

25 November 2024

Dear Parents

## SCHOOL YEAR 2024/2025 - NEWSLETTER NO 11

### 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	-	Tianna-Lily Aylette-Steele
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	-	Amber Michael
Miss Whittingham	-	Sameer Arshad
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	-	Tia Lillis
Mrs Lansdown	-	Calvin Okasa
Mr Evens	-	Daniel Okunbor
Mr Garcia	-	Willow Hammond
Mrs Leonard	-	Harriet Arnott
Miss Hake	-	Zachary Sheehan
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	-	Benjamin Rick
Mrs Giles	-	Mohammed Azlan



### YEAR 3 AND 4 WOW DAY

On Wednesday, Year 3 and 4 had a fantastic day, learning all about Ancient Egypt and some of the customs and traditions. We started the day with a workshop, learning how to read Egyptian hieroglyphics followed by creating our own cartouche. They learned all about the Egyptian number system and played a great 'bingo' style game. In the afternoon, the children looked at the process of mummification and made scarab beetles using clay. The children looked fantastic in their costumes and enjoyed all of the activities.



### NON-UNIFORM DAY

Monday 2 December is our non-uniform day to help support the PA Christmas Fayre on Friday 6 December. We would really appreciate your support in providing items for the class colour hampers. Thank you in advance for your generous donations.

### INSET DAY

We can now confirm the date of the INSET Day that was not finalised is on Monday 24 February 2025.

## HOLIDAY CLUB

Future Stars are running a Christmas Holiday Club for three days over the holidays on 23 December 2024, 2 and 3 January 2025. Places are available for pupils to book on each day. If your child is in receipt of free school meals these clubs are free and include lunch. Here's the link for booking and more information. <https://eequ.org/experience/11182>



## OPAL

Our OPAL playtimes have been fully inclusive of our fabulous British winter weather. We had extra fun in the unexpected snow last week. We had snowman building happening all over the field, and there were plenty of snowball fights too. The mudslide area is proving to be a hugely popular space as well. The children are continuing to find new and innovative uses for our wonderful grounds: lunchtimes are exciting at Almondsbury!



## ONLINE HEALTH PROMOTIONS FOR FAMILIES – ORAL HEALTH

Attached is a recently produced leaflet from the NHS Better Health: Start for life campaign on Top Tips for Teeth. It is very important to have good oral health and a good daily toothbrushing routine. Tooth decay is largely preventable, too much sugary food and drink, as well as not cleaning teeth well, can allow the plaque to build up resulting in cavities or tooth decay. A regular toothbrushing routine is essential to maintain a child's oral health through childhood and into adulthood.

The leaflet attached provides top tips for looking after your child's teeth.

Big Brush Club, the South West NHS toothbrushing provider currently working in schools across the region will be running some free evening webinars over the coming months to support the whole family to look after their teeth.

Please click on the dates below to register your place:

For families: [Tuesday 26 November at 6pm](#)

For families: [Thursday 12 December at 6pm](#)

For families: [Tuesday 14 January at 6pm](#)

For more information on oral health for the whole family please visit [Oral Health | One You South Gloucestershire](#)

## AiP PARENTAL SURVEY

Please see the link to the latest AiP Parental Survey regarding the quality and variety of school meals. <https://forms.office.com/e/LdyY43xssU>

## 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/>

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

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

## PA UPDATE

Our **Christmas fayre** is only a 2 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. 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](mailto: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.

Please don't forget to bring in your colour hamper donations by this **Friday 29 November**, they can be given to your class teacher, and please return any raffle tickets stubs by **Wednesday 4 December** to be in with a chance of winning one of the superb hampers. If you have not received your tickets yet, or you would like more, please ask at the office.

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

🎄 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&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: <http://www.kidsgames4free.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.



Best wishes



**Mr Paul D Smith**  
Executive Head Teacher

## DATES FOR 2024/25

### TERM 2

Friday 29 November

Monday 2 December

Thursday 5 December

Friday 6 December

Wednesday 11 December

Swimming for Year 4 Mrs Lansdown's class

Non uniform day for the Christmas fayre

Year 5 and 6 visit to Imperial War Museum, London

PA Christmas Fayre

Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance at 2.00pm

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

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 3**

Monday 6 January

Start of Term 3

Friday 10 January

Swimming for Mr Evens's class starts 12.30pm

Friday 17 January

Swimming for Mr Evens's class

Friday 24 January

Swimming for Mr Evens's class

PA Movie Night 6.00-8.00pm

Friday 31 January

Swimming for Mr Evens's class

Friday 7 February

EYFS and KS1 Number Day for NSPCC

Swimming for Mr Evens's class

Friday 14 February

Swimming for Mr Evens's class

End of Term 3

**TERM 4**

Monday 24 February

INSET DAY – School closed to pupils

Friday 28 February

Swimming for Mr Evens's class

Thursday 6 March

Parents Evening 4.00-7.00pm

Friday 7 March

Swimming for Mr Evens's class

Tuesday 11 March

Parents Evening 4.00-7.00pm

Friday 14 March

Swimming for Mr Evens's class

Friday 21 March

Swimming for Mr Evens's class

Comic Relief Day

Wednesday 2 April

Year 2 Bridge FoS Multiskills festival

Friday 4 April

End of Term 4

**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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