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Dear Parents

## SCHOOL YEAR 2025/2026 - NEWSLETTER NO 24

### 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	-	Amalie Price
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	-	Ella Osborne
Miss Whittingham	-	Harry Janiak
Mrs Lansdown	-	Jake Nelson
Mr Evens	-	James Tezkan
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	-	Oscar Millington
Mr Garcia	-	Reggie Goda
Mrs Leonard	-	Noah Visser
Miss Hake	-	Luna Gismera Dolado
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	-	Harry McCaffer
Mrs Giles	-	Maeve Evans



### PRAYER SPACES

Last week the children all engaged in Prayer Spaces run by Mrs Pam Skelding from the church, who comes to lead worship in school once a fortnight, and volunteers for St Mary's Church. The children participated in the different activities around them of 'Hallelujah' and being thankful. Each activity was linked to this including, 'What I'm thankful for in Spring', learning a simple thankfulness rap, learning about St Francis of Assisi and how he supported and helped so many people and animals who were thankful for this. Creating their own planet Earth and discussing how thankful they are for the natural resources around them. The children responded so positively and were a credit to themselves as they questioned and reflected on their understanding of the world and being thankful. Thank you to Pam and the volunteers for coming along to school to share their knowledge, wisdom and support.



### YEAR 1 AND 2 BOCCIA FESTIVAL

On Monday 2 March, our Key Stage 1 pupils took part in an exciting House Games Boccia competition. Throughout Term 3, the children have been learning the key skills needed to play Boccia during their PE lessons. They practised important techniques such as aiming, rolling with control, and working together as a team. The competition gave the children a wonderful opportunity to put these newly learned skills into action in a fun and supportive intra-house event. Pupils competed enthusiastically for their houses, demonstrating excellent focus, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the morning.

It was wonderful to see how much progress the children have made since first learning the game. They showed great determination when aiming for the jack and carefully placing their balls to score points. The atmosphere was full of encouragement, with pupils cheering on their teammates and celebrating each other's successes.



The results were very close, with all houses showing great effort:

4th place: **Air** – 42 points

Joint 2nd place: **Earth** and **Water** with 43 points

1st place: **Sun** with 45 points

## OPAL UPDATE

### STAY AND PLAY FOR YEAR 2 AND 3

It was wonderful welcoming so many parents to the year 2 and year 3 Stay and Play session on Friday. Parents were climbing, building, playing in the sand, being hauled around in crates, and we even had a rather competitive game of Eurohoc happening on the playground! The play taking place was great to see and as one parent said "now I understand why you keep asking for such random things!". Thank you to all who came and please keep donating the random things! Pictures of the event to follow next week.

Many thanks also to all who contributed to and bought from the OPAL cake sale which happened after school. You raised a whopping £314.29 for outdoor play equipment! A special thank you to year 6 who had the fundraising idea and worked very hard to get this excellent result.

## COMIC RELIEF

Friday 20 March is Comic Relief Day. The School Parliament have decided that the theme for this year's non uniform is 'Dress up funny, peculiar or silly'. Therefore, the children can be as whacky as they like with different combinations of clothes or come as a clown!! We look forward to seeing what comes to school next Friday!

## 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](https://www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk/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

Firstly, a massive thank you to the organisers and year 6 helpers who held the cake sale on Friday. They **raised a huge £314.29** which will go towards buying new OPAL play equipment. Thanks for all your support, it's greatly appreciated.

In other news – check out the new forest school shelter!! The forest school team



and families have worked super hard in building a new shelter, with help from funding from the PA. The children are already using the area and are loving the refurbished space. This is a key part of the outdoor learning experience and creates a safe space for the children and staff to carry out the Forest School lessons. But that's not all, the team are in need of more equipment to refresh supplies to make it even more exciting.



We have created an Amazon wishlist including items that will make a big difference. If you are able to support, you can purchase an item from the list, and it will be sent directly to school.

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If you already have any of the items at home that you no longer need, we would welcome these donations too! Please scan the QR code below to access the wishlist.

Please follow us on Facebook for more news & events @ [Almondsbury School Parents Association & Friends](#)

*We are looking for a new PTA Chairperson to join our amazing school community. This is a rewarding and fun role where you'll have the chance to work with enthusiastic parents, staff, and volunteers to make a real difference. As Chair, you'll help shape events and initiatives that bring our school community together while raising vital funds that directly support our children's learning and experiences. If you enjoy connecting with people, organising ideas, and contributing to something meaningful, we'd love to hear from you! If you would like more information about the role please email the PA mailbox @ [almondsburyschoopa@gmail.com](mailto:almondsburyschoopa@gmail.com) or speak to Claire Jarvis or any member of the PA.*

### **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 4**

Tuesday 10 March  
Thursday 12 March  
Tuesday 17 March

Parents Evening 4.00pm - 7.00pm  
Parents Evening for Mrs North and Mrs Marshall  
Year 1 and 2 visit – Cardiff Castle

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Thursday 19 March  
Friday 20 March

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

Monday 23 March  
Tuesday 24 March

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

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  
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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	