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Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2025/2026 - NEWSLETTER NO 22

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

Well done to these children who received the Letters of Commendation for last term from their teachers. They were awarded for many different things including: positive attitudes to learning, being conscientious, behaviour and kindness.

Miss Ramli	-	Luke Bailhache	Hiteshree Zala
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	-	Isabella Tyson	Pranaysri Srikanth
Miss Whittingham	-	Harry Janiak	Leilani Date
Mrs Lansdown	-	Estée Kingman	Gino Lattuca
Mr Evens	-	Sanaa Sahni	Isla Stewart
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	-	Damisi Adeitan	George Garland
Mr Garcia	-	Louis Pirie	Minahil Arif
Mrs Leonard	-	Amaya Patel	Jasper Panschuk
Miss Hake	-	Benjamin Rick	Sofia Wigmore
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	-	Olivia Randall	Jacob Anane-Adusei
Mrs Giles	-	Austin Okasa	Gael Stewart

DANCE FESTIVAL

A group of 6 children from the after school dance club represented the school at the Festival of Youth Dance 2026 at St Michael's Centre in Stoke Gifford. They joined 6 other schools for a brilliant evening performance to parents and friends. The children performed two dances, Red to the music by Taylor Swift and Friends like me, to the music by Will Smith. All the children were a delight to take and had impeccable behaviour and manners. Thank you to Miss Katie who choreographed the dances and taught the children.



HOUSE POINTS

The winning house who collected the most house points during Term 3 has been shared with the children. This was **Earth with 2435** points. The children in **Earth** house will be able to wear their own clothes on Friday this week as their reward.

SPARE CLOTHES

At times there are 'accidents' in school that can't be helped when the children need to have a change of clothes. We should have a bank of clothes – spare uniform, pants, socks and PE kit that we use. However, this bank has dwindled this term as these clothes are not being returned to school after such events. All of these items of clothing have the word 'SPARE' written in them. If you do have these items at home please return to these to school. Thank you in advance.

PARENTS EVENING

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk
Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

We have Parents Evenings on Thursday 5 and Tuesday 10 March. Mrs North and Mrs Marshall is the exception due to other commitments. Mrs North and Mrs Marshall will not be available on Thursday 5 March so has an additional session on Thursday 12 March from 4.00-6.00pm. All the Parents Evening sessions will be face to face. It will provide parents with an opportunity to look at the children's books. The Arbor booking system is now live. You are able to continue to book until Tuesday 3 March at 3.30pm when this closes.

SCHOOL MEALS PARENTAL SURVEY

We are now over a term into our new catering contract and we would like to invite you to complete a short survey on the meals that are being served in school. We will be talking to the children as well but your views are important. Please do speak to your child if unsure of the answers to the questions. Follow the link to complete this survey [Almondsbury Parental School Meal survey February 26](#) Thank you in advance.

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.learninggamesforkids.com/>

PA UPDATE

See attached Smarties flyer.

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.

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 4**

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 – Cardiff Castle
 Bridge FoS year 2 Multiskills event
 Reception visit to Noah’s Ark
 Comic Relief Day
 PA Quiz Night
 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

Monday 23 March
 Tuesday 24 March
 Monday 30 March
 Tuesday 31 March
 Wednesday 1 April
 Thursday 2 April

TERM 5

Monday 20 April
 Monday 4 May
 Monday 11 to Thursday 14 May
 Monday 18 to Thursday 21 May
 Tuesday 19 May
 Wednesday 20 May
 Thursday 21 May
 Friday 22 May

Start of Term 5 for all children
 BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY – School closed to pupils
 Year 6 SAT week
 Sports Week
 Sports Day
 Tour d’Almondsbury
 Last day of Term 5
 INSET DAY – School closed to pupils

TERM 6

Monday 1 June
 Tuesday 2 June
 Wednesday 3 to Friday 12 June
 Monday 8 to Friday 12 June
 Friday 10 July
 Wednesday 15 July
 Thursday 16 July
 Tuesday 21 July

INSET DAY – School closed to pupils
 Start of Term 6 for all children
 Year 4 MTC testing week
 Year 1 phonics testing week
 Celebration Day and childrens’ picnic lunch
 Year 5 and 6 performance 6.30pm
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 Year 6 Leavers service at St Mary’s Church 9.30am (year 6 parents only)
 End of Term 6 and last day of the school year

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	