

15 September 2025

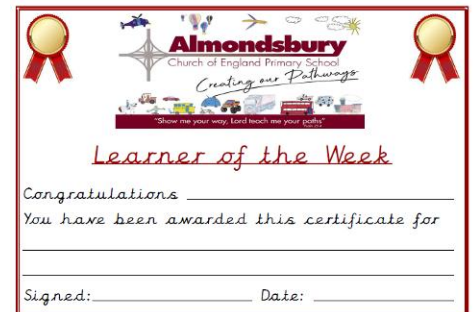
Dear Parents

## SCHOOL YEAR 2025/2026 - NEWSLETTER NO 3

### 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	-	Lois Day
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	-	Ameera Rowe
Miss Whittingham	-	Orfeas Perakakis
Mrs Lansdown	-	Andile Bwalya
Mr Evens	-	Amelia Wood
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	-	Toby Bailhache
Mr Garcia	-	Henry Randall
Mrs Leonard	-	Alys Hallsworth
Miss Hake	-	Skyla Martin



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

### YEAR 6 VISIT TO FRANCE

The year 6's left early this morning on their exciting journey over to Paris, France and their residential. We hope they have a fantastic week and enjoy themselves. We will be sharing pictures and news on the website of their activities during the week and much more in next week's newsletter.



### CHARITY EVENT – WRONG TROUSERS

There were so many wrong trousers in school on Friday. We had shorts, PJ bottoms, very fancy leggings, jeans and many more different trousers than the usual school uniform. Don't forget Norbot our gnome will be part of the Gromit Unleashed exhibition at Cribbs Causeway from 13-28 September. Thank you to everyone who has supported this fantastic cause! We raised **£242.00** on Friday for the Bristol Children's Hospital Foundation to support their work in caring for sick children within our area.

### PARENTS PRAYER CHAT GROUP

One of parents in conjunction with Rev Anjali from St Mary's Church is setting up a parents prayer chat group. The purpose of the group would be to pray for the head teacher, teachers, staff, students, and families that are at the school. While it is a Christian prayer group, everyone is welcome to join. People can be as active or inactive in the group as they are comfortable.

If you would like to be included in this new group then please contact Evan McRae on 07591 959233. Parents and grandparents are welcome to join either now or in the future.

## PARENT GOVERNOR NOMINATIONS

A reminder that the nominations for the current parent governor vacancy close on Friday 19 September. We look forward to welcoming one of our parents to the governing body. If you would like to know a little more than the letter shared then please email your questions to the office who will pass these onto the current chair of governors, Sam Turner, and the other parent governors, Marco Boscolo, Sam Bailey-Gard and Rachel Mylrea.

## VACANCY

Would you like to join our exciting Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) Team? As an OPAL school, we value our outdoor playtimes hugely. We have expanded our outdoor play areas and opportunities for our children and now have a vacancy available for a new Play Lead to join the team. The hours are between 12.00noon– 1.30pm daily. This equates to 7.5 hours per week. We can be flexible if needs be with number of days. If you would like more information and the salary for this post, please contact the School Office. Please feel free to pass on the details to anyone who may be interested in this opportunity.

## OPAL UPDATE

Please see the attachment for the Conker collecting competition that the OPAL team are running from this week.

## 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

## 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.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>

## 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.

## PA NEWS

Please join us for our **Party Peeps school disco** on Thursday 9 October. KS1 disco will be from 5.45pm-6:45pm, KS2 from 7pm to 8pm. Tickets cost £5 and include a drink and snack. Tickets are on sale [here](#) . Please add your child's name and class when booking.

We are holding the **PTA AGM** on the evening of 15 October in the staff room. All are welcome to join the meeting where we will be discussing what funds were raised last year, future events and plans for the PTA going forward.

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 do not 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](mailto: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 15 September

Year 6 visit to Paris, France

Reception children in school full time

Mrs Lansdown's class swimming every afternoon this week

Thursday 18 September

Reception parents Mathematics workshop at 2.45pm in the Hall

Friday 19 September

Year 6 return from France

Monday 22 September

Mr Evens's class swimming and Mr Dean and Mrs Williams's class swimming every afternoon this week

Week beg 29 September

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

Thursday 9 October

Harvest Festival

Thursday 23 October

End of term 1

Friday 24 October

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**

<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>	