

24 March 2025

Dear Parents

## SCHOOL YEAR 2024/2025 - NEWSLETTER NO 25

### 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	- Naimah Odunuga
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	- Jasmine Watt
Miss Whittingham	- Poppy Ford
Mrs Lansdown	- Miriam Payne and Harry Janiak
Mr Evens	- Chloe North
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	- The Whole Class
Mr Garcia	- Martin Lacoue-Negre
Mrs Leonard	- Jack Bursey
Miss Hake	- Caitlin Spruell
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	- Gracie Mellor
Mrs Giles	- Rivaan Babariya



### COMIC RELIEF

It was Comic Relief day last Friday. Thank you for your generosity as we collected £218.50 for the charity. The children were a sea of red for the day. It was the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the charity collection days and it was good to see everyone enjoying the day.



### YEAR 3 VISIT TO TECHNIQUEST

On Thursday, it was the Year 3's turn to visit Techniquest. We had a fantastic day exploring all the different exhibits and having a hands-on experience with so many different areas of science. The children particularly enjoyed learning about friction on the enormous slide! There were different zones for lots of areas of science, including: our bodies and health, space, the environment, chemistry and so much more. The children loved experiencing the force of a hurricane and the shake of an earthquake too! The day was a great success and the children were a credit to their parents and the school due to their immaculate behaviour and conduct over the day.



## YEAR 4 DT DAY

Year 4 had an exciting Design and Technology day as they got hands-on with making their very own torches! The classroom was buzzing with energy as the children learned about electrical circuits and how they power the lights in their torches. They experimented with batteries, wires, bulbs, and switches, discovering how each component worked together to create a functional circuit. With a little guidance, they carefully assembled their torches, proudly watching them light up when the circuit was complete. It was a fantastic day of learning, creativity, and problem-solving, and everyone left feeling like a budding inventor!



## ENTERPRISE WEEK

Next week we have a themed week of Enterprise Week. The children will be learning all things money and commerce. During the week they will be tasked with creating, making and then selling (for a profit) an item which will be sold at the Enterprise Fayre. The fayre will be held in the Hall on Thursday 3 April from 3.00pm for parents to come and have a look at the fantastic creations that will be on sale. We would encourage parents to try to come along and support their child and their class. The classes will be producing marketing leaflets to share what they have made and will be selling. I am sure it will be a great event.

## 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.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zfvwjsq>

## 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

The sun shone last week and we were able to get the fancy dress out again – we had missed it. We are looking forward to the summer term when more weather appropriate activities can take place on the field. Many thanks to our loose parts champions for their amazing finds and contributions towards our playtimes. New additions include a fabulous playhouse, a pram (lots of fun being had riding on this!), pots and pans for the mud kitchen, and new toys for our small world.

We are currently in the process of laying down fake grass kindly donated by Lazy Lawns of Olveston, so watch this space for updates on revamped areas.

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.**

### PA UPDATE

Sadly we have had to cancel the quiz night on Friday 28 March due to low ticket sales. We thank anybody who did buy a ticket in support and you should receive a refund this week.

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.

### 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P.D. Smith'.

**Mr Paul D Smith**  
Executive Head Teacher

### DATES FOR 2024/25

#### TERM 4

Friday 28 March

Reception visit to Noah's Ark

Year 5 and 6 WOW day

Swimming for Mr Evens' class

Enterprise Week

Monday 31 March

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

Tuesday 1 April

Year 2 Bridge FoS Multiskills festival

Wednesday 2 April

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

Friday 4 April

End of Term 4

#### TERM 5

Tuesday 22 April

Start of Term 5

Wednesday 23 April

Year 3 and 4 WOW day

St George's Day menu

Friday 25 April

Mrs Williams's class swimming starts

Friday 2 May

Mrs Williams's class swimming

Monday 5 May

Bank Holiday Monday – School closed

Thursday 8 May

VE Day and special lunch

Friday 9 May

Mrs Williams's class swimming

Monday 12 May

Year 6 SAT week

Friday 16 May

Mrs Williams's class swimming

Saturday 17 May

PA Colour Run – more details to follow

Monday 19 May

Sports Week

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

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

Tuesday 20 May  
Thursday 22 May  
Friday 23 May

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

INSET DAY – School closed to all pupils  
Start of Term 6  
Class photos day

Monday 9 June

Mrs Williams’s class swimming  
Year 1 phonics week  
Year 4 MTC week

Tuesday 10 June  
Thursday 12 June  
Friday 13 June  
Friday 20 June  
Friday 27 June

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

Friday 4 July  
Saturday 5 July  
Friday 11 July

Mrs Williams’s class swimming  
Mrs Williams’s class swimming  
PA Summer Fayre  
Celebration Day for all classes and parents plus children’s picnic

Wednesday 16 July  
Thursday 17 July  
Tuesday 22 July

Mrs Williams’s class swimming  
Year 5 and 6 show  
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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</b> <b>Monday 2 June 2025</b>	