

22 September 2025

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2025/2026 - NEWSLETTER NO 4

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	-	Mahima Raju
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	-	Logan Cox
Miss Whittingham	-	Leo Sansum
Mrs Lansdown	-	Gino Lattuca
Mr Evens	-	Willow Hammond
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	-	Henry Belisario-Elford
Mr Garcia	-	Rufus Rogers
Mrs Leonard	-	Poppy-Mae Estcourt
Miss Hake	-	Sebastian Kwok
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	-	The Whole Class
Mrs Giles	-	The Whole Class



YEAR 6 VISIT TO FRANCE

The Year 6's had a marvellous time in Paris, France last week on their residential trip. We shared our visit this year with St Peter's and all got on brilliantly throughout the week. We left Almondsbury very early to get to the Eurotunnel on our journey through the south of England and northern France. It was quite a journey and one that will stick in our memories for some time!



Tuesday morning saw the group visit the local market town of Brie Comte Robert. After the completion of the town trail and seeing the sights it was time to buy some very priceless souvenirs. The next stop was the huge Carrefour and the chance to purchase some French sweets and chocolates to take home. The afternoon sessions were adventurous activities of orienteering and sensory trail. The children thoroughly enjoyed the latter walking around the planned trail with their thick blindfolds on having to rely on their group of friends to lead the way. The evening was filled with a visit to a snail farm to learn all about how snails are bred and raised for the vast market in France and the globe for these delicacies.



It was a gloriously sunny day as we set off for Paris on Wednesday starting with a walk up and down the 1340 steps to the second floor of the Eiffel Tower. We all made it up without stopping and for some being very brave of how high we were going. The clear blue skies made it perfect to see the sights of Paris. After that the River Seine beckoned and a trip on the Bateaux Parisian. The children were superbly behaved and so quiet going around the Musee d'Orsay to look at some precious art from Van Gogh, Monet, Renior and others. It was then onto the coach and back to the chateau for dinner.



Thursday is Disney day on the trip, and the children certainly were excited when they saw the signs at the entrance to the park. Despite being extremely busy we managed a full day of rides especially the two favourites of Hyperspace Mountain and Big Thunder Mountain. The visit to the shop and the Disney Stars Parade were a fitting end to a fun packed visit. A great day was had by all! There was a special treat at dinner for those who wanted to sample the snails in garlic butter. Over half of the children did so. Some actually liked them and had quite a few! The evening disco saw the children (and adults) throwing some great moves. Sadly it was then time to pack to go home.



Our final part of the trip was a visit to the chocolate factory at Lascelle. Here we saw how the chocolate was made and moulded into the various delights that were on sale in the shop. It was a tough decision as to what to buy, however everyone chose their chocolates in the end.



It was a fabulous trip with many wonderful memories made and what a great way to start the school year. Thank you to all the adults who accompanied the children and kept them entertained and safe throughout the week – Mrs Goode, Miss Ramli, Mrs Barrett, Mrs Williams, Mrs Bowen, Mrs Challis and a guest appearance by Mr B-M, I also had a great time as the children were a credit to themselves and our school with their enthusiasm and wonderful behaviour. There were many comments from members of the public on how well behaved the children were in Brie, Paris and at Disney. Well done to all of them so being brilliantly behaved. There are many more photos on the school website on the year 6 classes pages.

YEAR 5 PROJECT

Year 5 had a fantastic time during their Project Week, working exceptionally hard to create their very own Madame Tussauds event. The children spent the week researching, designing and preparing their displays with impressive creativity and enthusiasm. From carefully chosen costumes and props to engaging presentations, they brought a wide range of famous figures to life. Their effort and teamwork really shone through and the final event was a brilliant celebration of their hard work – enjoyed by pupils, staff and visitors alike.

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.

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.

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: <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>

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

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's 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

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 22 September

Week beg 29 September

Thursday 9 October

Thursday 23 October

Friday 24 October

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

Thursday 6 November

Monday 10 November

Tuesday 11 November

Thursday 13 November

Monday 17 November

Tuesday 18 November

Wednesday 19 November

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

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	