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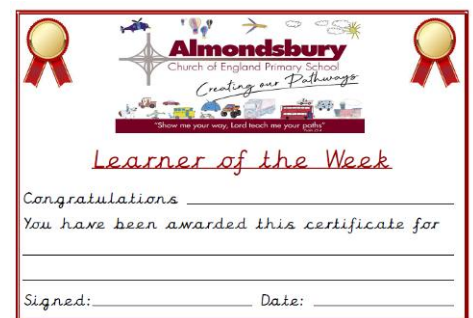
Dear Parents

## SCHOOL YEAR 2024/2025 - NEWSLETTER NO 20

### 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	-	Jess Dedman
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	-	Alexandra Leung
Miss Whittingham	-	Dingkun Qu
Mrs Lansdown	-	Zoe Cheung
Mr Evens	-	The Whole Class
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	-	Jackson Doherty
Mr Garcia	-	Jaxon Maggs
Mrs Leonard	-	James Anane-Adusei
Miss Hake	-	Minahil Arif
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	-	Sebastian Kwok
Mrs Giles	-	Erin Johnson



### NUMBER DAY

Last Friday, all the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 took part in the NSPCC Number Day. The children came to school dressed in numbers or in mathematics related costumes, like dominoes, Number Blocks and dice. They enjoyed spending the day completing mathematics activities, including playing mathematics games, completing mathematics quizzes, singing mathematics songs, listening to mathematics related stories and playing the online mathematics game 'Hit the Button' and gaining gold coins in the mathematics app Numbots.



### INSET DAY

A reminder that on Monday 24 February school is closed to all children due to the INSET DAY. We will see everyone back in school on Tuesday 25 February.

## PUNCTUALITY

There are an increasing number of children who are arriving to school late after the bell between 9.00am and 9.15am. Can I remind parents that the bell for the start of school rings at 8.55am. Children should be in school by then or at that time to be able to walk around before the gates are closed. We know that there are some days when traffic is an issue however, much of the lateness is becoming consistent. Please leave enough time to get to school. Thank you.

## GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK

At the end of this week, Mrs Barbara Rutter is leaving us as one of our lunchtime Play team and cleaner. She is immigrating to New Zealand. We wish her well on her travels and look forward to seeing her when she comes to visit the UK next.



## SAFER INTERNET

Safer Internet day is coming up. This will take place on Tuesday 11 February. The theme this year is 'Too good to be true?'

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

The children will be doing something related to e-safety and reliability online next week in their computing lessons.

## 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: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

## OPAL UPDATE

### Become a Loose Parts Champion!

Do you like spending time browsing through Facebook Marketplace, Olio, Gumtree, etc? If so, you are exactly the sort of person who can help us! We are looking for some 'Loose Parts Champions' to help with our need to have a continual flow of varied loose parts for our varied, creative and imaginative outdoor play and learning time. If whilst browsing on such freebie sites you come across any items being given away for free which are easy for you to collect and you think could be utilised in our sessions, please feel free to bring them to the school.

Items include (but no means limited to):

Artificial grass

Pushchairs

Wheelbarrows

Barrels

Musical instruments

Garden ornaments

Pots and pans

Wooden cooking utensils

Bodyboards

Corrugated pipes

Large plastic storage boxes with lids

Ride on wheel toys (trikes, scooters, trunkies, tractors, cars, etc)

\* We are currently not in need of fancy dress, thank you.

**If you can help in anyway please let us know via [office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk) which can then be passed onto Natalia Reihe, our OPAL Playleader. Thank you in advance.**

## 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

**This Friday 14 February** we are holding a **cake sale after school**. Please bring in a cake donation on Friday morning with your child (please remember we are a nut free school). If you are baking can we kindly ask that you provide a **full list** of ingredients that you have used in case of any allergies. Cash and card payments will be accepted.

Our next event will be a **Quiz Night** on **Friday 28 March**, tickets will be on sale soon so watch this space. Book your babysitters, get your thinking caps on and your friends and family on board to make up a team of up to 6 to enter. Mr Evens has kindly agreed to be our quiz master and prizes will be on offer 😊

## 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

Tuesday 11 February

Wednesday 12 February

Thursday 13 February

Friday 14 February

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

Monday 3 March

Thursday 6 March

Friday 7 March

Tuesday 11 March

Wednesday 12 March

Friday 14 March

Thursday 20 March

INSET DAY – School closed to pupils

Year 1 and 2 visit – Aerospace Bristol

Swimming for Mr Evens's class

Year 5 and 6 visit – Cadbury World

Parents Evening 4.00-7.00pm

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Year 4 visit - Techniquet

Swimming for Mr Evens's class

Year 3 visit - Techniquet

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Friday 21 March

Swimming for Mr Evens's class

Comic Relief Day

Friday 28 March

Swimming for Mr Even's class

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

Tuesday 22 July

Year 4 MTC week  
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
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