

2 December 2024

Dear Parents

## SCHOOL YEAR 2024/2025 - NEWSLETTER NO 12

### 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	-	Jessica Moody	Ava Merlino
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	-	Lily Watkins	
Miss Whittingham	-	Devon Bird Wheaton	
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	-	Inayah Usman	
Mrs Lansdown	-	James Jermy	
Mr Evens	-	Maisie Watson	
Mr Garcia	-	Jason Agyemang	
Mrs Leonard	-	Cordelia Reihe	
Miss Hake	-	Roma Smith	
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	-	Nell Lucas	
Mrs Giles	-	Otto Smith	



### ROCKSTEADY CONCERT PERFORMANCE

We had a real treat on Tuesday afternoon as the children who have been playing with 'Rocksteady' performed for the whole school, then again for their parents. They played brilliantly and their musicianship really shone through! We heard a wide variety of music and instruments playing, as well as some solo instruments too. Well done to all involved - we loved every minute!



### CHRISTMAS

**CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES** – We are all looking forward to watching the Christmas performances by the children over the next couple of weeks. They have been practicing hard and are keen to show you their singing and acting prowess. Please make sure you have your tickets for the performance you would like to attend. Can I remind you, that although we do allow parents to take photos of the children whilst on stage and afterwards, we ask that these are not posted on social media unless they are just of your own child and other children are not in the photograph. Thank you in advance for your co-operation. We will be collecting for charity at these performances. This year will be collecting for the **Rainbow Trust Children's Charity, which supports families with ill children.** Unfortunately, we will only be able to collect cash at the performances.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** – The children will be able to bring in Christmas cards as from Tuesday 3 December and placed in the postal sacks in the corridors. Please make sure the cards are addressed correctly with first names and surnames as well as class names please. This way we ensure the cards get to their rightful recipient.

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH** is on Tuesday 17 December this year, made by Mrs Byrne and the kitchen staff. The children will be able to wear their Christmas jumpers if they've got one and will make party hats in class beforehand. They are also going to create their own Christmas lunch place mats in class with the winners gaining a prize. We also have a mystery cake ingredient competition for the Wednesday with prizes as well.



### RECEPTION SCHOOL TOUR

We have added an additional date for a tour of the school. Please contact the office if you would like to come along on Wednesday 8 January 2025 at 9.30am.

### APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOOL PLACES IN SEPTEMBER 2025

If you have a child who was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, you must apply for them to start primary school in September 2023. Applications for primary school admission must be submitted no later than 15 January 2025. If you live in South Gloucestershire online applications can be made by following this link

<https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page;jsessionid=5D07B22CA2CEF2CCFE00440153D700EE?id=GLu6GUIMkpw&familychannel=2-2&channel=family>

If you live outside of South Gloucestershire applications must be made via the local authority of the area you live in.

### E-SAFETY NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

It's time once again for the monthly e-safety newsletter for parents. This month the focus feature is related to the set up and age restrictions of new technology which may be bought as Christmas presents. There are links to support parents in doing this included in the newsletter. It also features a recap on the use of Roblox and being positive online in messages and emails. This links to support in discussing cyber bullying with the children

### 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>



### 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: [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>

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

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

## 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/>

## PA UPDATE

Our **Christmas fayre** is this **Friday 6 December**. We have loads of stalls, refreshments, games and even Santa himself will be making 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, 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.

**You still have time to return your raffle ticket stubs by Wednesday 4 December to be in with a chance to win one of our amazing hampers, and please return any unused tickets to the office so that we can sell to anyone who would like more.**

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: [Cosmic Kids Yoga | The Home of Positive Screen Time](#)

## 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.



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

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



Best wishes



Mr Paul D Smith  
Executive Head Teacher

#### **DATES FOR 2024/25**

##### **TERM 2**

Monday 2 December  
Thursday 5 December  
Friday 6 December  
Wednesday 11 December  
Thursday 12 December  
  
Friday 13 December  
Tuesday 17 December  
Wednesday 18 December

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  
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

Thursday 19 December  
Friday 20 December

##### **TERM 3**

Monday 6 January  
Wednesday 8 January  
Friday 10 January  
Monday 13 January  
Tuesday 14 January

Start of Term 3  
New Parents Tour for intake September 2025 9.30am  
Swimming for Mr Evens's class starts 12.30pm  
Year 1 Bridge FoS Yoga sessions in school  
9.00 – 11.00am SEND Parents engagement session with  
SGPC in school  
Swimming for Mr Evens's class  
Swimming gala  
Year 5 and 6 visit to Bristol Cathedral  
Swimming for Mr Evens's class  
PA Movie Night 6.00-8.00pm  
Swimming for Mr Evens's class  
EYFS and KS1 Number Day for NSPCC  
Swimming for Mr Evens's class  
Cricket assembly and coaching for all KS1 classes  
Cricket coaching for all KS2 classes  
Swimming for Mr Evens's class  
End of Term 3

Friday 17 January  
Saturday 18 January  
Monday 20 January  
Friday 24 January

Friday 31 January  
Friday 7 February

Wednesday 12 February  
Thursday 13 February  
Friday 14 February

##### **TERM 4**

Monday 24 February  
Friday 28 February  
Thursday 6 March  
Friday 7 March  
Tuesday 11 March  
Friday 14 March  
Friday 21 March

INSET DAY – School closed to pupils  
Swimming for Mr Evens's class  
Parents Evening 4.00-7.00pm  
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Comic Relief Day  
Year 2 Bridge FoS Multiskills festival  
End of Term 4

Wednesday 2 April  
Friday 4 April

**Term dates for 2024/25**

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

<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</b> <b>Friday 25 October 2024</b> <b>Monday 24 February 2025</b> <b>Friday 23 May 2025</b> <b>Monday 2 June 2025</b>	