

17 March 2025

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2024/2025 - NEWSLETTER NO 24

CERTIFICATES

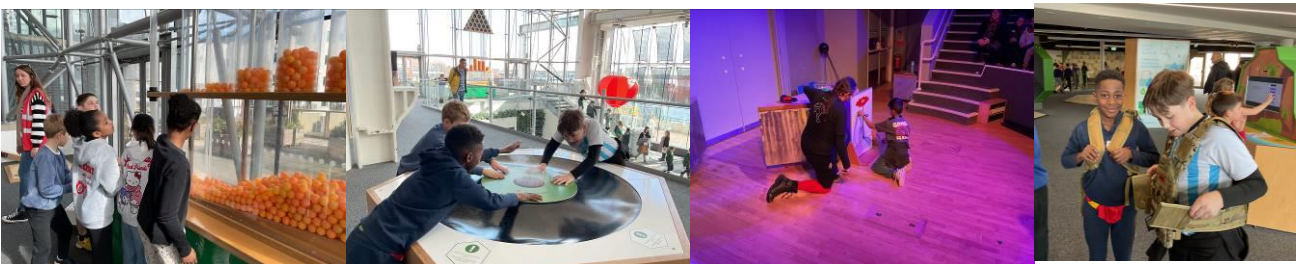
Well done to these children who received the certificates for last week from their teachers. These are presented on a Friday in worship where the class teacher shares the reasons for the certificates being awarded.

Miss Ramli	- Will Dawson
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	- Tia Belcher
Miss Whittingham	- William Jarvis
Mrs Lansdown	- Aarav Prasanna Balaji
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	- Gino Lattuca
Mr Evens	- Carolina Fudulu
Mr Garcia	- Swara Priyatharushan
Mrs Leonard	- Lyra Lennox-Gordon
Miss Hake	- Aaron Davies
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	- Oliver Rybicki
Mrs Giles	- Daisy Truan



YEAR 4 VISIT TO TECHNIQUEST

Our Year 4 trip to Techniquest in Cardiff was an unforgettable adventure filled with excitement and discovery! The children were captivated by a thrilling live science show, where they witnessed incredible experiments that brought science to life before their eyes. They had the unique opportunity to meet inspiring STEM professionals who shared their passion for science, technology, engineering, and maths, sparking curiosity about future careers. Exploring the hands-on exhibits was a highlight, as the children eagerly engaged with interactive displays, solving puzzles, experimenting with forces, and uncovering the wonders of the world around them. The trip was a fantastic blend of education and fun, leaving everyone buzzing with enthusiasm for science!



YEAR 3 DT DAY

Year 3 enjoyed making torches during their DT Day on Wednesday. The children looked at different types of torches, the use of torches, how torches are made, the correct casing for a torch, designed their own torch based on a client's brief; before building their own torches using their knowledge from their electricity unit in Science. The children worked incredibly hard and thoroughly enjoyed the day.



COMIC RELIEF

We are fast approaching that time of year again with Comic Relief day this 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 40th anniversary of the start of Comic Relief so let's celebrate that.

NEURO DIVERSITY WEEK

This week is national Neuro-diversity week and we will be investigating and looking at what this means for everyone during the week. The children will be undertaking some activities to enable them to be more fully informed about the needs of children and people who have neuro-diverse needs such as autism, ADHD and others. Approximately 15-20% of population has a neurological difference. Instead of labelling people with deficits or disorders, when we use the term neurodiversity, we take a balanced view of an individual's unique strengths and challenges. Many 'challenges' neurodivergent people face are more to do with the environment and systems they are placed in, often designed by a majority population.

We do have many different neurodiverse children at Almondsbury, with different needs. As always, we strive to support all children in the way in which they require to flourish. We have devised our Universal Offer for all pupils with many different regulation stations, areas and resources. The PA helped fund these for us, which has supported the children well. The children will look at some activities during the week in class to explore the different areas of neurodiversity further.

Neurodiversity Celebration Week 2025 Events

Monday 17	Tuesday 18	Wednesday 19	Thursday 20	Friday 21
09:00 - 10:30 Celebrating Different Minds: An Introduction to Neurodiversity	09:30 - 10:30 Neurodiversity at Work Q&A: Products & Customer Services	09:30 - 10:00 Neurodiversity and Nutrition - Food For Thought	09:00 - 10:30 Is Neurodiversity a Community? Exploring Identity, Inclusion, and Intersectionality	09:00 - 10:30 Late Diagnosed Neurodiversity in Women
11:30 - 13:00 Breaking Barriers: The Power of Language in Neurodiversity	11:30 - 13:00 Neurodivergence & LGBTQIA+: A Conversation on Identity, Intersectionality & Empowerment	10:30 - 12:00 Shaping Neurodiversity through Innovation & Technology	11:00 - 12:30 Building the Neuroinclusive Classroom of Tomorrow...Today!	11:30 - 13:00 Parents & Carers - Supporting Children Through Times of Transition
13:30 - 15:00 Neurodivergence Seldom Travels Alone: The Unexplored World of Co-Occurring Conditions	13:30 - 15:00 Empowering Neurodiversity in the Workplace	13:00 - 14:00 Neurodiversity at Work Q&A: Designing Neuro-Inclusive Working Environments	13:30 - 15:00 Workplace Burnout: How to Reclaim Your Energy as a Neurodivergent Woman at Work	13:30 - 15:00 Is the Business World leading society on Neuroinclusion?
15:30 - 17:00 Neurodiversity: Where can HR Professionals make a difference?	15:30 - 17:00 Neurodiversity & Mental Health - Acquired Neurodivergence	14:30 - 16:00 Person-Centered Management for Neuroinclusion	15:30 - 17:00 Navigating Neurodiversity & the Criminal Justice System	15:30 - 17:00 Celebrating Different Minds: Future Directions and Continuing Conversations
19:00 - 20:30 Perspective of Young People on Neurodiversity	19:00 - 20:30 Navigating Neurodiversity: Parental Perspectives, Professional Insights, and Policy Changes in 2025	16:30 - 18:00 What makes spaces and places neuroinclusive in education?	19:00 - 20:30 Neurodiversity around the World	 Neurodiversity Celebration Week March 17 - 23, 2025

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.

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

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.neurodiversityweek.com/>

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

Tickets are **ON SALE NOW** for our **Quiz Night** on **Friday 28 March, 7pm-9.30pm**. Ticket sales close on Friday 21 March so be quick! Mr Evens has kindly agreed to be our quiz master 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. <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/almondsburypa/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=93489>

On **Friday 28 March** after school, there will be a **pre-loved uniform sale**. This is the first sale this year and summer and winter uniform will be available to buy in readiness for the warmer weather after the Easter holidays ☀. All uniform will be hung on our new rails and labelled in size to make it much easier to view. Cash and card payments accepted.

Thanks to a grant from Morrisons Cribbs Causeway, we have managed to source a brand new uniform shed to store all of our pre-loved uniform. A huge thanks to our team of master builders who built this for us on a very cold and wet day, John Hallworth, Rich Elford, Dave Cox, and Dharmesh Lakhani. This will make a big difference to storing the uniform in a secure and easy to view way. Watch this space for more uniform sales on a monthly basis.



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

Mr Paul D Smith
Executive Head Teacher

DATES FOR 2024/25

TERM 4

Thursday 20 March

Friday 21 March

Friday 28 March

Monday 31 March

Tuesday 1 April

Wednesday 2 April

Friday 4 April

Year 3 visit - Techniquet

Swimming for Mr Evens' class

Comic Relief Day – wear something red

Reception visit to Noah's Ark

Year 5 and 6 WOW day

Swimming for Mr Evens' class

Enterprise Week

9.30am Year 3, 3/4 and 4 Performance

Year 2 Bridge FoS Multiskills festival

6.00pm Year 3, 3/4 and 4 Performance

End of Term 4

TERM 5

Tuesday 22 April

Wednesday 23 April

Friday 25 April

Friday 2 May

Monday 5 May

Thursday 8 May

Friday 9 May

Monday 12 May

Friday 16 May

Saturday 17 May

Monday 19 May

Tuesday 20 May

Thursday 22 May

Friday 23 May

Start of Term 5

Year 3 and 4 WOW day

St George's Day menu

Mrs Williams's class swimming starts

Mrs Williams's class swimming

Bank Holiday Monday – School closed

VE Day and special lunch

Mrs Williams's class swimming

Year 6 SAT week

Mrs Williams's class swimming

PA Colour Run – more details to follow

Sports Week

Sports Day – EYFS and KS1 9.30am; KS2 1.15pm starts

End of Term 4

INSET DAY – School closed to all pupils

TERM 6

Monday 2 June

Tuesday 3 June

Friday 6 June

Monday 9 June

Tuesday 10 June

Thursday 12 June

Friday 13 June

Friday 20 June

Friday 27 June

Friday 4 July

Saturday 5 July

Friday 11 July

Wednesday 16 July

Thursday 17 July

Tuesday 22 July

INSET DAY – School closed to all pupils

Start of Term 6

Class photos day

Mrs Williams's class swimming

Year 1 phonics week

Year 4 MTC week

9.15am New Parents Meeting for intake September 2025

Year 6 visit

Mrs Williams's class swimming

Mrs Williams's class swimming

Non uniform day for Summer Fayre donations

Mrs Williams's class swimming

Mrs Williams's class swimming

PA Summer Fayre

Celebration Day for all classes and parents plus children's picnic

Mrs Williams's class swimming

Year 5 and 6 show

Year 5 and 6 show

9.15am Year 6 Leaver's Service at St Mary's for Year 6 parents

End of Term 6 and school year

Term dates for 2024/25 (remaining terms)

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Term	Starts	Ends
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	Friday 23 May 2025 Monday 2 June 2025	