

23 June 2025

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2024/2025 - NEWSLETTER NO 35

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	-	Finley Winchcombe
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	-	Lenny Polak
Miss Whittingham	-	Rupert Arnott
Mrs Lansdown	-	Ella Osborne
Mr Evens	-	Ife Osukoya
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	-	Avika Gahlyan
Mr Garcia	-	Luke Hallworth
Mrs Leonard	-	Ethan Parslow
Miss Hake	-	Alys Hallworth
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	-	Eva Hall
Mrs Giles	-	Sofia Wigmore



CRICKET SUCCESS

Open Year 5 and 6 County Cricket Finals.



On Friday 20 June, our year 5 and 6 boys cricket team headed up to Cheltenham College for the finals of the Gloucestershire County Cricket Finals. They played four matches to find a semi-finalist and finalist. All four games were tightly fought with Almondsbury losing the first to St Helen's; 66 runs to 53 runs. The second match they won 67 runs to 59 runs. The third match was a tough match with Almondsbury Losing 68 runs to 49 runs. They needed a win in the fourth team with a chance to go through. The game was on a cliff edge with Almondsbury needing to hold on to their 6-run lead with 2 balls to face. Strategically, Astin carefully kept the ball safe to keep us in with a chance. Sadly, after the final

matches were completed, Almondsbury didn't quite make the final round. However, they should be incredibly proud of themselves. The standard of their batting, fielding and bowling was superb only surpassed by the way they communicated and the way they considered the team as a whole as they made the best decision for the team.

A great day all round, one they should be very proud of!

Year 3 and 4 Cricket tournament

On Tuesday 17 June, our team of year 3 and 4 cricket players represented Almondsbury at the Gloucestershire Cricket Tournament at Golden Hill, Bristol. 8 players competed, some of whom hadn't played before. As the tournament progressed, the team grew in their skills, their focus and particularly their team work and spirit. They won both their games in their group and made it through to the final. With great enthusiasm, the team faced up to their opponents with great team spirit. Sadly, they didn't win but they were all proud of themselves and showed how much they had grown. Almondsbury is very proud of them and looking forward to seeing how their skills develop over the next couple of years.



Girls Cricket Tournament



With one player short in their team, the girls stepped up with pride and enthusiasm to play their group games. They won both their games, which meant that they were through to the final. Some of our players were new to the game but they learnt the game quickly and helped each other to grow as a team. The final was closely fought and although they didn't win, they had a great tournament and made Almondsbury proud!

OPAL UPDATE

British summer has arrived! We have had sun, rain, and wind this week; and we have had a fabulous time playing and learning outdoors throughout. The swings continue to be a big hit, and we utilised our natural resources making bug hotels, fairy houses and "quick mud". Cardboard construction is always fun when it appears as a pop-up station, too. We even had a rainy-day rave party in the gazebo, for those who wished to stay dry when it was raining... and for those who wanted to dance in the rain, we did that too.

It was a good, timely reminder that we cannot rely on British summer to always bring us sun, so we need to be ready for all weathers. This means coats (with hoods please!), wellies, and (for those who tend to gravitate towards the mud - you know who you are!), puddle suits/waterproof trousers are always a good year-round idea!



Our sandpit planning continues and we are still very keen and happy to receive any donations that you may have; we want to open it up soon, but need more toys for it please! See the attached flyer for donations. Thank you in advance.

WILD FLOWER PLANTING

During their Welly Wednesdays back in March the Reception children sowed some wild flowers. The rain and sun have now transformed into beautiful blooms that are attracting so many butterflies and bees. They look so lovely in the sunshine.



CELEBRATION DAY

We are so looking forward to welcoming you into school for our Celebration Day on Friday 11 July. You will be able to come into school and see your child's work and visit their classroom. As it worked so well last year we have made the decision to keep the split across the school so that there isn't a huge crush and everyone in school at once. Some of the younger children find this overwhelming and there just isn't enough space in school. Therefore, these are the times for each class.

9.15 – 10.30 am	10.45 – 12.00 am	2.00 – 3.15pm
Rec 1 – Mrs Giles	Year 1 – Miss Hake	Rec 2 – Mrs North and MsMrs Marshall
Year 1/ 2 – Mrs Leonard	Year 3/ 4 – Mr Evens	Year 2 – Mr Garcia
Year 3 – Mr Dean and Mrs Williams	Year 6 – Miss Ramli	Year 4 – Mrs Lansdown
Year 5/6 – Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett		Year 5 – Miss Whittingham

The children will have a picnic on that day for lunch so there will be no cooked meals just sandwiches made from the kitchen.

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Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

NON-UNIFORM DAY

The children will be asked to come to school this Friday 27 June in return for donations for the Summer Fair on Saturday 5 July. Donations off bottles and cans.

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, golf merchandise, Jump tickets, yoga and Brizfit vouchers 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. We can't make these events happen without you.

This Friday 27 June is a non uniform day in return for tombola donations of bottles and cans. The children can bring in the donations and give to their teacher, or please hand to the office if worried about carrying glass bottles.

The uniform shed will be open every Monday 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.

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://primarygamesarena.com/Years/Key-Stage-1>

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/>

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.



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Best wishes



Mr Paul D Smith
Executive Head Teacher

DATES FOR 2024/25

TERM 6

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
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

DATES FOR 2025/26

TERM 1

Monday 1 September
Tuesday 2 September

Wednesday 3 September
Thursday 4 September
Monday 8 September
Wednesday 10 September
Monday 15 September

Friday 19 September
Monday 22 September

Thursday 23 October
Friday 24 October

TERM 2

Monday 3 November
Friday 19 December

INSET DAY (school closed to pupils)
Start of new school year years 1 to 6
Home visits for Reception children
Home visits for Reception children
Reception children start school morning or afternoons
Mrs Landown's class swimming every afternoon this week
All Reception children in school mornings and lunch
Year 6 visit to Paris, France
Reception children in school full time
Mrs Landown's class swimming every afternoon this week
Year 6 return from France
Mr Evens's class swimming and Mr Dean and Mrs Williams's class swimming every afternoon this week
End of term 1
INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)
Term 2 starts for all pupils
End of Term 2

Term dates for 2024/25 (remaining terms)

Term	Starts	Ends
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	