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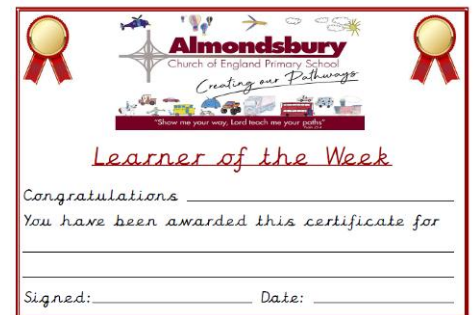
Dear Parents

## SCHOOL YEAR 2024/2025 - NEWSLETTER NO 31

### 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	- The Whole Class
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	- The Whole Class
Miss Whittingham	- Meenakshi Chandrasseril
Mrs Lansdown	- Ozzy Knapp
Mr Evens	- Leo Sansum
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	- Ava Cotter
Mr Garcia	- Paul Vogiatzis
Mrs Leonard	- Toby Bailhache
Miss Hake	- Louis Pirie
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	- Eva Hall
Mrs Giles	- Ivy Grace



### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mr Garcia and his partner who welcomed a new baby girl, Isabella Kiara, into the world last Tuesday. They are both over the moon with her arrival. I am sure you will send them both your best wishes especially when Mr Garcia returns to school after half term.

### EVENTS FOR THIS TERM - SPORTS WEEK

#### PA COLOUR FUN RUN

What a fantastic morning of running and immense colour. The course was set up ready for the children to come along and enjoy their morning of excitement and fun. There were over 120 children who participated in the Colour Fun Run at Almondsbury. Future Stars helped along with the main parental organisers who set the course, provided the demonstrator runners and led the warm ups and runs round the assault course of tyres, ladders, poles and nets. The children were only supposed to run around the course four times but every single one of them ran so much more. By the end they were completely covered in a spectrum of many colours thrown at them by the parents positioned around the course.



It was great to see everyone who took part absolutely covered by the end of their runs, particularly in the orange paint thanks to Mr Acford's efforts – they all looked like they had been 'Tango'd'. There was one last throw of powder over themselves at the end for that final action shot for the camera. The field was covered just as much as they children. I am sure there would be multicoloured bathrooms after the clean-up. Thank you to Future Stars for helping and the PA for setting up the whole event especially Siobhan Doherty. It was so much fun. All the photos taken during the run are now on the website.



## SPORTS DAY

We are looking forward to seeing you all tomorrow for our Sports Day 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 1, 2 and 3 sports events start at 10.15am. 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
<b>Reception Sports day</b> <b>Starting - 9.15am - Finish - 10.15am</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• House group games</li> <li>• Track events</li> </ul>	<b>Y1, 2, 3 Sports Day</b> <b>Starting - 10.30am - Finishing - 12.15pm</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traditional track events</li> </ul>	<b>Y4, 5, 6 Sports Day</b> <b>Starting - 1.30pm - 3.15pm</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traditional track events</li> <li>• Field long distance team event</li> </ul>

## 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).

## CREATIVITY HOME DISCUSSION SHEET

This term's theme for our Collective Worship is Creativity. We have attached the home discussion sheet for you to read through and talk to your child/ren about the themes within it. As you know the theme runs throughout the term and we will also be looking at 'Don't Hold on to What is Wrong' within our Heartsmart PSHE programme and Rule of Law within our British Values. Below is our Bible reading linked to our Heartsmart theme for this term.

*Ephesians 4:32*



*"Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."*

## PA UPDATE

The weather was on our side on Saturday for our Almondsbury School **COLOUR RUN**. Thanks to Siobhan Doherty and team who helped to organise this event, it was a great success and it looked like everyone was having huge amounts of fun. Thanks to everyone who came to support us, the total raised is still being calculated but we hope you all enjoyed it.

It's sports day tomorrow and we will be selling refreshments on the day for spectators; hot and cold drinks, cash and card accepted.

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

Save the date for the **SUMMER FAYRE on Saturday 5 July**. If you can help us in any way, whether it is being a stall holder, sourcing stock, lending a gazebo or anything else please get in touch with the PA at the email address below. More details to follow after half term.

If you need any great condition pre loved uniform, please contact us and we will open the uniform shed for you to choose and pay for what you need. Contact [almondsburyschoolpa@gmail.com](mailto: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.nhs.uk/healthier-families/activities/sports-and-activities/>

### 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

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.



**REMEMBER THAT WE HAVE INSET DAY ON FRIDAY 23 MAY AND MONDAY 2 JUNE. WE WILL SEE ALL CHILDREN BACK IN SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 3 JUNE.**

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 19 May

Tuesday 20 May

Wednesday 21 May

Thursday 22 May

Friday 23 May

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

**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

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 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

Year 5 and 6 show

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)**

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	