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Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2024/2025 - NEWSLETTER NO 13

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.



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| Miss Ramli | - | Abhista Lakkapogu |
| Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett | - | Harper Stewart |
| Miss Whittingham | - | Jacob Little |
| Mrs Williams and Mr Dean | - | Hollie Rutter |
| Mrs Lansdown | - | Oscar Blackburn |
| Mr Evens | - | Hunter Dawson |
| Mr Garcia | - | James Rick |
| Mrs Leonard | - | Maria Picu |
| Miss Hake | - | Sophie Shears |
| Mrs North and Mrs Marshall | - | Dash Ferrier-Jones |
| Mrs Giles | - | Penny James |



PA CHRISTMAS FAYRE

We had our annual Christmas fayre on Friday evening. The weather was wet and windy but that didn't deter the crowds from coming along. The usual inside stalls were packed with goodies and items that sold very well for the whole time of the fayre. Father Christmas was a very popular attraction, sat in his beautifully decorated grotto. It was a pleasure to see so many people in the Hall and down the corridor waiting to visit Father Christmas. Thank you to all parents who sent in their donations for the stalls as well as items for the tombola. The PA Colour hamper draw took place at the end of the Christmas fayre. The eleven winners were drawn in turn for the hampers. Thank you so much to all those parents who donated items for the hampers, which looked fantastic as ever. The winning classes for the hampers were Mrs North and Mrs Marshall's (Red hamper) and Miss Ramli's classes (Green hamper). Each class wins £25 voucher to spend on items for their classroom.



Thank you also to the many parental volunteers who gave up their time to help set up, run the stalls and clear up after the fayre. Thank you to everyone who came and spent their money. The fayre raised approximately £2,666. A fantastic amount! A huge thank you to the PA who organised such a great evening and do so much to support the school.



YEAR 5 AND 6 VISIT TO IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM

On Thursday, Year 5 and 6 had the incredible opportunity to visit the Imperial War Museum in London. The day was packed with discovery and reflection as the children explored exhibits covering both World Wars and modern conflicts. They were fascinated by the authentic artefacts on display, including uniforms, letters, and even a Spitfire suspended from the ceiling! One of the

highlights was the interactive displays, which allowed the children to engage with the stories of real people who lived through these extraordinary times. The children were enthusiastic and demonstrated their curiosity by asking insightful questions. It was a fantastic day that was enjoyed by all.



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 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 have one. They are also going to create their own Christmas lunch placemats 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 2025. 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.

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](#)

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/>

PA UPDATE

What a night we had on Friday! Our Christmas Fayre was packed full of people eating, drinking, face painting, biscuit decorating, winning prizes, celebrating and visiting Santa himself. A huge thank you to everyone who came, the staff, Mr Smith all the stall holders and everyone who helped in any way to make it a fun filled evening. We made an amazing **£2,666** which will be spent on school projects, we couldn't do this without you so **THANK YOU** and Merry Christmas!

We have lots more events planned for the new year so please keep an eye on this newsletter and our PA website to hear 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/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: [Celebrating Christmas with CBeebies - CBeebies - BBC](#)

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

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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

Wednesday 11 December

Thursday 12 December

Friday 13 December

Tuesday 17 December

Wednesday 18 December

Thursday 19 December

Friday 20 December

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

TERM 3

Monday 6 January

Wednesday 8 January

Friday 10 January

Monday 13 January

Tuesday 14 January

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

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

TERM 4

Monday 24 February

Friday 28 February

Thursday 6 March

INSET DAY – School closed to pupils

Swimming for Mr Evens's class

Parents Evening 4.00-7.00pm

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

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Friday 7 March
 Tuesday 11 March
 Friday 14 March
 Friday 21 March

Swimming for Mr Evens's class
 Parents Evening 4.00-7.00pm
 Swimming for Mr Evens's class
 Swimming for Mr Evens's class
 Comic Relief Day
 Year 2 Bridge FoS Multiskills festival
 End of Term 4

Wednesday 2 April
 Friday 4 April

Term dates for 2024/25

| Term | Starts | Ends |
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| 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 Monday 24 February 2025 Friday 23 May 2025 Monday 2 June 2025 | |