

26 January 2026

Dear Parents

## SCHOOL YEAR 2025/2026 - NEWSLETTER NO 19

### 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	-	Jessica Price
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	-	Evalyn Benbow
Miss Whittingham	-	Rio Rosling
Mrs Lansdown	-	Alvin Ho Li
Mr Evens	-	Isla Stewart
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	-	Riley Scott
Mr Garcia	-	Rosie Ford
Mrs Leonard	-	Aaliyah Wakeman
Miss Hake	-	Amelia Dix
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	-	Debeshee Matilal
Mrs Giles	-	Riddhi Bhargav



### ALMONDSBURY AT YOUNG VOICES, BIRMINGHAM

After months of rehearsals, on 13 January, 29 Year 5 and 6 children along with Mrs Williams, Mrs Barrett and Mr Smith travelled to the Resort Arena in Birmingham to take part in 'Young Voices'. The children had been practicing a variety of songs and medleys for many weeks leading up to the event and were ready and excited to take part! The children had the most amazing time, singing alongside 5000+ other children as well as some other professional musicians and dancers such as; Urban Strides, Aneesa Folds (world renowned Broadway singer) and Connie Talbot, a runner up on Britains Got Talent. They were impeccably behaved and made us all very proud with their fantastic singing and performing. We are grateful to the PA for helping to subsidise the event and to all the parents who came and supported the children. The parents seemed to enjoy it as much as the children did! It was a long day but very much worth the effort as memories were made that the children will treasure for a long time to come.



### SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE SWIMMING GALA

On Saturday night, nine year 5 and 6 children and twelve year 3 and 4 children competed at the South Glos Schools Swimming Gala at Kingswood Leisure Centre. There were around twenty schools competing and the standard was high. For some of the swimmers, it was their first swimming gala and a few nerves were showing. However, they used their nerves to deliver some great performances and had an exciting evening of activity.

All of the swimmers swam brilliantly against some tough opposition. A particular mention to James Tezkan and Mattia Boscolo who received a gold medal for first place in the butterfly and breast stroke respectively. Well done to all the swimmers!



### SAFER INTERNET

Next week it is Safer Internet day. This will take place on Tuesday 3 February. The theme this year is 'Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'. The children will be doing something related to e-safety and reliability online next week in their computing lessons. Here is a link for parents to see what is happening and how to support at home. <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

### 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: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

### OPAL

We are incredibly proud of our OPAL Platinum Award, which we were given last Tuesday, which recognises that our playtimes are outstanding and ranked within the top 2% in the country. This could not have been achieved without the continued support of the school's wider community. Every donation that you give and every hour that you volunteer to help with grounds work is directly fed back to our play and is reflected in this achievement, thank you very much!

In other OPAL news, Mr Garcia's class enjoyed additional sandpit time as their prize for winning the OPAL Small World competition in December (they collected a remarkable 190 toys!). We have also been busy making paint out of chalk and rain water, digging, dancing, dressing up, climbing, squelching, and continuing to have a wonderful time outside.



### PA UPDATE

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](mailto: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](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.

### **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.

### **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



**Mr Paul D Smith**  
**Executive Head Teacher**

### **DATES FOR 2025/26**

#### **TERM 3**

**Tuesday 27 January**

**Friday 6 February**

**Wednesday 11 February**

**Friday 13 February**

**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**

**Parents Evening 4.00pm - 7.00pm**

**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**

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**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 23 February 2026 Friday 22 May 2026 Monday 1 June 2026</b>	