

8 September 2025

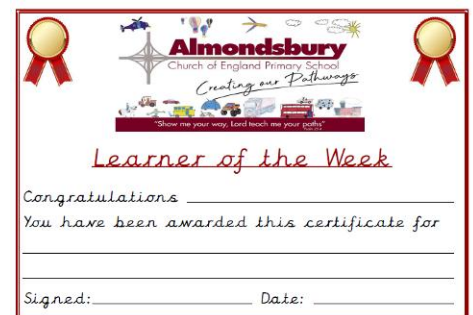
Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2025/2026 - NEWSLETTER NO 2

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.

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| Miss Ramli | - T-Jay Williams |
| Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett | - Logan Cox |
| Miss Whittingham | - Harrison Sander |
| Mrs Lansdown | - Estée Kingman |
| Mr Evens | - Mattia Akira Boscolo |
| Mrs Williams and Mr Dean | - William McRae |
| Mr Garcia | - Everley Kingman |
| Mrs Leonard | - Penny James |
| Miss Hake | - Iris Davies |



Reception classes will start to receive certificates when they start full time in school

CHARITY EVENT



As a school, we have proudly taken part in the Gromit Unleashed 3 School Programme. The children had the exciting opportunity to design and name their own Norbot the Gnome. After combining elements from their designs, we painted our gnome sculpture, which is now named *Oakley: Protector of Trees*. Oakley represents Almondsbury School and celebrates our Forest School. It even has the fingerprints of all the children on its boots! The Gromit Unleashed programme raises money for Bristol Children's Hospital, a vital part of our community. To support this cause, we are holding a *Wrong Trousers Day* on Friday 12 September. For a £1 donation, children can wear their most creative 'wrong' trousers to school. Our gnome will also be part of the Gromit Unleashed exhibition at Cribbs Causeway from 13-28 September. Thank you to everyone



who has supported this fantastic cause!

WATER BOTTLES

Please can the children bring their water bottle to school every day. Bottles can be refilled in school during the day to ensure freshness of water and ensure the children have enough to drink.

E-SAFETY NEWSLETTER

Attached to this newsletter is the next E-safety newsletter for your information. The focus for this month is the new Online Safety Act of 2025 and how you are able to support and protect your child as a result of the new safety measures being implemented by numerous websites and apps. There are links to more information on this. There is also a features on Coverstar, which is a Tiktok alternative but with in-app purchasing so be aware. There is also information on AI usage and updates on how to identify potential grooming.

FORGIVENESS HOME DISCUSSION SHEET

This term's theme for our Collective Worship is Forgiveness. 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 'Get Heartsmart' within our Heartsmart PSHE programme and Tolerance within our British Values. Below is our Bible reading linked to our Heartsmart theme for this term.

Matthew 22:36 - 40



"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

THIS SCHOOL IS
NUT FREE



THANK YOU
for keeping our school safe!

Please remember we are a nut free school. This includes any foods that contain nuts as well such as Nutella, etc. Please do ensure you check your child's packed lunch as to whether anything contains nuts. We have children in school who are extremely allergic to peanuts, in particular, and would need hospital treatment should they come into contact with nuts. Thank you for your consideration.

PE KIT

As usual, we are straight back into all aspects of school life including PE and Forest School. As part of this healthy attitude to physical activity, we would like to remind all the children that it is essential to be properly prepared to participate. This is a reminder of the request that children come into school in their PE kits on their allotted PE days. The children have been told, a timetable has been put into the school newsletter and the days will be published on each class's webpage on the website.



PE kit is available from the school uniform shop - Linela Embroidery, Unit 1, Tomorosa, Awkley Lane, Olveston, Bristol. BS354EW - Tel - 01454 615300. There are some supplier issues for the school hoodies for the youngest and oldest ages so please be patient when ordering.

PE kit White T-shirt/school red & black (new style) PE top, red or black shorts. School red & black hoody/red sweatshirt and red/black tracksuit bottoms.

Footwear Trainers should be worn into school in readiness for PE.

Long Hair Hair bands and clips to tie hair back.

Jewellery All jewellery must be removed including studs. (Please supply tape for newly pierced ears for the first 6 weeks only)



Outdoor Playtimes, Lunchtimes on the field & Outside Learning - All children will need wellies, to be kept in school.

OPAL

As we have already seen this week, the weather is changing! As much as we are still hoping for a long stretched out summer lasting through September, the rain has already got the better of us.

As an OPAL school, we want the children to enjoy and experience all of our playground areas as much of the year as possible. Please ensure that named wellies and puddle-suits/waterproofs are in school from now, so that the children can play freely. The mud is coming and we are getting ready!

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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.

Thursday 6 November 9.30am	Thursday 6 November 11.00am
Tuesday 11 November 9.30am	Tuesday 11 November 11.00am
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

The forest school area has had an exciting refresh over the summer holidays, and thanks to Mrs Swann, Mrs McAulay and their husbands, there is a brand new shelter in place, which means the area can be used, come rain or shine. There is a new strong tarp covering the area and there is plenty of space for classes of 30 to fit comfortably underneath. Small fire sessions can also be run there, as there is now a fire pit space and plenty of ventilation. Along with a very kind donation from the Almondsbury Community shop and funds raised from last years' events, the PA were able to fund this project. The whole school will be able to benefit from the improvements made over the summer. Thanks to all who helped to complete this project.

After 2 years, it is time for me to pass the baton onto somebody new and so we are looking for anyone who would be interested in taking over the role of chairperson of the PTA. 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. You don't have to do it on your own, you can share the role with another person if you wish. The PA is an established part of the school, but without a chairperson the charity cannot continue to run, which means no more fun events such as the colour run, summer and Christmas Fayres, discos, movie nights and auction ball, and consequently less funds for school projects. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact us at Almondsburyschoolpa@gmail.com, or speak to Claire Jarvis.

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

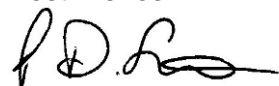
3.20pm – 3.55pm

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

DATES FOR 2025/26**TERM 1****Monday 8 September****Tuesday 9 September****Wednesday 10 September****Thursday 11 September****Friday 12 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****TERM 2****Monday 3 November****Thursday 6 November****Monday 10 November****Tuesday 11 November****Thursday 13 November****Monday 17 November****Tuesday 18 November****Wednesday 19 November****Monday 1 December****Friday 5 December****Friday 12 December****Tuesday 16 December****Wednesday 17 December****Thursday 18 December****Friday 19 December****Mrs Lansdown's class swimming every afternoon this week
Meet your child's teacher 3.30-4.00pm – Miss Hake, Mr Garcia, Mrs Williams and Mr Dean, Mrs Lansdown and Miss Ramli's classes****Reception parents Phonics, Reading and Writing workshop at 6.00pm in the Hall****All Reception children in school mornings and lunch****Meet your child's teacher 3.30-4.00pm Mrs Leonard, Mr Evens , Miss Whittingham and Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett's classes****Wrong Trousers Day – wear silly trousers for the day into school****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 starts for all pupils****Book and Remembrance Week****Reception intake September 2026 tours 9.30 am and 11.00am****Individual photographs all day****Reception intake September 2026 tours 9.30 am and 11.00am****Parents Evenings 4.00 – 7.00pm****Reception intake September 2026 tours 1.30pm and 2.30pm****Parents Evenings 4.00 – 7.00pm****Flu vaccinations for pupils****Mr Evens's class swimming and Mr Dean and Mrs Williams's class swimming every afternoon this week****PA Christmas Fair****Reception and KS1 Christmas party****Christmas lunch followed by Entertainment afternoon for pupils****Year 3 and 4 Christmas party****Year 5 and 6 Carols by Candlelight at St Mary's Church****Year 5 and 6 Christmas party****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

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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	