

15 December 2025

Dear Parents

## SCHOOL YEAR 2025/2026 - NEWSLETTER NO 15

### 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                 | - | Leo McCarthy                                    |
| Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett  | - | James Jermy                                     |
| Miss Whittingham           | - | Alfie Grace                                     |
| Mrs Lansdown               | - | Jake Nelson                                     |
| Mr Evens                   | - | Avika Gahlyan                                   |
| Mrs Williams and Mr Dean   | - | Lily Taylor                                     |
| Mr Garcia                  | - | The whole class                                 |
| Mrs Leonard                | - | The whole class                                 |
| Miss Hake                  | - | The whole class                                 |
| Mrs North and Mrs Marshall | - | The whole class for their Christmas performance |
| Mrs Giles                  | - | The whole class for their Christmas performance |



**CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES** – The performances always mark the start of all of our Christmas events, which we all look forward to. The Reception children performed their own special nativity to their family members. They all sang and spoke their words really well. It is always a joy to see the Reception children perform their nativity. It was a magical memorable performance. There was also a chance to spend time doing many different Christmas activities afterwards, which were enjoyed by all.



'The Angel who nearly missed it all' was performed by Years 1 and 2. The two performances were also warmly received by their families, who appreciated all of the hard work they have put into delivering a great production. The children performed their lines really well. All of the children were clear in their diction both in their speaking parts as well as their singing. A particular mention to the soloists and main parts for their great performances, plus all the narrators who learnt and delivered their lines so well.



Thank you for your support with practicing words and coming along to support your children. There are more photos on the school website. A special thank you to all the Reception and Key Stage 1 staff for all their efforts in producing the performances so well.

We were collecting for Bristol Children's Hospital Grand Appeal and South West Children's Hospice. We will collect again at the carol service and let you know a total at the start of next term.

We are looking forward to our Year 5 and 6's performing at St Mary's Church in our annual Carols by Candlelight on Wednesday evening. They sounded angelic in the rehearsals.

## **OPAL**

Christmas parties have been the main theme of our lunchtimes lately! We have been dancing to festive tunes, decorating the tree, and we were lucky enough with the weather to have a Christmas-themed picnic for our packed lunch pupils. As always at this time of year, there is mud and lots of it! Please check wellies and waterproofs are functional and fitting over the Christmas break, as things will only get muddier next term!



## **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](http://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: [Santa Claus and Christmas at the North Pole](#)

## **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. 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.

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Website: [www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk](http://www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk)

## 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



I would like to wish all parents and children a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We have had a year of lots of excitement and activity. I would like to thank the children for their hard work and efforts, staff for their tremendous hard work and for keeping the children safe and well. I would also like to thank parents for their continued support. We have a great school community working in partnership. I am looking forward to 2026 and the challenges and successes it will undoubtedly bring. We will see you all during this week and then again on Monday 5 January 2026.



Best wishes



Mr Paul D Smith  
Executive Head Teacher

### DATES FOR 2025/26

#### TERM 2

Tuesday 16 December

Wednesday 17 December

Thursday 18 December

Friday 19 December

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

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

#### TERM 4

Monday 23 February

INSET DAY – School closed to all pupils

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**Tuesday 24 February**  
**Thursday 5 March**  
**Tuesday 10 March**  
**Tuesday 17 March**  
**Thursday 19 March**  
**Friday 20 March**

**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**

**Monday 23 March**  
**Tuesday 24 March**  
**Monday 30 March**  
**Tuesday 31 March**  
**Wednesday 1 April**  
**Thursday 2 April**  
**Term dates for 2025/26**

| <b>Term</b>       | <b>Starts</b>   | <b>Ends</b>                    |
|-------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| <b>Term 1</b>     | <b>Monday 1 September 2025</b>  | <b>Friday 24 October 2025</b>  |
| <b>Term 2</b>     | <b>Monday 3 November 2025</b>   | <b>Friday 19 December 2025</b> |
| <b>Term 3</b>     | <b>Monday 5 January 2026</b>  | <b>Friday 13 February 2026</b> |
| <b>Term 4</b>     | <b>Monday 23 February 2026</b>  | <b>Thursday 2 April 2026</b>   |
| <b>Term 5</b>     | <b>Monday 20 April 2026</b>   | <b>Friday 22 May 2026</b>      |
| <b>Term 6</b>     | <b>Monday 1 June 2026</b>   | <b>Tuesday 21 July 2026</b>    |
| <b>INSET DAYS</b> | <b>Monday 1 September 2025</b><br><b>Friday 24 October 2025</b><br><b>Monday 23 February 2026</b><br><b>Friday 22 May 2026</b><br><b>Monday 1 June 2026</b> |                                |