

10 November 2025

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2025/2026 - NEWSLETTER NO 10

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	-	Luke Bailhache
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	-	James Jermy
Miss Whittingham	-	Leilani Date
Mrs Lansdown	-	Ava Cotter
Mr Evens	-	Coby Pearce
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	-	Toby Bailhache
Mr Garcia	-	Cordelia Reihe
Mrs Leonard	-	Nikolai Daniels
Miss Hake	-	Ivy Grace
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	-	Yuki Boscolo
Mrs Giles	-	Daris O'Grady



BOOK WEEK



What a brilliant Book Week we have had!

We have absolutely loved seeing how excited and engaged all the children have been with our book-themed activities. Their enthusiasm has been fantastic!

On Tuesday and Friday, we welcomed families to our reading breakfasts. It was such a joy to see everyone enjoying stories together over toast and making great use of our library space. Wednesday was all about *The Big Read!* Children

teamed up across classes to read with one another and chat about their favourite books — it was a lovely way to share stories and build connections.



Our matchbox mini book competition brought out some amazing creativity! Huge congratulations to our winners (**Alex, Lyra, James, Reggie and Pranaysri**) and a big well done to everyone who entered!

We wrapped up the week with our dress-up day, and wow — the costumes were incredible! It was wonderful to see so many imaginative outfits inspired by beloved book characters.



Some classes took part in a live author event with Tom Palmer and illustrator Carolina Rabei where they were able to ask questions and took part in a live drawing event with the illustrator. The children were excited and felt inspired after this session with them.

A big thank you to everyone who visited the Scholastic Book Fair and to those families who have generously purchased books from our wishlist — your support means so much. If you'd like to keep helping us promote a love of reading, we'd be thrilled if you considered donating a non-fiction book to our library via our **LoveReading wishlist**.



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.**

PARENTS ENGAGEMENT FORM

As part of our increasing engagement with parents I have created an online form to find out your views on what you would like to see in terms of parental workshops and sessions. There are a variety of options that are available for you to choose from. We will work through these in order of priority taken from the responses we receive. It will take just a minute or two to complete. Thank you for your time in advance.

[Parental Engagement – Fill in form](#)

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 Tuesday 11 November in the morning at the office, breaktime being sold by the School Parliament and after school at the Book Fair.

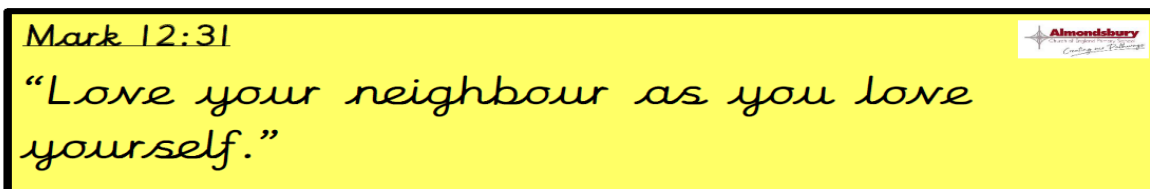


E-SAFETY NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

Please find attached this month's e-safety newsletter for parents. In this edition there is a feature on WhatsApp and in particular parents groups linked to classes. There are some handy reminders about content and what the social etiquette should be. If you do have an issue then please speak to a member of staff rather than sharing this within the group. There is also a handy reference for the different age ratings for specific online platforms and games.

COMPASSION HOME DISCUSSION SHEET

This term's theme for our Collective Worship is Compassion. We have attached the home discussion sheet for you to read through and talk to your child/ren about the themes within it. As you know the theme runs throughout the term and we will also be looking at 'Too Much Selfie Isn't Healthy' within our Heartsmart PSHE programme and Tolerance within our British Values. Below is our Bible reading linked to our Heartsmart theme for this term.



CHILDREN IN NEED



This 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 on Friday 15 November for the collection. Thank you in advance for your support.

NEW CATERING PROVIDER

We are very pleased to advise that we will have a new provider of our school meals from 24 November. Innovate, operated by Impact Food Group are an award winning catering provider, you can find out more information about them here <https://impactfood.co.uk/brands/innovate-ifg/>. Their Primary school offer has been developed to bring a memorable experience for our children. Quality food is the basis of their offer coupled with innovation that delivers fantastic dining experiences that will ensure our pupils truly enjoy their lunches and go back to lessons nourished, relaxed and ready to learn. The menus are nutritionally balanced and compliant with the revised food standards and allergen labelling regulations, special dietary needs are also considered and catered for. This will offer our children hot lunches that they are familiar with and therefore more likely to eat. If your child does have an allergen of any kind then please complete the form within the link [Almondsbury Pupil Allergen Form](#). The new menus will be circulated as soon as they are available. Meal ordering and payments will continue to be made via Arbor.



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

The PA are busy getting ready for our Winter Fayre on Friday 5 December! Please remember that colour hamper donations and a chocolate donation for the tombola are due by Friday 28 November. In exchange for a chocolate donation, children can enjoy a non-uniform day on Friday 28 November! The PA are also collecting Christmas clothes (sweaters, t-shirts, dresses, etc.) — please drop any items into the yellow bin by the office. We cannot wait to see everyone at the Winter Fayre for some festive fun! If you would like to help out, please speak to any PA member — volunteers are always welcome!

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/>

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.

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

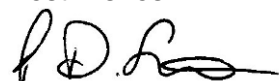
Times: 8.30am – 9.05am
3.20pm – 3.55pm



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 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
Tuesday 16 December

Wednesday 17 December

Thursday 18 December
Friday 19 December

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

Year 5 and 6 Portals to the Past workshop

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

Christmas lunch followed by Entertainment afternoon for pupils

Year 3 and 4 Christmas party

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

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

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

INSET DAYS	Monday 1 September 2025 Friday 24 October 2025 Friday 22 May 2026 Monday 1 June 2026 Plus one to be confirmed	
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