

10 March 2025

Dear Parents

## SCHOOL YEAR 2024/2025 - NEWSLETTER NO 23

### 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	- Evelyn Kalceva
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	- Zach Tottle
Miss Whittingham	- Molly Harrex
Mrs Lansdown	- Pranaysri Srikanth
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	- Vincy Wong
Mr Evens	- Alice Gheti
Mr Garcia	- Amber Millington
Mrs Leonard	- Javesh Rajkumar
Miss Hake	- Phoenix Curtis
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	- Krish Shambhu
Mrs Giles	- Iris Davies



### KABADDI TOURNAMENT

Kabaddi is a 4000 year old tag-like game that is extremely popular in India, and now is also played in Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Japan and Pakistan (among others). This has been adapted for primary school children and is an exciting tagging game. The game involves 8 players in their own home area. Each team takes turns sending a 'raider' in the opposing teams area to tag one of the opposition's team.

On Wednesday 26 February, Almondsbury took a team to our first ever Kabaddi competition. New to playing the sport, our fantastic team quickly picked up the tactics and strategies of the game and proved to be formidable opponents. They worked brilliantly as a team to defend their players and craftily raided the opposition to tag their players to win the game. Out of all the games they played, our team managed to lose 1 game, draw 1 and win 4 of their matches. They had a great time and played brilliantly. Hopefully, those who took part will bring the game back into school and introduce it to the other children at school. Well done.



### FOREST SCHOOL

This term Mrs Leonard's and Mrs Williams's class have had a blooming good start to Forest School. All the children have been creative with their den building, sketching, climbing, planting and hot chocolate making around the Kelly Kettle fire square.



We have been lucky enough to have received 420 saplings from the Woodlands Trust. Over the past few weeks and the coming weeks the children will help to plant these and create sweet pea habitats for the bees! We have also received some free pallets to create different structures in the Forest School area. Thank you to PHC parts for the donations.



### COMIC RELIEF

We are fast approaching that time of year again with Comic Relief day on Friday 21 March. As usual we will be holding a non-uniform day where the children will be asked to 'wear something red' for the day and bring in a donation to go to the charity. It is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of Comic Relief so let's celebrate that.

### SAD NEWS

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of one of our parents within our school community during half term. Sunil Dastogi has been a parent for a few years now and leaves behind his wife, daughter, who is at school, and a two month old baby boy. We send our deepest sympathies on behalf of all the whole school. The friends and family of Sunil and his wife Priya have set up a Go Fund me page. <https://gofund.me/dcdb866d>. Please make a donation if you feel able to.

### UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

We have noticed that some children are coming into school with trainers on when it is not a PE day; without ties and the expected jumpers and shirts, etc. We have an expectation that unless your child/ren is not able to wear a specific item of clothing or footwear for a medical, or for a specific reason, then everyone should be in the correct uniform. If this is the case then there should be an agreement with the school in place. If not, then the same expectations apply to all children. If there is a financial reason as to why the correct uniform is not being worn then please speak to the office or myself as we will be able to help you.

**Our school uniform is...**

- Grey trousers or skirt or pinafore
- White shirt or blouse
- Grey jumper or cardigan
- Grey and red school tie
- Black shoes (not trainers)

**Please label EVERYTHING that your child wears and brings to school.**

### SPARE CLOTHES

At times, there are 'accidents' in school that can't be helped when the children will need a change of clothes. We should have a bank of clothes – spare uniform, pants, socks and PE kit that we use. However, this bank has dwindled this term as these clothes are not being returned to school after such events. All of these items of clothing have the word 'SPARE' written in them. If you do have these items at home, please return to school. Thank you in advance.

### 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://my.risingstars-uk.com/Default.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f>

## 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

Tickets are **ON SALE NOW** for our **Quiz Night** on **Friday 28 March, 7pm-9.30pm**. 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 quizmaster and prizes will be on offer. This is a BYO event in the school hall and nibbles will be provided. Tickets can be purchased via our website in either individual tickets or groups of 6 😊. All proceeds are returned to school for future projects.

## 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 and 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

Handwritten signature of Mr Paul D Smith.

Mr Paul D Smith  
Executive Head Teacher

## DATES FOR 2024/25

### TERM 4

Tuesday 11 March

Wednesday 12 March

Friday 14 March

Thursday 20 March

Friday 21 March

Friday 28 March

Monday 31 March

Wednesday 2 April

Friday 4 April

Parents Evening 4.00-7.00pm

Year 4 visit - Techniquet

Swimming for Mr Evens' class

Year 3 visit - Techniquet

Swimming for Mr Evens' class

Comic Relief Day

Swimming for Mr Evens' class

Enterprise Week

Year 2 Bridge FoS Multiskills festival

End of Term 4

### TERM 5

Tuesday 22 April

Monday 5 May

Monday 12 May

Monday 19 May

Thursday 22 May

Start of Term 5

Bank Holiday Monday – School closed

Year 6 SAT week

Sports Week

End of Term 4

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

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

**Friday 23 May**

**INSET DAY – School closed to all pupils**

**TERM 6**

**Monday 2 June**

**Tuesday 3 June**

**Monday 9 June**

**INSET DAY – School closed to all pupils**

**Start of Term 6**

**Year 1 phonics week**

**Year 4 MTC week**

**Tuesday 22 July**

**End of Term 6 and school year**

**Term dates for 2024/25 (remaining terms)**

<b>Term</b>	<b>Starts</b>	<b>Ends</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>Friday 23 May 2025</b> <b>Monday 2 June 2025</b>	