

12 May 2025

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2024/2025 - NEWSLETTER NO 30

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	- Marshall Haines-Woodhouse
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	- Bastien Harris
Miss Whittingham	- Izzy Tyson
Mrs Lansdown	- Elaya Merlino-Thompson
Mr Evens	- Fox Lloyd
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	- Phoebe Wallace-Daniells
Mr Garcia	- River Martin
Mrs Leonard	- Joseph Plumb
Miss Hake	- Adhyansh Sanadhya
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	- Kacper Nedzik-Puchala
Mrs Giles	- Laith Elhalabi



GOOD LUCK YEAR 6

We have the Year 6 children taking their SAT tests this week. They have all been working hard to do the best they can. Good luck to them all.



VE DAY

We celebrated VE 80 Day last Thursday with different activities and a special lunch menu. The whole school gathered together to hold the 2 minutes silence at 12 noon to remember all those fallen soldiers, people and animals who sacrificed their lives during World War 2. In the afternoon the children came together to sing different songs to commemorate those times 80 years ago, before playing games. During Forest school, the Year 2 children made friendship bracelets and played old-fashioned playground games.



EVENTS FOR THIS TERM - SPORTS WEEK

SPORTS DAY

Next week will be our Sports Week. Hopefully, the rain will hold off and the sunshine will prevail. Our Sports Day will be on Tuesday 20 May with Reception starting off the proceedings at 9.15am. Please do stay after you have dropped the children off and make your way around to the field at the back of the school. Year 4, 5 and 6 sports events start at 1.30pm. Parents can arrive from 1.15pm, however, you will not be allowed to enter the grounds until the end of lunchtime for safeguarding reasons. Make sure you bring your running shoes with you as well for the parents race!



Parents arrive 9am	Parents arrive 10.15am	Parents arrive 1.15am
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

TOUR D'ALMONDSBURY



On Wednesday 21 May it is our annual Tour D'Almondsbury for everyone. We would like everyone to bring in their bikes or scooters and participate in a challenge around the school grounds. You will have received the sponsor forms already and letter outlining the course and other details. The children will have designated areas for them to leave their scooters and bikes during the day. It is always such a fun event and the children enjoy participating. We look forward to it.
Photo from last year's successful event.

PA UPDATE

The weather forecast is looking great for our **COLOUR RUN** on **Saturday 17 May** on the school field. Tickets sales have now closed. 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 (precise timings will be communicated).

Sports day is approaching fast, we will be selling refreshments on the day for spectators, cash and card accepted.

The weather is changing 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. Email us at: almondsburyschoolpa@gmail.com

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.educationquizzes.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/>

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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, trunks, 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

DATES FOR 2024/25

TERM 5

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

Year 6 SAT week

Mrs Williams's class swimming

PA Colour Run

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

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Saturday 5 July
Friday 11 July

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

Wednesday 16 July
Thursday 17 July
Tuesday 22 July

Term dates for 2024/25 (remaining terms)

Term	Starts	Ends
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	

Term dates for 2025/26

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 1	Monday 1 September 2025	Friday 24 October 2025
Term 2	Monday 3 November 2025	Friday 19 December 2025
Term 3	Monday 5 January 2026	Friday 13 February 2026
Term 4	Monday 23 February 2026	Thursday 2 April 2026
Term 5	Monday 20 April 2026	Friday 22 May 2026
Term 6	Monday 1 June 2026	Tuesday 21 July 2026
INSET DAYS	Monday 1 September 2025 Friday 24 October 2025 Friday 22 May 2025 Monday 1 June 2025 Plus one to be confirmed	