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Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2025/2026 - NEWSLETTER NO 23

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	-	Daniel Evans
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	-	Jacob Little
Miss Whittingham	-	Henry Hazell
Mrs Lansdown	-	The whole class
Mr Evens	-	Sophia Moore
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	-	Costas Vogiatzis and Theo Pinteala
Mr Garcia	-	Caitlin Spruell
Mrs Leonard	-	Ilinca Moldovan
Miss Hake	-	Ashley Wong
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	-	Ava Blake
Mrs Giles	-	Gael Stewart



PARENTAL E-SAFETY NEWSLETTER

March's e-safety newsletter includes features on YouTube, risks of mobile phones, social media algorithms, screen time and virtual private networks. There are new parental controls on the amount of video shorts that you can allow your children to access and watch over a period of time to reduce the screen time and effects of these. The main feature is on mobile phones and what the children may be experiencing through their internet searches and the effects on their own mental health as a result. It is so important to be aware of what your child is accessing on any device. This leads onto the social media algorithms and how these are used to draw children into exposure of different videos, websites and adverts in particular. The parental e-safety newsletter is attached for you.

TRUTHFULNESS HOME DISCUSSION SHEET

This term's theme for our Collective Worship is Truthfulness. We have attached the home discussion sheet for you to read through and talk to your child/ren about the themes within it. As you know the theme runs throughout the term and we will also be looking at 'Fake is a Mistake' within our Heartsmart PSHE programme and Individual Liberty within our British Values. Below is our Bible reading linked to our Heartsmart theme for this term.

Proverbs 12:19

"Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue only lasts a moment."



OPAL UPDATE

We have had some lovely warm spring weather already during our lunchtimes. There have been packed lunches outdoors, sunbathers and cricket on the field (in separate areas!), and lots of bug hotel building and bug hunting has been happening too!

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers of children from Years 2 & 3 to our Stay and Play Session on Friday 6 March. After this, at home time, children from KS2 and their parents will be selling cakes to raise money for more equipment for our outdoor play and learning. Please be aware that this is a school-wide effort which will be for the benefit all of our children: anyone who wishes to donate cakes towards this is very appreciated. We are very grateful to Carly Little for organising this and supporting OPAL so much!

PARENTS EVENING

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. Just a reminder that booking for parents meetings close tomorrow at 3.30pm. Please make sure you have booked a time slot before then. On Thursday 5 March, Mrs Byrne will be showcasing the menus and food choices from our school meals provider. Please do stop by outside the library for a sample or two.


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://my.risingstars-uk.com/Default.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f>

PA UPDATE

 The Smartie Challenge is underway, if you have filled your empty Smartie tubes with cash please return to school as soon as you can so that we can find out which class raised the most money for their own use.

 There is a **cake sale** this **Friday 6 March** at 3.30pm to raise money for OPAL learning and play equipment. Please bring in your cake donations on Friday morning either home made or bought (if home made, please provide a full list of ingredients).

 All tickets for the quiz have now sold out. Thank you for purchasing, we are looking forward to seeing you there on 20th March.

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.

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 4

Thursday 5 March
Friday 6 March

Tuesday 10 March
Thursday 12 March
Tuesday 17 March
Thursday 19 March
Friday 20 March

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

Parents Evening 4.00pm - 7.00pm
OPAL Play and Stay session for Year 2 and 3 parents
OPAL Cake Sale 3.30pm
Parents Evening 4.00pm - 7.00pm
Parents Evening for Mrs North and Mrs Marshall
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

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****Year 5 and 6 performance 6.30pm****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	