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Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2025/2026 - NEWSLETTER NO 14

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	-	Zachary Taylor
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	-	Ozzy Knapp
Miss Whittingham	-	Maisie Watson
Mrs Lansdown	-	Edward Wilkosz
Mr Evens	-	Alexander Bennett
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	-	Jason Agyemang
Mr Garcia	-	Aarini Turner
Mrs Leonard	-	Autumn Pearce
Miss Hake	-	Laith ElHalabi
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	-	Tommy Aylett-Steele
Mrs Giles	-	Arshveer Singh



PA CHRISTMAS FAYRE

We had our annual Christmas fayre on Friday evening. The weather was wet and windy but that didn't deter the crowds from coming along. The usual inside stalls were packed with goodies and items that sold very well for the whole time of the fayre. Father Christmas was a very popular attraction, sat in his beautifully decorated grotto. It was a pleasure to see so many people in the Hall and down the corridor waiting to visit Father Christmas. Thank you to all parents who sent in their donations for the stalls as well as items for the tombola. The PA Colour hamper draw took place at the end of the Christmas fayre. The eleven winners were drawn by the app for the hampers. Thank you so much to all those parents who donated items for the hampers, which looked fantastic as ever. The winning classes for the hampers were Mrs Leonard's class (Blue hamper) and Miss Whittingham's class (Pink hamper). Each class wins £25 voucher to spend on items for their classroom.



Thank you also to the many parental volunteers who gave up their time to help set up, run the stalls and clear up after the fayre. Thank you to everyone who came and spent their money. The fayre raised approximately £2,212. A fantastic amount! A huge thank you to the PA who organised such a great evening and do so much to support the school.

YEAR 5 CAROLS AT THE MALL

The year 5's gave a lovely performance with the Bridge Schools at The Mall, singing beautifully with all the other year 5's from the schools Christmas carols. They all looked so angelic standing front and centre stage on the purple carpet performing to members of the public as well as their parents.



DECEMBER PARENTAL E-SAFETY NEWSLETTER

The latest edition of our e-safety newsletter for parents is attached to this newsletter. This month it features the potential risks and how to help protect your children from AI companions and chatbots. It also covers information to support parents setting up new technologies that may be bought as Christmas presents. There is also an article on Roblox and how to protect children from seeing extremist materials and views that have crept onto the games recently. Please be vigilant and stay safe online with your children.

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 accounts.



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

What an amazing night on Friday at our Christmas Fayre. We had games, refreshments, raffle, tombola, face painting, prizes and of course Santa and his elves were there too. Thank you to everyone who came along to support and to everyone who helped in any way to make it a big success. We raised a great total for the school which will be used for exciting projects in the new year.

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.

APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOOL PLACES IN SEPTEMBER 2025

If you have a child who was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, you must apply for them to start primary school in September 2025. Applications for primary school admission must be submitted no later than 15 January 2026. If you live in South Gloucestershire online applications can be made by following this link

<https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page;jsessionid=5D07B22CA2CEF2CCFE00440153D700EE?id=GLu6GUIMkpw&familychannel=2-2&channel=family>

If you live outside of South Gloucestershire applications must be made via the local authority of the area you live in.

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: [Celebrating Christmas with CBeebies - CBeebies - BBC](http://www.bbc.com/1/shorts/celebrating-christmas-with-cbeebies)

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 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. This equates to 3.45 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**

Wednesday 10 December

Thursday 11 December

Friday 12 December

Tuesday 16 December

Wednesday 17 December

Thursday 18 December

Friday 19 December

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

End of Term 2

TERM 3

Monday 5 January

Wednesday 6 January

Thursday 7 January

Thursday 8 January

Tuesday 13 January

Friday 16 January

Saturday 17 January

Thursday 22 January

Friday 23 January

Tuesday 27 January

Friday 6 February

Wednesday 11 February

Friday 13 February

TERM 4

Monday 23 February

Tuesday 24 February

Thursday 5 March

Tuesday 10 March

Tuesday 17 March

Thursday 19 March

Friday 20 March

Monday 23 March

Tuesday 24 March

Monday 30 March

Tuesday 31 March

Wednesday 1 April

Thursday 2 April

Term dates for 2025/26

Start of term 3 for all children

Cricket coaching day for EYFS, Year 5 and 6

Cricket coaching day for KS1 and Years 3 and 4

New Reception parents tour 9.30am

Choir to Young Voices in Birmingham

Movie Night 6.00pm – 8.00pm

South Gloucestershire swimming gala

Year 5 and 6 Sportshall event in Yate 3.30pm

Non-uniform day for Grand Appeal

Year 1 and 2 WOW day

EYFS and KS1 Number day with NSPCC

South Gloucestershire Dance Festival at St Michael's

End of Term 3

INSET DAY – School closed to all pupils

Start of Term 4 for all children

Parents Evening 4.00pm - 7.00pm

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Year 1 and 2 visit

Bridge FoS year 2 multiskills event

Comic Relief Day

PA Quiz Night

Year 3 and 4 visit

Year 5 and 6 visit

Arts Week

Year 3 and 4 Easter performance 9.30am

Year 3 and 4 Easter performance 6.00pm

End of Term 4

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

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