

3 June 2025

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2024/2025 - NEWSLETTER NO 32

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 Stevens	Eli Gardner
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	-	Lenny Polak	Rory Smith
Miss Whittingham	-	Isabella Tyson	Owen Lacoue-Negre
Mrs Lansdown	-	Henry Hazell	Elaya Merlino-Thompson
Mr Evens	-	Ife Osukoya	Olivia Sharp
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	-	Amelia Wood	Finley Whitlock
Mr Garcia	-	Jason Agyemang	Antonia Leung
Mrs Leonard	-	Ellie Blackburn	Ewan Smith
Miss Hake	-	Aziyah Sulis	Alice Berry
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	-	Autumn Pearce	Gracie Mellor
Mrs Giles	-	Erin Johnson	Muhammad Azlan

SPORTS WEEK



The weather and temperature was just glorious for a day of sports and racing. Both the morning and afternoon sessions were started with the children reading the athlete's oath. It was fantastic to see the children running, jumping (in sacks) and balancing those eggs on their spoons as they went down the race tracks. Everyone cheered and applauded their efforts. We do have some talented little athletes who perhaps will grace



more illustrious tracks one day or even the Olympics!



The points were collected at the end of the morning with the following result for EYFS the winners were **Sun**. For years 1, 2 and 3— **Sun** were the winning house with 142 points, followed by **Earth** with 133 points, **Water** with 131 and **Air** with 116 points.



In the afternoon came the years 4, 5 and 6 children who were super competitive and wanting to show off their own racing talents. Once again, everyone did their very best to win. However, as we know it is the participation that counts! After the races were concluded **Water** were the winning house with 165 points, followed by **Earth** with 149 points, **Air** with 132 points and **Sun** with 109 points. It was so great to see so many parents able to join us especially for the parents races. In fact, we had to have numerous egg and spoon races for parents in both sessions as there was so much interest. There was also hot competition in the teachers' races as well. Thank you for coming along to support your own children but also every one of the children. There are more photos on the school website [Sports Day 2025 - Almondsbury Church of England Primary School](http://www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk)



TOUR D'ALMONDSBURY

The children had a brilliant day participating in the Tour d'Almondsbury. Unfortunately, the weather wasn't as kind as on Sports day and we had to postpone it for a time and a full day for KS2. The children showed lots of perseverance and endeavour to complete the event. We would appreciate it if you could hand over your sponsorship money into school this week so we can count how much we have raised.



LITTLE STOKE CROSS COUNTRY

On Thursday 22 May, 26 children from years 4, 5 and 6, took part in the Little Stoke Cross Country. They all ran brilliantly and the 5 teams confidently completed the course. Well done to all the teams with a special congratulation to Eva Street for first place in the year 4 girls race, Lois Day for second place in the year 5 girls race, Poppy Stevens for third place in the year 6 girls race There were first places for the year 4 girls team, second places for both the year 5 girls and boys teams overall. Another great result for Almondsbury School!

PA UPDATE

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.

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.

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.e-learningforkids.org/>

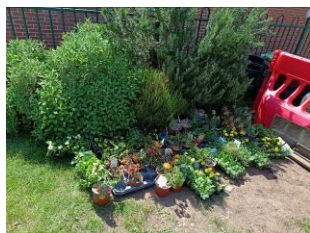
FREE SCHOOL MEALS

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



In our playtimes, we have been busy enjoying the sunshine. Particularly, we have had a lot of fun gardening. A special thanks go to Wickes Longwell Green as they have kindly provided us with all of the plants for our tyre wall and 20 bags of bark to make our outdoor spaces more accessible in the muddy months to come! Thank you also to Mr Knapp, who has donated four very large tractor tyres that the children love playing in and out of as well as sitting in them.



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

Mr Paul D Smith
Executive Head Teacher

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Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

DATES FOR 2024/25**TERM 6**

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

Start of Term 6

Class photos day – children to wear full school uniform

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

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 2026 Monday 1 June 2026 Plus one to be confirmed	