

31 March 2025

Dear Parents

## SCHOOL YEAR 2024/2025 - NEWSLETTER NO 26

### 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	- Clara Harrex
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	- Hugh Watson
Miss Whittingham	- Evie Gardner
Mrs Lansdown	- Ameera Rowe
Mr Evens	- Elisabeth McRae
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	- Beni Biro
Mr Garcia	- Leonor Barrela Graca
Mrs Leonard	- The whole class
Miss Hake	- Alys Hallsworth
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	- The whole class
Mrs Giles	- The whole class



### ROCKSTEADY PERFORMANCE

The school had the wonderful treat of watching and listening to our Rocksteady bands perform this week! The children did such an amazing job playing their instruments and singing songs that we could all enjoy. It takes great courage to play like that and if you ask any professional musician, they would agree that performing in front of a live audience is one of the most nerve-wracking things you can do. So well done to all our rockstars - we are incredibly proud of you!



### YEAR 5 AND 6 DRUM WORKSHOP

Last Wednesday afternoon, the Year 5 and 6 children were treated with a great opportunity to learn how to play the djembe drums. After a rhythm warm up exercise, the children learnt a variety of rhythms to play as a solo as well as in unison and created the most amazing sound! The drum leader, Paul, helped the children learn the rhythms by using phrases to make them more memorable, such as 'Bob the Builder, can he fix it? Yes he can!'. These phrases were then extended and repeated, playing in a round, then in unison. The children had a fantastic time and all groaned when it was time to finish - a great indication that they thoroughly enjoyed it!



## ENTERPRISE WEEK

Unfortunately, due to a variety of reasons we are postponing our Enterprise Week until the end of June. The unavailability of workshops that we want to utilise and other factors have made the week trickier to ensure the children get the most out of the learning. We will still be undertaking the 'creative' projects and will be selling the products now at the Summer Fayre on 5 July.

## CAR PARK

**We have seen an increase in parents coming into the car park to collect children from after school clubs and for breakfast clubs. I need to remind you that this should not be happening. The gate should not be opened. Thank you.**

## 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.activityvillage.co.uk/easter>

## 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/>

## OPAL UPDATE

Last week, a hardworking group of pupils from years 1 - 5 got involved in fixing the lawn outside Mrs Leonard's class. They turned the soil, sowed and watered grass seed, and then made signs to remind everyone to keep off the sown area.

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): 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). Thank you very much 😊

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

## 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

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

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



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.

We hope you all have a lovely Easter holiday with glorious sunshine. We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on **Tuesday 22 April**.

Best wishes



**Mr Paul D Smith**  
Executive Head Teacher

## **DATES FOR 2024/25**

### **TERM 4**

**Tuesday 1 April**

**Wednesday 2 April**

**Friday 4 April**

**9.30am Year 3, 3/4 and 4 Performance of Hoodwinked**

**Year 2 Bridge FoS Multiskills festival**

**6.00pm Year 3, 3/4 and 4 Performance of Hoodwinked**

**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**

**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**

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**PA Summer Fayre**

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

**Mrs Williams's class swimming**

**Year 5 and 6 show**

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Tuesday 22 July

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)**

<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 Monday 2 June 2025</b>	