

11 November 2024

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2024/2025 - NEWSLETTER NO 9

CERTIFICATES

Well done to these children who received the certificates for last week from their teachers. These are presented on a Friday in worship where the class teacher shares the reasons for the certificates being awarded.

Miss Ramli	-	Amar Voual
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	-	Rory Smith
Miss Whittingham	-	Finley Stewart
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	-	Finley Whitlock
Mrs Lansdown	-	Ozzy Knapp
Mr Evens	-	Orfeas Perakakis
Mr Garcia	-	Sophia Moore
Mrs Leonard	-	Rex Sansum
Miss Hake	-	Rocco Dawson
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	-	Mason Kelsall
Mrs Giles	-	Ivy Grace



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

We have had another fantastic book week! We have been so impressed with how enthusiastically all of the children have taken part in our book-themed activities. On Tuesday and Friday we welcomed families to the reading breakfast. It was lovely to see families sharing books together over some toast and making the most of our library. On Wednesday, we all took part in The Big Read, where the children buddied up with those from different classes and had a chance to read to each other and share their thoughts on their favourite books.



We had some incredibly creative entries to our toilet roll book character competition. Well done to our winners (Nikolai, Poppy, Matilda, James and Alexandra) and everyone who took part.



We then ended the week with our dress up day – we were so impressed by the fantastic costumes! It has been great to see so many people visiting the Scholastic Book Fair too. If you would like to continue to help us with encouraging reading for pleasure, please consider donating a book to the non-fiction section of our library, through our LoveReading wishlist.



WE WOULD LOVE TO UPGRADE OUR NON-FICTION SECTION OF OUR LIBRARY AT ALMONDSBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL...

read.. grow.. inspire..

Support our school by purchasing children's books!

Click this link
<https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/wishlists/f5064c2095a173073064bcebf8d554b6> or scan the QR code to browse our wishlist on LoveReading4Kids. When you buy books from our list, 25% of your purchase goes directly back to the school.



CHILDREN IN NEED



This 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.

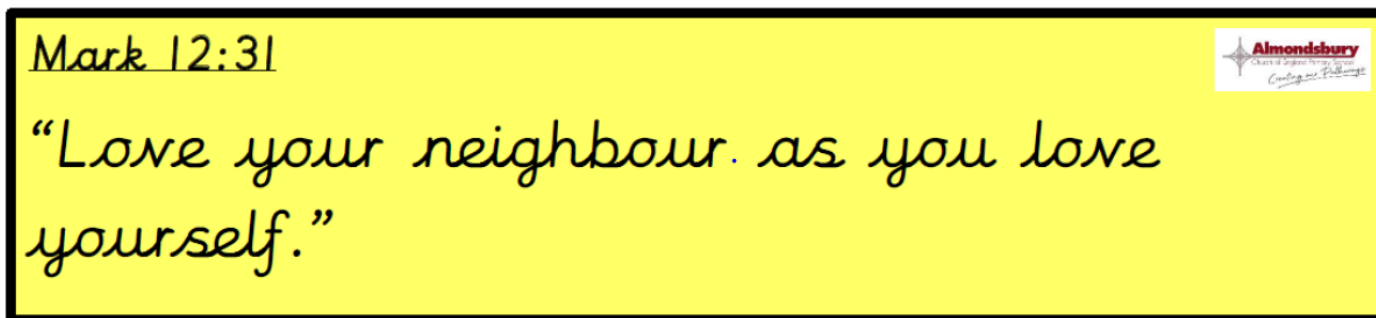
FREE SCHOOL MEALS

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.

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

THANKFULNESS HOME DISCUSSION SHEET

This term's theme for our Collective Worship is Thankfulness. 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 'Too Much Selfie Isn't Healthy' within our Heartsmart PSHE programme and Respect within our British Values. Below is our Bible reading linked to our Heartsmart theme for this term.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

A reminder that we have our annual school photographs tomorrow. The children will have their photo taken individually and with any siblings that are in school currently with them.

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.

Monday 18 November 1.30pm

Monday 18 November 2.30pm

PA UPDATE

Autumn disco is this FRIDAY. We hope the kids are excited to join us for some fun and crazy dancing! Tickets include a drink, snack and glow stick.

Our **Christmas fayre** is only a few weeks away on **Friday 6 December**. We have loads of stalls, refreshments, games and even Santa himself may make an appearance in our Christmas grotto. Tickets will be on sale soon for this so watch this space. **WE NEED YOUR HELP** to make this happen so **PLEASE** if you can help with any arrangements, run a stall, source stock, set up, tidy away, join us to wrap hampers, stick tombola tickets then please get in touch with the PA here: almondsburyschoolpa@gmail.com. Or speak to me or one of the team in the playground. If you can help out for half an hour it all helps to make these events happen. Thank you.

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

🍁 Autumn Disco Friday 15 November 6-8.15 split between KS1 and KS2

🎄 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/almondsburypa/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/wordsandpictures/index.shtml>

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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

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

TERM 3

Monday 6 January

Friday 10 January

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

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

Start of Term 3

Swimming for Mr Evens's class starts 12.30pm

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Friday 17 January
Friday 24 January
Friday 31 January
Friday 7 February
Friday 14 February

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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	