

20 January 2025

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2024/2025 - NEWSLETTER NO 17

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	-	Samuel Roberts	Ethan Wong
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	-	Zachary Taylor	
Miss Whittingham	-	Rupert Arnott	
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	-	Edward Wilkosz	
Mrs Lansdown	-	Eddie Axford	
Mr Evens	-	Diana Savill	
Mr Garcia	-	James Rick	
Mrs Leonard	-	Ellie Blackburn	
Miss Hake	-	Reggie Goda	
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	-	Autumn Pearce	
Mrs Giles	-	Kit Davies	



BRIDGE YEAR 1 YOGA SESSION

All the Year 1 children across the Bridge schools participated in a whole yoga session to support their mindfulness and flexibility. The children enjoyed this and the yoga story of 'The Dog in the Tutu'.



YEAR 3 AND 4 WOW DAY



On Wednesday, Year 3, 3/4 and 4 had their WOW Day where they took part in some exciting activities around their topic of 'Natural Disasters'. They had great fun making and erupting their own volcanoes using materials you can find at home. It was pretty impressive! They also learnt lots of facts about what causes earthquakes and took part in a STEM challenge to make a structure that could withstand an earthquake using spaghetti and marshmallows. Finally, the children took part in a drama workshop to understand the science behind earthquakes and volcanoes, why they occur and how volcanoes and earthquakes affect communities. A great day had by all!





SPORTHALL ATHLETICS

On Thursday 16 January, 15 children from Y5&6 represented our school (8 girls and 7 boys). They had the chance to take part in track and field events against 6 other schools. The children were buzzing - nervous and excited. They were a credit to the school in their competitiveness and determination, as well as their athleticism, team spirit and exemplary behaviour. After two hours of competing in several combinations of sprinting events and throwing and jumping events, the children competed hard with amazing results coming second overall. Well done to you all!



FREE PARENTING COURSES

The Compass team are running free parenting courses on the following dates and times:

Parents Plus Children: An evidence-based parenting course promoting effective communication and positive relationships in families with adolescents aged 5 to 11 years. (8 weeks)

23 Jan - 20 March, 6pm - 8.30pm at Staple Hill Children's Centre

14 Jan - 18 March, 9.30am - 12pm at Patchway Children's Centre

Parent's Plus Teens: An evidence-based parenting course promoting effective communication and positive relationships in families with adolescents aged 11 - 16 years. (8 weeks)

23 Jan - 20 March, 9.30am - 12pm at Kingswood Hub

14 Jan - 18 March, 6pm - 8.30pm at Patchway Children's Centre

If you would like to access these please contact Samantha.McDowall1@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

More information about the PPC and PPT courses can be found here: [Support with parenting including free online learning and resources | South Gloucestershire](#). Families in South Gloucestershire have free access to the online Solihull parenting resources, 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. For the full details and information on how to access the online learning, please visit: inourplace.co.uk/south-gloucestershire/ and enter our exclusive South Gloucestershire ACCESS Code: CONCORDE.

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/>

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

PA UPDATE

MOVIE NIGHT is **THIS FRIDAY** 24 January 5:30 - 7:15pm. This year we are showing two films, one for KS1 (Migration) and one for KS2 (Diary of a Wimpy Kid). Tickets cost £5 and include a drink and snack. Ticket sales close at 10pm on Wednesday 22 January. Book through our website quoting the name of your child, or scan the QR code on the attached poster.

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:

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 3

Monday 20 January

Friday 24 January

Friday 31 January

Friday 7 February

Tuesday 11 February

Wednesday 12 February

Thursday 13 February

Friday 14 February

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

Year 1 and 2 WOW day

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

Wednesday 26 February

Friday 28 February

INSET DAY – School closed to pupils

Year 1 and 2 visit

Swimming for Mr Evens's class

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Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Monday 3 March	Year 5 and 6 visit
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
Wednesday 12 March	Year 4 visit
Thursday 13 March	Year 3 visit
Friday 14 March	Swimming for Mr Evens's class
Friday 21 March	Swimming for Mr Evens's class
	Comic Relief Day
Monday 31 March	Enterprise Week
Wednesday 2 April	Year 2 Bridge FoS Multiskills festival
Friday 4 April	End of Term 4

TERM 5

Tuesday 22 April	Start of Term 5
Monday 5 May	Bank Holiday Monday – School closed
Monday 12 May	Year 6 SAT week
Monday 19 May	Sports Week
Thursday 22 May	End of Term 4
Friday 23 May	INSET DAY – School closed to all pupils

TERM 6

Monday 2 June	INSET DAY – School closed to all pupils
Tuesday 3 June	Start of Term 6
Monday 9 June	Year 1 phonics week
	Year 4 MTC week
Tuesday 22 July	End of Term 6 and school year

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 Monday 24 February 2025 Friday 23 May 2025 Monday 2 June 2025	