

13 October 2025

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2025/2026 - NEWSLETTER NO 7

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	-	Rocco Bear Jenkins
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	-	Molly Harrex
Miss Whittingham	-	Eva Lazz-Onyenobi
Mrs Lansdown	-	Vivaan Turner
Mr Evens	-	Jenson Morgan
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	-	Summer Wilson
Mr Garcia	-	Mac Pearce
Mrs Leonard	-	Isla McNeil
Miss Hake	-	Elsie Bradford
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	-	Jacob Anane-Adusei
Mrs Giles	-	Austin Okasa



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest festival went very well with the children singing beautifully. We focused this year on the work of the farmers to tend the land and harvest the crops that we eat and how thankful we should be for this. We also found out the meaning of the parable about the sower. The harvest display looked fulsome with tinned and packet goods alongside the harvest loaves and the flower arrangements, courtesy of Mrs Byrne. All of the food that was donated by yourselves has been sent to the food

bank namely the Five Loaves and Two Fishes charity of St Paul's in Bristol. The loaves were shared during the afternoon with all of the pupils, they were delicious! Thank you for all your contributions, they were much appreciated.



YEAR 6 VISIT TO LIFESKILLS

Year 6 had a brilliant visit to the LifeSkills centre in Bristol on Wednesday. They encountered lots of potentially hazardous scenarios and learnt about personal safety in the home and while out and about. Children had to work together to decide how to overcome each problem and had the opportunity to learn from their mistakes in a safe environment. The children thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and gained valuable knowledge and practical skills that can be transferred to everyday life. The children listened really well and we were proud of their mature responses to the different issues they talked about. The guides who led the children are all volunteers and did an amazing job.



YEAR 1 AND 2 WOW DAY



Key stage 1 children had their WOW day on Tuesday for their topic 'Out and About in Almondsbury'. The children had an action-packed day learning all about their local area. We were lucky enough to visit Almondsbury Garden Centre where the children did some planting of daffodil bulbs and explored the grounds on a skeleton hunt. We were then treated to delicious squash and biscuits in the café before returning to school. In school, the children learnt how to make apple juice and practised sketching apple trees in relation to the Almondsbury apple orchard. All the children had a great time and many



thanks to Almondsbury garden centre for having us.



SAFEGUARDING POLICIES

Every year we must update our Safeguarding Policies in light of the updated guidance from Keeping Children Safe in Education 2025. Here is the link to the policies that we are required to publish to parents and all stakeholders. [Safeguarding - Almondsbury Church of England Primary School \(almondsburyprimary.co.uk\)](https://www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk/safeguarding) If you have any comments on these please direct them to myself Paul.Smith@almondsburyprimary.co.uk Thank you in advance.

E-SAFETY NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

This month in the parental e-safety newsletter the focus is on how AI can affect mental health of children and how parents can talk to children about this aspect of the new technology. There is also a feature on the use of YouTube looking at YouTube kids and what parents need to be aware of in the use of this site or app by their children.

We know that there are many different groups that are set up on WhatsApp. There are benefits and challenges to these groups especially in terms of group chats, locked chats and privacy settings. There is a guide on how to navigate these.

YOUTUBE

We have recently been made aware that a number of children in upper key stage 2 have created their own YouTube channels and are sharing content. Although this has been harmless so far, we are concerned that these channels are public and parents need to be aware that this presents a safeguarding issue, as anyone on the internet can access the channels and get to know the children. We would like all parents to check with their children if they have set themselves up on YouTube and circumvented the age limits for creating channels and ensure these are made private in the settings. You can find out how by looking on the e-safety newsletter or following the instructions on this video [Bright Data Toolkit - Web Scraper API](#)

We take this duty of safeguarding care seriously and ask parents to ensure they are checking what their children are uploading onto the internet for all to see.

PARENTS EVENINGS

We have set the Parents Evenings booking system up on Arbor. The Parents Evening dates of **Thursday 13 November and Tuesday 18 November will be face to face. The booking system is on Arbor and will be open for you to book appointments from Monday 20 October until Wednesday 12 November.**

PA NEWS

Thanks to everyone who bought tickets for the Party Peeps disco last Friday, the kids seemed to have loads of fun (and the adult helpers too), and together we raised over £500 for school funds. Big thanks to Jodie Taylor for organising a great event.

We are holding the **PTA AGM** on Wednesday 15 October starting promptly at 6pm 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.

Our next event will be a sweet sale after school on Friday 7 November; lots of lovely goodies will be on offer.

PARENTS PRAYER CHAT GROUP

One of our 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 click on the following link <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Le0pV5r2lqQ1EaGNY5w5C6> Parents and grandparents are welcome to join either now or in the future.

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 - FULL	Thursday 6 November 11.00am - FULL
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: [Advice for parents and guardians - Mental Health UK \(mentalhealth-uk.org\)](https://www.mentalhealth-uk.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. 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.

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

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DATES FOR 2025/26**TERM 1**

Wednesday 15 October

Thursday 23 October

Friday 24 October

PA AGM – 6.00pm in the school staffroom

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

Friday 28 November

Non uniform day for Christmas Fair donations

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

Thursday 18 December

Year 5 and 6 Carols by Candlelight at St Mary's Church

Friday 19 December

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
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	