

22 April 2025

Dear Parents

## SCHOOL YEAR 2024/2025 - NEWSLETTER NO 27

### LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

Well done to these children who received the Letters of Commendation for last term from their teachers. They were awarded for many different things including: positive attitudes to learning, being conscientious, behaviour and kindness.

Miss Ramli	-	Poppy Male	Caspar Male
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	-	Zach Tottle	Aarna Sanadhya
Miss Whittingham	-	Isabella Suggitt	Rupert Arnott
Mrs Lansdown	-	Neve Bennett	Annabelle Street
Mr Evens	-	Alice Gheti	Marnie Rae
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	-	Beni Biro	Inayah Usman
Mr Garcia	-	Rosa Sackett	Henry Jarvis
Mrs Leonard	-	Aarini Turner	Costas Vogiatzis
Miss Hake	-	Rufus Rogers	Zachary Sheehan
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	-	Krish Shambhu	Sebastian Kwok
Mrs Giles	-	Ashley Wong	Penny James

### RECEPTION VISIT TO NOAH'S ARK

This term, the Reception children have been learning about Africa and the animals that live there. They have been reading the stories of 'The Lazy Lion' and 'The Greedy Zebra' in their 'Drawing Club' sessions and were keen to visit these animals.

On Friday, for their first school trip, they visited Noah's Ark Zoo Farm. The children took part in a workshop called 'Amazing Africa', where they explored African artefacts, matched animal footprints to the African animal and met 2 African critters – a giant African land snail and a leopard tortoise. The children explored the zoo and were excited to see the animals they had been learning about. It was a beautiful day, and the children had a fantastic time, with the highlights being their first coach trip, all having packed lunch together, watching the animals being fed and playing in the park!

The staff commented on the children's excellent behaviour and brilliant knowledge.



### E-SAFETY NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

Please find attached the latest e-safety newsletter for parents. This month the focus is on screen time and the effects of the amount of time children spend on devices including mobile phones, etc. It also investigates the use of social media, including group chats and the concerns that this raises especially for younger children such as primary aged children. It has links to how to make things safer for all.

## HOUSE POINTS

The children have been busy collecting House Points from a variety of people in school and for lots of reasons, good learning, behaviour, tidy uniform, having correct PE kit, etc. We have been totaling up the number of house points each week. The winning team last term was **AIR**. As their reward for collecting the most house points they are able to come into school on Friday 25 April in their own clothes. Well done to everyone in **AIR**. We will see how well we get on this term.

## 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: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/>

## 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

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**

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

## **DATES FOR 2024/25**

### **TERM 5**

**Tuesday 22 April**  
**Wednesday 23 April**

**Start of Term 5**  
**Year 3 and 4 WOW day**  
**St George's Day menu**

**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**

**Mrs Williams's class swimming starts**  
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**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**

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

**Monday 9 June**

**Start of Term 6**  
**Class photos day**  
**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**  
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**Non uniform day for Summer Fayre donations**

**Friday 4 July**  
**Saturday 5 July**  
**Friday 11 July**

**Mrs Williams's class swimming**  
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**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>	