

19 January 2026

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2025/2026 - NEWSLETTER NO 18

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	-	Harper Stewart
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	-	Isabella Tyson
Miss Whittingham	-	Alfie Dunn
Mrs Lansdown	-	Elisabeth McRae
Mr Evens	-	Keira Whitlock
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	-	George Garland
Mr Garcia	-	William Aford
Mrs Leonard	-	Kacper Nedzik-Puchala
Miss Hake	-	Ben Rick
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	-	Yuki Boscolo
Mrs Giles	-	Daris O'Grady



YEAR 3 AND 4 ROMAN WOW DAY

During our Year 3 and 4 WOW day the children were transported to the heart of the Roman Empire. It was a day packed with exciting activities that brought history to life! With Mrs Williams, everyone had the opportunity to become a master mosaic maker where they designed and created mini mosaics, just like the ones that adorned Roman villas. Secondly, with Mrs Lansdown the children needed to crack the code of Roman numerals where they learnt the secrets of this ancient counting system and participated in fun activities to test their new profound knowledge. With Mr Evens, children marched like a mighty Roman soldier! They put on their helmets and shields and learnt the drills and discipline of the Roman army.



Here is what some of our children thought:

"I really enjoyed making the clock in Mrs Lansdown's class." Jack J

"I have really liked learning about Roman numerals, world domination and also the mosaics on the floors." Keira

"I like dressing up and doing the Roman activities." Coby

"I have really liked doing the mosaics because I like the rich tiles on the floor." Ronnie

"I enjoyed learning all about the Roman numerals." Summer

"It was fun when we were marching like Romans and made a square and used our hands as shields." Jaxon

"I liked doing the quizzes!" Grace

SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS

On Wednesday 14 January, 9 girls and 9 boys from Year 5 and 6 competed in the Large Schools Sportshall Athletics competition at Yate Academy.

The children all competed in two track events and two field events against 6 other schools. Almondsbury performed brilliantly and managed to come first in their heats in all but one (where they were second) of their track events. The field events comprised of standing long jump, triple jump, vertical jump, speed bounce, soft javelin and chest push. Almondsbury achieved 256 points overall for the competition, coming second missing out first place by only 4 points. Even before the event had finished, children were asking about taking part next years! Well done to all the competitors, you were a credit to Almondsbury School.



U21 Squad England Ladies Rugby Squad

We are delighted to see two ex pupils from Almondsbury School, chosen to play for Under 21 England Ladies Rugby Squad this week. In their time at Almondsbury School, Francesca Welsher and Grace Keel both represented and achieved great results in athletics competitions, netball tournaments, swimming and much more and were wonderful role models within the school. We are really proud to see how well they are doing in their sporting achievements and will be cheering them on in all their ventures.

GRAND APPEAL NON UNIFORM DAY

On Friday 23 January, children can come into school dressed in their own clothes for a donation of £1. This is to support and donate towards the School Parliament's chosen charity, The Grand Appeal. The children will also be hearing a presentation from a volunteer at The Grand Appeal about the fantastic work they do. Thank you for your support.



PA UPDATE

Thanks to everyone who came to movie night on Friday, we hope the kids had a great time. Thanks also to all the volunteers who helped run the event, we raised a great amount to put towards school projects. Our next event is a **QUIZ NIGHT** twinned with Almondsbury Village Events on Friday 20 March. More news about this soon but please put the date in your diaries.

We are looking for a new PA chairperson this year to head up the team. This is a really rewarding role, engaging with parents and teachers and playing a key part in raising vital funds for the school. If you would be interested in learning more please speak to Claire Jarvis or email almondsburyschoolpa@gmail.com.

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: [Oxford Owl for Home: help your child learn at home - Oxford Owl](#)

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

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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 3

Friday 23 January

Tuesday 27 January

Friday 6 February

Wednesday 11 February

Friday 13 February

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

Tuesday 24 February

Thursday 5 March

Tuesday 10 March

Tuesday 17 March

Thursday 19 March

Friday 20 March

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 – Cardiff Castle

Bridge FoS year 2 Multiskills event

Comic Relief Day

PA Quiz Night

Monday 23 March

Tuesday 24 March

Monday 30 March

Tuesday 31 March

Wednesday 1 April

Thursday 2 April

Year 3 and 4 visit - Caerleon

Year 5 and 6 visit – Houses of Parliament and Tate Modern

Arts Week

Year 3 and 4 Easter performance 9.30am

Year 3 and 4 Easter performance 6.00pm

End of Term 4

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

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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 23 February 2026 Friday 22 May 2026 Monday 1 June 2026	