

20 October 2025

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2025/2026 - NEWSLETTER NO 8

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	-	Henry Millman
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	-	Calvin Okasa
Miss Whittingham	-	Sophia Taylor
Mrs Lansdown	-	Marnie Rae
Mr Evens	-	Leonor Barreira Graca
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	-	Antonia Leung
Mr Garcia	-	Sophie Shears
Mrs Leonard	-	Rory Haines
Miss Hake	-	Atreya Matilal
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	-	Kaavish Patel
Mrs Giles	-	Finley Price



MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

On Wednesday, Years 5 and 6 had the opportunity to listen to some professional musicians perform. A flautist and guitarist came to our school from the International Guitar Foundation in Wales and performed many pieces, including some well known ones from movies and shows, classical pieces, and lesser known folk pieces from around the world. The children were amazed at their musicianship and took great interest in hearing about the instruments, how they can be played and the variety of sounds that can be produced. It was a wonderful experience and the children were both impressed and inspired by it.



OPAL UPDATE

We are still bonkers for conkers! They are in our mud kitchen and they are being used for natural art. In the sand pit this week, we have had some wonderful teamwork; look at this fabulous reconstruction of the Almondsbury Interchange! The Reception children are starting to be fully at home in our large outdoor space, and it is lovely to see them forming friendships and exploring their new school together with the help of the older children who are looking out for them very nicely.



Please do not forget that all children should have wellies in school and should bring a waterproof coat for days when it looks like rain as we do play outside in all weathers.

GIRLS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

On Tuesday, the girls football team took part in the South Gloucestershire Girls football tournament. They quickly worked as a team to organise their positions. They played four games and grew as a team throughout the tournament winning their final game with a great goal. It was a brilliant experience with some of the girls finding a new love of football. A great morning, with the opportunity for the girls to build their team and passion for getting out there and trying new things.



WELL DONE

Congratulations to Dhriti was awarded best player of 2025 in Gloucestershire County cricket. There were a couple of international players attending the award ceremony and presenting the awards. Dhriti enjoyed having chat with them talking about her club and school.

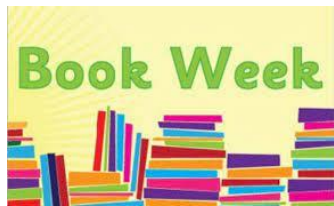
HOUSE POINTS

The children have been busy collecting House Points from a variety of people in school and for lots of reasons; good learning, behaviour, tidy uniform, having correct PE kit, etc. We have been totaling up the number of house points each week. The winning team last term was **WATER with 2597 points**. **As their reward for collecting the most house points they are able to come into school on Thursday 23 October in their own clothes**. Well done to everyone in **WATER**. We will see how well we get on this term.

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 from 3.30pm for you to book appointments from Monday 20 October until Wednesday 12 November**.

BOOK WEEK



Straight after half term when we return on Monday 3 November, it is our annual Book Week. We have linked this in with our Remembrance Week. There are lots of exciting things happening. We have the Book Fair every evening after school from 3.30-4.00pm in the library area, Big Read, drop everything and read sessions, reading swaps lessons, homework linked to reading and dressing up day on Friday. On Tuesday or Friday, you are invited into the library for a reading breakfast from 8.15am. A letter was emailed last Friday with more details (bookable via your Arbor account).

PA NEWS

Thanks to all that attended the AGM last week, we had a productive meeting. Minutes available soon on our website.

The uniform shed will be open after school on Thursday so come along if you need any good quality pre loved uniform for after half term. Some WOW day and spooky costumes will also be available. Cash and card payments accepted.

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.

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.learninggamesforkids.com/>

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.



A REMINDER THAT SCHOOL IS CLOSED THIS FRIDAY 24 OCTOBER FOR INSET DAY.

Best wishes



Mr Paul D Smith
Executive Head Teacher

DATES FOR 2025/26

TERM 1

Thursday 23 October

Friday 24 October

End of term 1

INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)

TERM 2

Monday 3 November

Thursday 6 November

Monday 10 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

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

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
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	