

28 April 2025

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2024/2025 - NEWSLETTER NO 28

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	- Oliver Dixon
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	- Amber Illingworth
Miss Whittingham	- Jessica Price
Mrs Lansdown	- Rio Rosling
Mr Evens	- Emilia Engley
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	- Hollie Rutter
Mr Garcia	- Alexander Bennett
Mrs Leonard	- Angus Knapp
Miss Hake	- Everley Kingman
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	- Skyla Martin
Mrs Giles	- Miles Hall



YEAR 2 BRIDGE MULTISKILLS



Last term, Year 2 were very lucky to take part in the Bridge Games Multi Skills event alongside all the Year 2 children from the other Bridge schools. After arriving at St Peters, the children were split into groups and had the chance to practise a range of different skills as they progressed along the multi skills circuit. There was skipping, hurdling, tennis, football and throwing activities amongst others.



All of the children really enjoyed the chance to practise their different skills as well as mixing with the children from all of the other schools. After the event, it was time for lunch on the field before having a chance to play with the new friends they had made. Overall, the event was a huge success and the children said how much they had enjoyed it.

HOODWINKED

Just before Easter, the Year 3 and 4 children performed brilliantly in their show, 'Hoodwinked'. They sang beautifully, spoke clearly, cracked some jokes and one even got a pie in the face! We are so proud of the children and how they rehearsed and performed so well, bringing great enthusiasm to each performance. Thank you to all parents and carers who helped the children learn their words and to our amazing teaching assistants for creating props, costumes and the set.



YEAR 3 AND 4 WOW DAY

On Wednesday, Year 3 and 4 had their WOW Day based on their topic of the Stone Age. The children took part in many activities. These included investigating different animal bones. What people from the Stone Age would use them for; making Stone Age tools and why they were important to survive in the Stone Age. Investigating and handling Stone Age artefacts, making our own cave paintings, taking part in archery and, why Stone Age people were creative. The children looked fantastic in their costumes; they were inspired by the activities and are looking forward to learning more about this topic!



SPORTS DAY UPDATE

This year, we will be changing the format of sports day to support all the children in their enjoyment of the day. The new format is also designed to support transition years (reception and Year 3 in particular) to enter the events of the day with confidence and to ensure a challenging and enjoyable day.

Tuesday 20 May 2025

Parents arrive 9am	Parents arrive 10.15am	Parents arrive 1.15pm
Reception Sports day Starting - 9.15am - Finish - 10.15am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • House group games • Track events 	Y1, 2, 3 Sports Day Starting - 10.30am - Finishing - 12.15pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traditional track events 	Y4, 5, 6 Sports Day Starting - 1.30pm - 3.15pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traditional track events • Field long distance team event

ST GEORGE'S DAY



Mrs Byrne and the kitchen team treated the children to a selection of special puddings on Wednesday 23 April to celebrate St George's Day.



PA UPDATE

Tickets are **ON SALE NOW** for our next event, our 2025 **COLOUR RUN** on **Saturday 17 May** on the school field. Tickets are £7.50 each, and are available to buy on our website or using the QR code attached here. There will be 3 colour fun runs - one for Reception and Pre School children (who can be accompanied by an adult), one for KS1 and one for KS2. Starting at 10am and finishing at 12.30pm. Our last colour run was fantastic fun, so come and join us again this time where we will see if we can get even more messy and colourful.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/almondsburypta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=97700>



The weather is hotting up this week so if you need any great condition pre loved summer uniform, please contact us and we will open the uniform shed for you to choose and pay for what you need.

JIGSAW THORNBURY CHARITY DOG SHOW

JIGSAW Thornbury's Charity Dog Show Returns! Saturday 3 May | St Mary Centre | 11am–4pm

Join the fun at one of Thornbury's favourite community events – a brilliant day out for dog lovers and families!

15 light-hearted competition categories (Best Dressed, Waggiest Tail & more) £2 per category – entries open from 10am

10am–11:20am: Members-only competition slots – a quieter, more relaxed start 11:20am onwards: Open to everyone in the community!

Rosettes for winners, Hawkes House coffee van on site (50% of proceeds to JIGSAW). Event supported by local pet shop Bark

All proceeds support JIGSAW Thornbury's vital work with local children and young people with additional needs.

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.tate.org.uk/kids>

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/>

OPAL UPDATE

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.**

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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 5

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

Wednesday 21 May

Thursday 22 May

Friday 23 May

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

Monday 30 June

Friday 4 July

Saturday 5 July

Friday 11 July

Wednesday 16 July

Thursday 17 July

Tuesday 22 July

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 – Reception classes 9.15am – 10.15am

Years 1, 2 and 3 10.30am – 12.15pm

Years 4, 5 and 6 1.30 – 3.30pm

Tour d'Almondsbury

End of Term 4

INSET DAY – School closed to all pupils

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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 to Legoland

Mrs Williams's class swimming

Mrs Williams's class swimming

Non uniform day for Summer Fayre donations

Mrs Williams's class swimming

Enterprise Week moved from March

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

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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

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Term dates for 2024/25 (remaining terms)

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 4	Monday 24 February 2025	Friday 4 April 2025
	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	