

24 November 2025

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2025/2026 - NEWSLETTER NO 12

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	-	Rory Smith
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	-	Bella Scott
Miss Whittingham	-	Matthew Berry
Mrs Lansdown	-	Hollie Rutter
Mr Evens	-	Paul Vogiatzis
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	-	Rosa Sackett
Mr Garcia	-	Jack Bursey
Mrs Leonard	-	Rivaan Babariya
Miss Hake	-	Jack Hammond
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	-	Jane McRae
Mrs Giles	-	Alfie Stewart



YEAR 5 AND 6 WOW DAY

Year 5 and 6 enjoyed an exciting Ancient Greece WOW Day, filled with activities that brought the ancient world to life. The day began with a lively Greek quiz, where pupils worked in teams to answer questions about famous gods, mythical creatures and important historical events. After that, the children took part in a selection of traditional Greek games, discovering how people entertained themselves thousands of years ago and comparing these to modern playground activities. The children listened to a range of Greek myths, including stories of heroic quests and powerful gods. These sparked lots of discussion and helped the children make links with their current learning in class. The event finished with an energetic Olympic-style tournament, where everyone had the chance to compete in races and challenges inspired by the original Olympic Games. It was a fun, engaging and informative day that truly captured the spirit of Ancient Greece.



NON-UNIFORM DAY

Friday 28 November is our non-uniform day to help support the PA Christmas Fayre on Friday 5 December. We would really appreciate your support in providing items for the class colour hampers. Thank you in advance for your generous donations.

BOYS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Almondsbury Open Football team were able to take part in the Finals Tournament at Almondsbury RFC on Tuesday 18 November. There were five teams, all winners of their own area tournament. Our team played four games, starting with Frampton. It was a close game, with the opponents scoring a goal in the final moments. The second game was again closely fought, this time it was Almondsbury that scored the deciding goal. The third match was tense with a 1-1 draw. It was all down to the final game with the leading team in the group. Although Almondsbury played well, they were beaten 2-0 by the tournament winners. A great tournament, the boys played some great football and should be very proud of themselves.



OPAL UPDATE

Winter has arrived and our OPAL playtimes are showing it! We have been playing with ice and mud quite a lot, but there are always alternatives such as our small world dolls and animals. The beach in winter continues to be a hit, and we continue to have football on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Please make sure your children are dressed for this cold and wet season, so that they can enjoy their outdoor time to the max and go back to class ready to learn.

Our new OPAL competition for this term is to support the Small World Zone which is in need of dinosaur and animal toys; collections are open from Monday 24 November - Friday 5 December, and the winning class gets an additional playtime session. Please see the attached flyer and/or the OPAL noticeboard for full details – it is a good opportunity to have that pre-Christmas clear out!



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](#)

NEW CATERING PROVIDER

We are very pleased to advise that we will have a new provider of our school meals from today. 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.

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

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!

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.kidsgames4free.com/>

VACANCY FOR BREAKFAST CLUB TEAM MEMBER

Would you like to join our exciting Breakfast Club team? We now have a vacancy available for a new member to join the breakfast club team. The hours are between 7.40– 8.55am daily. This equates to 6.15 hours per week. We can be flexible if needs be with number of days, however five days a week are preferable. 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 CLEANING TEAM MEMBER

Would you like to join our cleaning team? We now have a vacancy available for a new member to join the cleaning team. The hours are between 3.30 – 6.00pm daily. This equates to 12.5 hours per week. We can be flexible if needs be with number of days, however five days a week are preferable. 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

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P.D. Smith'.

Mr Paul D Smith
Executive Head Teacher

DATES FOR 2025/26

TERM 2

Friday 28 November

Monday 1 December

Thursday 4 December

Friday 5 December

Wednesday 10 December

Thursday 11 December

Friday 12 December

Tuesday 16 December

Non uniform day for Christmas Fair donations

Mr Evens's class swimming and Mr Dean and Mrs

Williams's class swimming every afternoon this week

Year 5 singing at The Mall with Bridge choir

PA Christmas Fair

Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance 6.00pm

Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance 9.30am

Reception Christmas performance 2.00pm

Reception and KS1 Christmas party

Christmas lunch followed by Entertainment afternoon for pupils

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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 Monday 23 February 2026 Friday 22 May 2026 Monday 1 June 2026	

Please note the final confirmed INSET DAY on Monday 23 February 2026