

3 November 2025

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2025/2026 - NEWSLETTER NO 9

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

Well done to these children who received the Letters of Commendation for last term from their teachers. They were awarded for many different things including: positive attitudes to learning, being conscientious, behaviour and kindness.

Miss Ramli	-	Rocco Merlino Thompson	Harper Stewart
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	-	Evie Gardner	William Jarvis
Miss Whittingham	-	Eddie Acford	Harrison Sander
Mrs Lansdown	-	Vivaan Turner	Inayah Usman
Mr Evens	-	Sophia Moore	Evie Rae
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	-	Theo Pinteala	Archie Tremlin
Mr Garcia	-	Caitlin Spruell	Casey Parratt
Mrs Leonard	-	Nilan Vijayakumar	Jess Connell
Miss Hake	-	Ella Rezaei	Miles Hall
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	-	Rishaan Turner	Jane McRae
Miss Giles	-	Ivy Benfield	Lwazi Bwalya

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Almondsbury School competed in the South Gloucestershire Open Football tournament at Almondsbury RFC. Our squad of 9, played in their opening pool against St Michaels SG and St Mary's Yate. They played an excellent first game with many attempts at goal but the other team managed to get a sneaky goal in at the last moment winning 1-0. The second game was again a close fought match with Almondsbury winning 1-0 this time. All teams were very close with 2 teams being put through to the semifinals. Almondsbury played against Wheatfield and managed a convincing win 6-1 to go through to a nail biting final. The match was tightly fought with Almondsbury pulling a long range goal giving the final score 1-0 and winners of the tournament to Almondsbury. The boys played excellently as a team, communicating well and drawing on one another's strengths. They go through to the finals to be played again at Almondsbury RFC in November. Well done to all the players and a special recognition to the goal keepers for a great team attitude and skills throughout the tournament!



WELL DONE



Before half term some of the children participated in the cross country trials run by South Gloucestershire. Eva and Annabelle came 4th and 6th in their year 5 race and Lois came 4th in her year 6 race, Well done to all three of them who have been asked to join the South Gloucestershire squad.

BOOK WEEK



It is our Book Week this 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 with more details (bookable via your Arbor account).

PARENTS EVENINGS

We have set the Parents Evenings booking system up on Arbor. The Parents Evening dates of **Tuesday 18 November and now Thursday 20 November will be face to face. The booking system is on Arbor and will remain open until 3.30pm Wednesday 12 November, if you have not yet booked. Please note the change in date for the Thursday parents evenings due to the school closure for the funeral of Mrs Sarah Bailey as stated in a separate letter you will have received prior to the newsletter.**

POPPY SALES AND MERCHANDISE

We have poppies for sale in school and associated merchandise. These will be on sale at the end of the day at the front of the school for parents and children to buy. There are suggested prices for the merchandise and a suggestion of 20p for a poppy (or more if you would like to donate more). The poppies and merchandise will be on sale from today until Monday 11 November in the morning at the office, and at break time being sold by the School Parliament and after school at the Book Fair.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

A reminder that we have our annual school photographs next Monday. The children will have their photo taken individually and with any siblings that are in school currently with them.

FOREST SCHOOLS UPDATE TERM 1

The start of the autumn term has been busy in Forest School with crafting and cooking over the camp fire across the year groups. There were a host of activities including conker webs, making an elder necklace, clay faces and mushroom creations, capturing the children's imagination. Our fire skills have been up levelled and the children have thoroughly enjoyed cooking damper bread, baked apples, toast and hot chocolate.



CHILDREN IN NEED



On Friday 14 November, we will be supporting Children in Need. This year, the School Parliament have decided that our school participation will be all the children coming into school dressed as 'their favourite celebrity or their own clothes'. The suggested donation is as usual a £1 coin to be brought into school for the collection. Thank you in advance for your support.

PA NEWS

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

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

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: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/0/ww1/>

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



Please note school will be closed on Thursday 13 November as a mark of respect and to allow staff to attend the celebration funeral for Mrs Sarah Bailey, one of our valued teaching assistants.

Best wishes



Mr Paul D Smith
Executive Head Teacher

DATES FOR 2025/26

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

Thursday 20 November

Monday 1 December

Friday 5 December

Friday 12 December

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

School closure due to funeral

Reception intake September 2026 tours 1.30pm and 2.30pm

Parents Evenings 4.00 – 7.00pm

Flu vaccinations for pupils

Parents Evenings 4.00 – 7.00pm (please note the change of date as a result of school closure on Thursday 13 November)

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

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

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	