

16 December 2024

Dear Parents

## SCHOOL YEAR 2024/2025 - NEWSLETTER NO 14

### 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	- Roxie Nelson
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	- Amber Illingworth
Miss Whittingham	- Lia Drewitt
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	- Sean Adedeji
Mrs Lansdown	- Zoe Cheung
Mr Evens	- Estée Kingman
Mr Garcia	- The Whole Class
Mrs Leonard	- The Whole Class
Miss Hake	- The Whole Class
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	- The Whole Class
Mrs Giles	- The Whole Class



**CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES** – The performances always mark the start of all of our Christmas events, which we all look forward to. Whoops a Daisy Angel - The Reception children performed 'Whoops a Daisy Angel' to their family members. They all sang, danced and spoke their words really well. It is always a joy to see the Reception children perform their nativity. It was a magical memorable performance.



A Midwife's Crisis was performed by Years 1 and 2. The two performances were also warmly received by their families, who appreciated all of the hard work they have put into delivering a great production. The children performed their lines really well. All of the children were clear in their diction both in their speaking parts as well as their singing. A particular mention to the soloists and main parts for their great performances, plus all the narrators who learnt and delivered their lines so well.





Thank you for your support with practicing words and coming along to support your children. There are more photos on the school website. A special thank you to all the Reception and Key Stage 1 staff for all their efforts in producing the performances so well. We were collecting for Bristol Rainbow Trust Children's Charity. We will collect again at the carol service on Wednesday and let you know a total at the start of next term.

We are looking forward to our Year 5 and 6's performing at St Mary's Church in our annual Carols by Candlelight. They sound angelic in the rehearsals.



### YEAR 5 CAROLS AT THE MALL

The year 5's gave a lovely performance with the Bridge Schools at The Mall, singing beautifully with all the other year 5's from the schools Christmas carols. They all looked so angelic standing on the stairs performing to members of the public as well as their parents.



### OPAL

#### Christmas came early for our lunchtimes!

The children have had a lot of fun rockin' around and decorating the trees daily: no colour coordination here!

This week, the Christmas festivities will continue during breaks, and we have several surprise pop up activities planned.

Many thanks for the kind donations of both real and artificial trees, and the many decorations; your support for our OPAL drives is what enables us to

keep providing such great variety and excitement during break times.



**CHRISTMAS LUNCH** is tomorrow 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.



### 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: [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](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

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/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: [Santa Claus and Christmas at the North Pole](#)

## 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



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

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.

**I would like to wish all parents and children a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We have had a year of lots of excitement and activity. I would like to thank the children for their hard work and efforts, staff for their tremendous hard work and for keeping the children safe and well. I would also like to thank parents for their continued support. We have a great school community working in partnership. I am looking forward to 2025 and the challenges and successes it will undoubtedly bring. We will see you all during this week and then again on Monday 6 January 2025.**



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 17 December**

**Wednesday 18 December**

**Thursday 19 December**

**Friday 20 December**

**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**

**INSET DAY – School closed to pupils**

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

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

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**

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