Tuesday 12 November 11.00am
Monday 18 November 2.30pm	

## PA UPDATE

**Spooky Sale** this Thursday 24 October. Spooky sweet cones, mallow lollies and fancy dress available to buy after school. Come along and buy some sweet treats ready for the half term fun. Cash and card payments accepted.

**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>

Have you seen the new playground equipment? If not, you are missing out! The PA have been able to fund some brand new play construction equipment for all ages. The children will be able to use the ultimate construction play package featuring 75 pieces, including water play blocks. The children can develop core problem-solving skills connecting blocks together using real life construction joints to create low level active play trails and imaginative designs. We wouldn't be able to fund this equipment without your help and donations so THANK YOU!!

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, mallow lollies 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&notLoggedIn=true&success=myAccount>

## 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.learninggamesforkids.com/>

## 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: £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.



**REMINDER THAT SCHOOL BREAKS UP FOR HALF TERM ON THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER AND SCHOOL IS CLOSED ON FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER. THERE WILL NOT BE ANYONE AT SCHOOL AS STAFF ARE TRAINING ELSEWHERE SO PLEASE ENSURE YOU KNOW THAT CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BE SENT TO SCHOOL THIS FRIDAY.**

Best wishes

**Mr Paul D Smith**  
Executive Head Teacher

## DATES FOR 2024/25

### TERM 1

Thursday 24 October

Year 6 road safety session this morning

Last day of Term 1

Friday 25 October

INSET DAY – school closed to pupils

Email address: [office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk)

Website: [www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk](http://www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk)

**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****Reading breakfast from 8.15am for KS1 pupils in Library****Nasal flu vaccines for children****Thursday 7 November****Y6 NCMP (National Child Measurement Programme)****Reception intake September 2025 tours 9.30 am and 11.00am****Friday 8 November****Reading breakfast from 8.15am for KS2 pupils in Library****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****Autumn Children's Discos 6.00 – 7.00pm for KS1, 7.15pm – 8.15pm for KS2****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****Monday 2 December****Non uniform day for the Christmas fayre****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**

<b>Term</b>	<b>Starts</b>	<b>Ends</b>
<b>Term 1</b>	<b>Monday 2 September 2024</b>	<b>Friday 25 October 2024</b>
<b>Term 2</b>	<b>Monday 4 November 2024</b>	<b>Friday 20 December 2024</b>
<b>Term 3</b>	<b>Monday 6 January 2025</b>	<b>Friday 14 February 2025</b>
<b>Term 4</b>	<b>Monday 24 February 2025</b>	<b>Friday 4 April 2025</b>
<b>Term 5</b>	<b>Tuesday 22 April 2025</b>	<b>Friday 23 May 2025</b>
<b>Term 6</b>	<b>Monday 2 June 2025</b>	<b>Tuesday 22 July 2025</b>
<b>INSET DAYS</b>	<b>Monday 2 September 2024 Friday 25 October 2024 Friday 23 May 2025 Monday 2 June 2025 Plus 1 other date to be confirmed</b>	