

16 June 2025

Dear Parents

## SCHOOL YEAR 2024/2025 - NEWSLETTER NO 34

### 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	-	Aarna Sanadhya
Miss Whittingham	-	Dade Ijlade
Mrs Lansdown	-	Leilane Date
Mr Evens	-	Mia Lazz-Onyenobi
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	-	Alvin Ho Li
Mr Garcia	-	Riley Scott
Mrs Leonard	-	Nilan Vijayakumar
Miss Hake	-	Isabelle Sexton
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	-	Elsie Bradford
Mrs Giles	-	Luna Gismera Dolado



### FESTIVAL OF YOUTH SPORT

Last Saturday, we took four teams who represented Croatia in their Olympic procession around the athletic track at the SGS College - WISE campus. They were one of 80 schools who were there to compete in the Festival of Youth Sport. Each school was allocated a country to represent in the procession before they moved off to a wider variety of sporting events.



Almondsbury had two teams competing in the Laser Run (a new one for Almondsbury!) After what seemed like an age learning and practicing shooting a laser gun, the teams competed in the International Modern Pentathlon event - Laser Run. The race was really exhilarating - racing around the track, stopping to shoot and then racing around again before passing to the next member of the team. The children had a great time, showed great sportsmanship throughout the morning and really improved their shooting skills.

A third team took part in a Boccia and New Age Kurling - NAK competition. These are Paralympic Sports which involve lots of skill and strategic and tactical thinking. The team grew in confidence and skills throughout the morning and thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Eight Key Stage 1 children had a fantastic time representing our school at the Festival of Youth Sport, where they took part in a fun and energetic multi-skills event. Working brilliantly as a team, the children completed eight exciting challenges including frisbee golf, a sprint relay, and throwing beanbags into hoops. They showed great enthusiasm, teamwork, and determination throughout the day, and we are very proud of their efforts and positive attitude!





## FOREST SCHOOLS

Last term, year 4's had amazing forest school sessions. Linking to their topic of Stone and Iron Age, they made tools such as bows and arrows using willow and hazel grown in our forest school area; as well as axes made from sticks, leaves and stones. They also enjoyed making bracelets using 4 strings and sticks which was a challenging hand-eye coordination and collaborative activity. Many children learned how to use flint and steel to create a spark to light the camp fire. They made charcoal for the first time using willow; cooking it in the fire to change its form. Once cooled the children were able to draw with their finished product. Alongside, these enriching activities, year 4's explored, climbed trees, played in the mud kitchen and built some fantastic dens.



## REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

I just wanted to make you aware of a few reminders of things that have come up recently.

Firstly, can we make sure that all dogs are kept at the gate and not brought onto the school site.

Secondly, please refrain from letting the children climb on the railings at the front of the school at the beginning and end of the day along with the low wall around the car park. We would not wish for accidents to happen. It is dangerous and the children could hurt themselves when not supervised properly.

All Reception and KS1 parents should be waiting with the children in the mornings until the bell goes. This could be with parents or another adult who has responsibility for them.

Next, when coming into school in the morning please try to use the pathways around the site rather than walking across the car park area for safety reasons. Thank you.

## UNIFORM, SUMMER CLOTHING AND HAIR

We are coming to hopefully the warmer months of the year. Please make sure the children have suitable hats and uniform in school. They should also have sun cream applied before school and/or brought into school for them to apply themselves (younger children with some assistance) through the day ie at lunchtime.

We have noticed a growing trend of girls having large braids or ribbons. Please could these be kept at a minimum as it distracts from their learning when being played with. It can also pose a health and safety risk, especially if they are very long braids. Longer hair should be kept tidy and perhaps up for coolness during the hotter days. Thank you in advance.

## NON-UNIFORM DAY

On Friday, both children and staff came into school dressed in pyjamas and non-uniform in support of Bristol Animal Rescue Centre. This is a charity that was chosen by School Parliament to support this year. We also had the pleasure of an assembly led by a volunteer from Bristol Animal Rescue Centre, who spoke to us about the amazing work they do with a number of animals, including dogs, cats and rabbits. She also gave

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us some tips on how to act around animals. Thank you for your kind donations towards this wonderful charity. We will let you know the total amount raised soon.

### **COURAGE HOME DISCUSSION SHEET**

This term's theme for our Collective Worship is Courage. 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 'No way through isn't true' within our Heartsmart PSHE programme and 'Democracy' within our British Values. Below is our Bible reading linked to our Heartsmart theme for this term.

2 Chronicles 15:7



*"Be strong. Don't give up, because you will get a reward for your good work."*

### **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 school 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 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/>

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

## 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.



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 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**

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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 6	Monday 2 June 2025	Tuesday 22 July 2025
INSET DAYS	Friday 23 May 2025 Monday 2 June 2025	

**Term dates for 2025/26**

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