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Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2025/2026 - NEWSLETTER NO 26

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	-	Meenakshi Chandrasseril
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	-	Poppy Ford
Miss Whittingham	-	Mia Lazz-Onyenobi
Mrs Lansdown	-	Phoebe Wallace-Daniells
Mr Evens	-	Martin Lacoue-Negre
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	-	Hiu Lam Fung
Mr Garcia	-	Coupar Kippen
Mrs Leonard	-	Rory Haines
Miss Hake	-	Florrie Belisario-Elford
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	-	The Whole Class
Mrs Giles	-	The Whole Class



RECEPTION VISIT TO NOAH'S ARK

On Friday, the Reception children had a wonderful time on their first school trip to Noah's Ark Zoo Farm. There was great excitement throughout the day, especially as for many of the children, it was their first ever journey on a coach. With the sun shining, the children were full of enthusiasm as they explored the zoo and looked out for the different animals, particularly the African animals they have been learning about in class. They also took part in an 'African Animals' workshop, where they met some African critters and learnt lots of new and interesting facts. It was a fantastic day from start to finish, with additional highlights including eating packed lunch together outside and enjoying time in the adventure playground.



YEAR 1 AND 2 VISIT TO CARDIFF CASTLE

Year 1 and 2 had a fabulous day visiting Cardiff Castle, we met a knight and learnt about how armour changed during the Middle Ages, we also had the opportunity to hold a great sword! We went on a tour of the living quarters which were designed by the Bute family in the Victorian times. Lastly, we climbed the steep steps to explore the original 'keep' and looked through the battlements to see the landscape of Cardiff!





COMIC RELIEF

On Friday, it was Comic Relief day in school. We had lots of interesting and wonderful dress up costumes and themes. Princesses, clowns, inflatable dinosaur, wacky hair, odd shoes, socks, wigs and hat wearing plus many more. Thank you for supporting the charity. We managed to collect **£158.20**.



OPAL UPDATE

Sunshine means that packed lunches can be enjoyed picnic style again, and the field has become a hive of play activity. Tree climbing and gymnastics featured highly on last week's play, and we have had a lot of fun playing hockey. Our year 5 Tuesday Playground Leaders are consistently excellent at engaging Reception and KS1 and deserve a special celebratory recognition for their outstanding work - and finally having dry enough weather so that they can have a sit down game, too! We are thrilled to announce that the PA has purchased some new heavy-duty ride-on toys for our lunchtimes too, thank you!



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.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zfvwjsg>

PA UPDATE

Wish list update - On behalf of the Forest School, we would like to thank all those families, staff and friends of Almondsbury Primary School, who have generously donated towards the Amazon wishlist. You are still able to donate via our wishlist. If you are able to support, you can purchase an item from the list, and it will be sent directly to school. 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 or speak to Claire Jarvis or any member of the PA.

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VILLAGE SHOP VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The village community shop's gardener is currently out of action. We have been asked to publicise that they are looking for someone to support them in keeping the grounds of the shop in tip top condition. This would be a voluntary role for a keen gardener or someone who just would like to help out and has some time to do so. If you are interested please pop into the shop and ask to speak to Brian.

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

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 The Tate
Earth and SMSC 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

Start of Term 5 for all children
BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY – School closed to pupils

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk
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Monday 11 to Thursday 14 May
Monday 18 to Thursday 21 May
Tuesday 19 May
Wednesday 20 May
Thursday 21 May
Friday 22 May

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	Friday 22 May 2026 Monday 1 June 2026	