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Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2025/2026 - NEWSLETTER NO 13

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.

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| Miss Ramli | - | Hiteshree Zala |
| Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett | - | Finnley Garrett |
| Miss Whittingham | - | Hunter Dawson |
| Mrs Lansdown | - | Whole class |
| Mr Evens | - | Saana Sahni |
| Mrs Williams and Mr Dean | - | Luke Hallworth |
| Mr Garcia | - | Roma Smith |
| Mrs Leonard | - | Quentin Dawson-Skidmore |
| Miss Hake | - | Sofia Wigmore |
| Mrs North and Mrs Marshall | - | Edward Lampier |
| Mrs Giles | - | Olive Cazaly |



NEW CATERING PROVIDER

It was the first week of the new catering provider last week. The food and presentation looked amazing and the food was delicious. The children have been very impressed by the look of the food and how it is being served to them. The salad bar was extremely popular across all children including on roast day! We are very pleased to have moved over to Innovate Catering (run by IFG) and increase in quality and quantity. We will be introducing the filled rolls as from today. Any feedback that you would like to share from yourselves or the children please do let us know.



DON'T FORGET IT IS OUR CHRISTMAS FAIR THIS FRIDAY FROM 6.00 – 7.30PM. IT WILL BE LOVELY TO SEE EVERYONE WITH US.

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PARENTS ENGAGEMENT FORM

I have only received 8 responses to this form. Please do try to take the time to complete this so we can support parents about how the children learn. The form responses will help us 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. [Parental Engagement – Fill in form](#)

CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES – We are all looking forward to watching the Christmas performances by the children over the next couple of weeks. They have been practicing hard and are keen to show you their singing and acting prowess. Please make sure you have your tickets for the performance you would like to attend. Can I remind you, that although we do allow parents to take photos of the children whilst on stage and afterwards, we ask that these are not posted on social media unless they are just of your own child and other children are not in the photograph. Thank you in advance for your co-operation. We will be collecting for charity at these performances. This year will be collecting for the **Grand Appeal (Bristol Children's Hospital Charity, as chosen by our School Parliament, and Children's Hospice South West)**. We will be able to collect cash at the performances alternatively you will be able to donate online via your Arbor account – we will let you know when this goes live.

CHRISTMAS CARDS – The children will be able to bring in Christmas cards as from Tuesday 2 December and placed in the postal sacks in the corridors. Please make sure the cards are addressed correctly with first names and surnames as well as class names please. This way we ensure the cards get to their rightful recipient.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH is on Tuesday 16 December this year, made by Mrs Byrne and the kitchen staff. The children will be able to wear their Christmas jumpers if they've got one and Christmassy hats.



PA NEWS

The PA are busy getting ready for our Winter Fayre on Friday 5 December! 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!

OPAL UPDATE

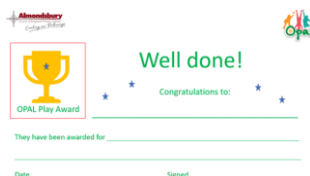


In OPAL, we have been busy learning about the article 31 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). This states that **every child has the right to rest, leisure, play, and to participate in cultural and artistic life.** We embrace this right daily in our playtimes and have come together as a school to discuss what this means for us all. The Active Council have drawn up our school's Play Charter, which we will be unveiling soon.

As we are now in December, Christmas is arriving in the playground: expect daily Christmas parties soon!

Congratulations to the following pupils who all got an OPAL Play Award for consistently supporting Reception pupils on the playground:

- Rocco Merlino Thompson
- Zach Taylor
- Jacob Little
- Rocco Bear Jenkins
- Joshua Agyemang



Please don't forget that our OPAL Small World Competition closes this Friday and the class that succeeds in bringing in the most items wins an additional playtime. Further details on the OPAL noticeboard and in the attached flyer.

RECEPTION SCHOOL TOUR

We have added an additional date for a tour of the school. Please contact the office if you would like to come along on Thursday 8 January 2026 at 9.30am.

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.

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: [Cosmic Kids Positive Screentime](#)

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

Monday 1 December

Thursday 4 December

Friday 5 December

Wednesday 10 December

Thursday 11 December

Friday 12 December

Tuesday 16 December

Wednesday 17 December

Thursday 18 December

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

Year 3 and 4 Christmas party

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

Year 5 and 6 Christmas party

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Friday 19 December

End of Term 2

TERM 3

Monday 5 January

Start of term 3 for all children

Wednesday 6 January

Cricket coaching day for EYFS, Year 5 and 6

Thursday 7 January

Cricket coaching day for KS1 and Years 3 and 4

Thursday 8 January

New Reception parents tour 9.30am

Tuesday 13 January

Choir to Young Voices in Birmingham

Friday 16 January

Movie Night 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Saturday 17 January

South Gloucestershire swimming gala

Thursday 22 January

Year 5 and 6 Sportshall event in Yate 3.30pm

Friday 23 January

Non-uniform day for Grand Appeal

Tuesday 27 January

Year 1 and 2 WOW day

Friday 6 February

EYFS and KS1 Number day with NSPCC

Wednesday 11 February

South Gloucestershire Dance Festival at St Michael's

Friday 13 February

End of Term 3

TERM 4

Monday 23 February

INSET DAY – School closed to all pupils

Tuesday 24 February

Start of Term 4 for all children

Thursday 5 March

Parents Evening 4.00pm - 7.00pm

Tuesday 10 March

Parents Evening 4.00pm - 7.00pm

Tuesday 17 March

Year 1 and 2 visit

Thursday 19 March

Bridge FoS year 2 multiskills event

Friday 20 March

Comic Relief Day

Monday 23 March

PA Quiz Night

Tuesday 24 March

Year 3 and 4 visit

Monday 30 March

Year 5 and 6 visit

Tuesday 31 March

Arts Week

Wednesday 1 April

Year 3 and 4 Easter performance 9.30am

Thursday 2 April

Year 3 and 4 Easter performance 6.00pm

End of Term 4

Term dates for 2025/26

| Term | Starts | Ends |
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| 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