

3 November 2025

Dear Parents

It is with great sadness that I am writing to inform you that Mrs Sarah Bailey, who was one of our valued teaching assistants in school for 24 years, has passed away after a brave battle with cancer.

Mrs Bailey was a determined, vivacious and lovely lady who had a zest for life. Despite her illness, she was in school as much as she could be up until she was not able to continue anymore last year.

All the school and local community benefitted from her kindness and expertise supporting so many children and adults in school over the years.

**Her celebration of life will be on Thursday 13 November. As a result, and in consultation with Mr Sam Turner, chair of governors, I have made the decision to close school for the day as a mark of respect and to allow all members of staff to attend her celebration service on that day.**

I have arranged wraparound care with Future Stars for those parents who may struggle to find alternative childcare on the day. Priority will be given to those parents whose children already attend the wraparound care and the number will be limited to 30, so if you wish to book, please do so quickly. The link will be sent out in the next few days. Parents Evenings arranged for that day will now be on Thursday 20 November instead.

I am sure that you will join me in passing on our sincere thanks and condolences to Mrs Bailey's husband, children (who also attended Almondsbury) and the rest of her family.

Best wishes



**Mr Paul D Smith**  
Executive Head Teacher