

2 September 2025

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2025/2026 - NEWSLETTER NO 1

Welcome back to school

It's great to see you!

Welcome back to all parents and children. I do hope that you have had a lovely summer holiday and been able to have some relaxation and recuperation and managed to get away either on a staycation or ventured further afield.

I would like to welcome all of the new children in Reception and new parents who will be joining us this week. I am sure you and your child will have seven wonderful years at Almondsbury. All of the staff look forward to getting to know your children as well as yourselves.

WRAPAROUND CARE

Thank you for all of your requests for attending wraparound care either before or after school. There has been a tremendous influx of requests, so much so that we have up to 70 children at breakfast club during the week. I am sure that both clubs at either end of the day will continue to be successfully run.

MEET THE TEACHER

The annual Meet the Teacher sessions for you to meet and introduce yourself to your child's new class teacher are next week on Tuesday and Thursday. They start at 3.30pm until 4.00pm. The dates for these are below in the dates section of the newsletter.

CONTACT DETAILS

Please update Arbor if there have been any changes in your address or contact details to enable us to update our records, including mobile numbers and email addresses. Thank you.

NAME LABELS

Please do ensure that you have labelled all of your children's jumpers, ties, shirts etc. It is very important that this is done as it is very difficult to return any lost property that is not labelled. Thank you.

WATER BOTTLES

Children can bring a small plastic bottle of drinking water to school. This bottle should be clear (see through), with a sports top and named – and taken home each day. Bottles can be refilled in school during the day to ensure freshness of water and ensure the children have enough to drink.

PARKING AT THE BOWL INN

Parents have an allocated time slot of 8.30-9.30am in the morning and 3-4pm in the afternoon to park in the Bowl Inn car park. If you are going to be in the car park for longer please pop into The Bowl and let them know.

LUNCH OPTIONS

Please make sure that you have discussed and shared the menus with your children so they know what is on offer and what you would like them to eat daily. **Please note that the price for the school meals for year 3 to 6 has increased to £2.75 per day or £13.75 per week.** Please book your child/ren's lunch using the Arbor App (even for a home packed lunch). There will be further changes to our meals service during Term 2. More details will follow at the end of this term.

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:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/>

PE DAYS

Here are the days for PE and therefore the day in which the children need to arrive at school in their PE kits. For Forest Schools Year 1 and above children will be required to wear PE kits and hoodies. Thank you.

| PE TIMETABLE 2025/26 | | | | |
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| DAY/TIME | MORNING SESSION | MORNING SESSION | AFTERNOON SESSION | AFTERNOON SESSION |
| Monday | Y1/2 - Mrs Leonard | | Y3 - Mr Dean | Y3/4 – Mr Evens |
| Tuesday | Y2 – Mr Garcia | | Mr Evens/Mrs Williams/Mrs Lansdown | |
| Wednesday | Y4 – Mrs Lansdown | Rec 1 - Mrs Giles | Miss Whittingham/Mrs Goode/Mrs Barrett | |
| Thursday | Y5 – Miss Whittingham | Rec 2 – Mrs Marshall | Mrs Leonard/Mr Garcia/Miss Hake | |
| Friday | Y1 – Miss Hake | | Y5/6 – Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett | Y6 - Miss Ramli |

| FOREST SCHOOL | | | | | | |
|---------------|---------|------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|----------|------------------------|
| Term | Day | Class | Day | Class | Day | Class |
| Term 1 | Tuesday | Mrs Williams's/ Mr Dean's class | Wednesday | Miss Whittingham's class | Thursday | Mrs Leonard's class |
| Term 2 | Tuesday | Mr Evens's class | Wednesday | Miss Ramli's class | Thursday | Mr Garcia's class |
| Term 3 | Tuesday | Mrs Lansdown's class | Wednesday | Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett's class | Thursday | Miss Hake's class |
| Term 4 | Tuesday | Mrs Williams's/ Mr Dean's class | Wednesday | Miss Whittingham's class | Thursday | Mrs Leonard's class |
| Term 5 | Tuesday | Mr Even's class | Wednesday | Miss Ramli's class | Thursday | Mr Garcia's class |
| Term 6 | Tuesday | Mrs Lansdown's class | Wednesday | Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett's class | Thursday | Miss Hake's class |

This year we are extending Forest Schools into years 5 and 6.

Reception children will have Forest Schools (Forest Friday's) on Friday's every week starting 19 September. Suitable outdoor clothing and footwear are required for each Forest School session, t-shirts, school hoodies and jogging bottoms.

SCHOOL TOURS FOR NEW PARENTS 2026 INTAKE

We have the dates now confirmed for the school tours for new prospective parents for the intake in September 2026. It will be lovely to show new parents around and share all that is great about our school.

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| Thursday 6 November 9.30am | Thursday 6 November 11.00am |
| Tuesday 11 November 9.30am | Tuesday 11 November 11.10am |
| Monday 17 November 1.30pm | Monday 17 November 2.30pm |

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.

PA NEWS

Secondhand Uniform

Get prepared for the 2025/26 academic year - have a look at the secondhand uniform available on the PA website: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/almondsburypa/>

Great quality shorts, trousers, dresses, skirts, cardigans, branded items are all available and range for 50p-£2.

Our secondhand stores are currently full for most ages, so apart from brand new and branded items, and 12 plus age range (please hand to Reception), we won't be accepting any more donations until further notice.

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
3.20pm – 3.55pm

Hourly rate: £9ph

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 2025/26

TERM 1

Monday 1 September

Tuesday 2 September

Wednesday 3 September

Thursday 4 September

Monday 8 September

Tuesday 9 September

Wednesday 10 September

Monday 15 September

Thursday 18 September

Friday 19 September

Monday 22 September

Week beg 29 September

Thursday 9 October

Thursday 23 October

Friday 24 October

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 Lansdown's class swimming every afternoon this week

Reception parents Phonics, Reading and Writing workshop at 6.00pm in the Hall

All Reception children in school mornings and lunch

Year 6 visit to Paris, France

Reception children in school full time

Mrs Lansdown's class swimming every afternoon this week

Reception parents Mathematics workshop at 2.45pm in the Hall

Year 6 return from France

Mr Evens's class swimming and Mr Dean and Mrs

Williams's class swimming every afternoon this week

School cross country championships through the week – details from each key phase to follow for days

Harvest Festival

End of term 1

INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)

TERM 2**Monday 3 November****Term 2 starts for all pupils****Book and Remembrance Week****Thursday 6 November****Reception intake September 2026 tours 9.30 am and 11.00am****Monday 10 November****Individual photographs all day****Tuesday 11 November****Reception intake September 2026 tours 9.30 am and 11.00am****Thursday 13 November****Parents Evenings 4.00 – 7.00pm****Monday 17 November****Reception intake September 2026 tours 1.30pm and 2.30pm****Tuesday 18 November****Parents Evenings 4.00 – 7.00pm****Wednesday 19 November****Flu vaccinations for pupils****Monday 1 December****Mr Evens's class swimming and Mr Dean and Mrs Williams's class swimming every afternoon this week****Friday 5 December****PA Christmas Fair****Friday 12 December****Reception and KS1 Christmas party****Tuesday 16 December****Christmas lunch followed by Entertainment afternoon for pupils****Wednesday 17 December****Year 3 and 4 Christmas party****Year 5 and 6 Carols by Candlelight at St Mary's Church****Thursday 18 December****Year 5 and 6 Christmas party****Friday 19 December****End of Term 2****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 | |