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Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2025/2026 - NEWSLETTER NO 21

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	-	Rupert Arnott
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	-	Isabella Suggitt
Miss Whittingham	-	Zoe Cheung
Mrs Lansdown	-	Sean Adedeji
Mr Evens	-	Poppy Polak
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	-	Rex Sansum
Mr Garcia	-	Angus Knapp
Mrs Leonard	-	Isabelle Sexton
Miss Hake	-	Duke Fairman
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	-	Yara Eleffendi
Mrs Giles	-	Maddison Stephens



NSPCC NUMBER DAY

Reception had a fantastic time celebrating their first Number Day! The children arrived in a brilliant range of costumes, including clocks, a calendar, calculators, Numberblock characters and outfits with numbers. The day was packed with fun as Octoblock set the children a series of Number Day missions. These included counting, making pairs, sorting, creating shape pictures, simple addition and making patterns. Everyone got stuck in and completed every single challenge! The children also made their own counting books and enjoyed number songs and dances, making it a fun-filled day of mathematics learning.



Year 1 and Year 2 children came to school dressed in numbers or in mathematics related costumes, like dominoes, Number Blocks and dice. They enjoyed spending the day completing mathematics activities, including playing mathematics games, completing mathematics quizzes, singing mathematics songs, listening to mathematics related stories and playing the online mathematics game 'Hit the Button' and gaining gold coins in the mathematics app Numbots. £87.20 was raised for the NSPCC.



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OPAL UPDATE

Number Day celebrations continued outside on Friday. We were finding wooden numbers, adding or multiplying them, and then going on a nature hunt to collect that number of items in pots! We all had a lot of fun, and it was very interesting to see the variety of natural resources the children were able to find to complete the challenge! Every child who took part will be bringing home a special OPAL Number Day Certificate soon.



PARENTAL E-SAFETY NEWSLETTER

Along with the newsletter is the monthly e-safety newsletter for parents. This month's features a large article of the use of AI and how it can be used to alter images and the importance of not posting images of the children for their own protection and not to be used to alter images of others. There is also further information regarding the use of TikTok accounts and the use of family pairing for the site. Alongside these are links to Family and Parenting guides to digital understanding.

We have also attached a specific newsletter with various links highlighting the Safer Internet day information.



SAFER INTERNET

This week it is Safer Internet day. This will take place on Tuesday 10 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/>

PA UPDATE

All tickets for the quiz have now sold out. Thank you for purchasing, we are looking forward to seeing you there.

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.

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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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

Wednesday 11 February
 Friday 13 February

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

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
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	