

9 June 2025

Dear Parents

## SCHOOL YEAR 2024/2025 - NEWSLETTER NO 33

### 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	-	Ruhee Babariya
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	-	Luke Bailhache
Miss Whittingham	-	Freya Smit
Mrs Lansdown	-	Logan Cox
Mr Evens	-	Jake Nelson
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	-	Isla Stewart
Mr Garcia	-	Damisi Adeitan
Mrs Leonard	-	Grace Tovey
Miss Hake	-	Noah Visser
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	-	Dash Ferrier-Jones
Mrs Giles	-	Jasper Panshuck



### YEAR 1 AND 2 WOW DAY

To bring their history learning to life, our KS1 children enjoyed an exciting Wow Day based on the Great Fire of London. Dressed in red, orange and yellow to resemble the flames, they took part in a range of immersive activities. The children baked bread just like in Thomas Farriner's bakery where the fire started, they created striking 3D chalk artwork of the fire, and enjoyed a fantastic interactive workshop delivered by the Freshwater Theatre Group. The workshop transported them back to 1666, where they pretended to be Londoners witnessing the dramatic events unfold. Overall, it was a fantastic day and all the children had a brilliant time bringing their learning to life.



### KEY STAGE 1 MULTISKILLS FESTIVAL

Our Year 1 and Year 2 children had a fantastic time taking part in a Sports Multi-Skills Festival held on the school field on Tuesday afternoon. The event featured eight exciting activity stations designed to build coordination, teamwork, and confidence. The children enjoyed a variety of challenges, including throwing beanbags into buckets, rolling balls to knock over cones, speed bouncing, agility relay course and aiming foam javelins. They also took part in team-building games, such as pass the hoop and treasure, which encouraged cooperation and communication. Thank you to the Year 6 children, who helped lead the activities. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces and enthusiastic participants, all showing great energy and sportsmanship throughout the afternoon!



### ROCKHAMPTON FESTIVAL PERFORMANCE

On Wednesday, the Year 3 and 4 children had the privilege of hearing Kitty and Rohan come and perform. They sang and played ukulele and bass guitar - it was wonderful! The children thoroughly enjoyed listening to professional musicians and joining in with many of the songs. Kitty and Rohan will be performing at the Rockhampton Festival on June 14. For further information about this amazing, local folk festival, please check it out at <https://www.rockhamptonfolkfest.org.uk/>



### NON-UNIFORM DAY

On Friday 13th June, children can come into school dressed in their pyjamas or their own clothes for a donation of £1. This is to support and donate towards the School Parliament's chosen charity, Bristol Animal Rescue Centre. The children will also be hearing a presentation from a volunteer at Bristol Animal Rescue Centre about the fantastic work they do. Thank you for your support.

### PARENTAL E-SAFETY NEWSLETTER

Attached to the newsletter is the June edition of the parental e-safety newsletter. This month the articles focus on the use of VR headsets and in particular Meta Quest and some of the games that can be available along with the parental guidance and pitfalls. A large portion of the front page is taken up on ensuring Online Privacy with how to prevent information being made more public, through setting tight controls and also not sharing information online. We do discuss these issues in school with the children through our e-safety lessons in computing but it is crucial that you also discuss this at home, as the majority of screen time takes place at home. The main article on page 2 relooks at Instagram with the settings, age appropriateness and how to manage this with children's expectations.

### PA UPDATE

The summer fayre is only a few weeks away. We have loads of stalls and games on offer including a bar, fidgets, cream tea, Indian snacks, inflatables, coconut shy, beat the goalie and loads more. We also have dance displays and Marlwood steel band joining us, so book the date in your diaries for **Saturday 5 July** and don't miss out on all the fun. You should have received raffle tickets already but if you haven't or if you need more, please go to the office. There are some great prizes on offer including a voucher for The Wave, Butcombe Inns voucher, Air hop Tickets, cream tea at Wolfridge Alpaca and lots more.

We are asking for YOUR HELP please to bring the Fayre together. If you can help the day before setting up, manning a stall on the day, sourcing stock or clearing away then please get in touch with your class rep or email us at [almondsburyschoolpa@gmail.com](mailto:almondsburyschoolpa@gmail.com). We can't make these events happen without you.

The uniform shed will be open every Monday from today between 3:15-3:45pm. Cash and card payments accepted.

We are also looking for anyone who would be interested in taking over the role of chairperson of the PA. This is such a rewarding role, and involves working with a great team of parents and teachers to pull together to raise money for the school. Without a chairperson, there is no PA, which means no more fun events such as the colour run, summer and Christmas Fayres, discos, movie nights and auction ball. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact us at [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.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](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

We are aiming to be opening up our massive 10x6 sandpit this term and we cannot wait for the fun to begin - but we need a few things first!

To give the children the best possible experience of the sandpit, we are on the lookout for any items that you can see in the attached flyer.

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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**DATES FOR 2024/25****TERM 6**

Monday 9 June

Year 1 phonics week

Tuesday 10 June

Year 4 MTC week

Thursday 12 June

9.15am New Parents Meeting for intake September 2025

Friday 13 June

Year 6 visit to Legoland

Friday 20 June

Non uniform day for Bristol Animal Rescue charity

Friday 27 June

Mrs Williams's class swimming

Mrs Williams's class swimming

Non uniform day for Summer Fayre donations

Mrs Williams's class swimming

Monday 30 June

Enterprise Week moved from March

Friday 4 July

Mrs Williams's class swimming

Saturday 5 July

PA Summer Fayre

Friday 11 July

Celebration Day for all classes and parents plus children's picnic

Mrs Williams's class swimming

Wednesday 16 July

Year 5 and 6 show

Thursday 17 July

Year 5 and 6 show

Tuesday 22 July

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	