

04 November 2024

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2024/2025 - NEWSLETTER NO 8

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

Well done to these children who received the Letters of Commendation for last term from their teachers. They were awarded for many different things including: positive attitudes to learning, being conscientious, behaviour and kindness.

Miss Ramli	-	Matthew Wilkosz	Ruhee Babariya
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	-	Megan Gascoyne	Joshua Rutter
Miss Whittingham	-	Amalie Price	Joshua Agyemang
Mrs Lansdown	-	Oliver Plumb	Zoe Cheung
Mr Evens	-	Elisabeth McRae	Alfie Dunn
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	-	Ronnie-Rae Butler	James Tezkan
Mr Garcia	-	Lily Taylor	Paul Vogiatzis
Mrs Leonard	-	James Anane-Adusei	Coupar Kippen
Miss Hake	-	Sophie Shears	Alys Hallworth
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	-	Nikolai Daniels	Nell Lucas
Miss Giles	-	Oliver Engley	Iris Davies

PARENTS EVENINGS

The Parents Evening dates of **Thursday 14 November** and **Tuesday 19 November** will be face to face. **The booking system is on Arbor and is open. Thank you to those who have already booked their slots. You have until Wednesday 13 November to make a booking.**

BOOK WEEK



It is our annual Book Week this 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 for Reception and KS1 or Friday for KS2, you are invited into the library for a reading breakfast from 8.15am. We look forward to seeing as many of you as can come along to these events. Please do come and buy your books at the fair.

POPPY SALES AND MERCHANDISE

We have poppies for sale in school and associated merchandise. These will be on sale at the end of the day at the front of the school for parents and children to buy. There are suggested prices for the merchandise and a suggestion of 20p for a poppy (or more if you would like to donate more). The poppies and merchandise will be on sale from today until Monday 11 November in the morning at the office, breaktime being sold by School Parliament and after school at the Book Fair.



CHILDREN IN NEED



On Friday 15 November, we will be supporting Children in Need. This year, the School Parliament have decided that our school participation will be all the children coming into school dressed as 'WHAT YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP'. There will be prizes for the best dressed and inspirational person.

The suggested donation is as usual a £1 coin to be brought into school on Friday 15 November for the collection. Thank you in advance for your support.

PARENTAL E-SAFETY NEWSLETTER

It's time once again for the monthly e-safety newsletter for parents. This month the focus feature is related to WhatsApp and the age restrictions. It investigates group chats and location sharing along with parental responsibilities. Another aspect is on You Tube again linked to age restrictions. There is also a useful link to finding age-appropriate games.

BONFIRE SPECIAL MENU

There is a special menu for tomorrow to celebrate Bonfire Night. Please make sure you check Arbor to make sure you are clear about the menu and booking. The menu is attached.

SCHOOL MEALS PRICE INCREASE

As reminder that the new meal price came into existence today. **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.

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

Thanks to all who helped at the Spooky Sale before half term. We raised a fabulous £160, which will go towards school projects.

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>

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

- 🍁 Autumn Disco Friday 15 November 6 - 8.15pm 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>

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/schools/0/ww1/>

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.



Best wishes

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

Mr Paul D Smith
Executive Head Teacher

DATES FOR 2024/25

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

Tuesday 12 November

Individual photographs

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

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

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
 End of Term 2

Thursday 19 December
 Friday 20 December

TERM 3

Monday 6 January
 Friday 10 January
 Friday 17 January
 Friday 24 January
 Friday 31 January
 Friday 7 February
 Friday 14 February

Start of Term 3
 Swimming for Mr Evens's class starts 12.30pm
 Swimming for Mr Evens's class
 Swimming for Mr Evens's class
 Swimming for Mr Evens's class
 Swimming for Mr Evens's class
 Swimming for Mr Evens's class
 End of Term 3

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	