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Dear Parents

## SCHOOL YEAR 2025/2026 - NEWSLETTER NO 25

### 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	-	Freya Smit	
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	-	Evie Gardner	
Miss Whittingham	-	Maverick Haynes	Olivia Sharp
Mrs Lansdown	-	Emilia Engley	
Mr Evens	-	Amber Millington	
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	-	Damisi Adeitan	
Mr Garcia	-	Lyra Lennox-Gordon	
Mrs Leonard	-	Jess Connell	
Miss Hake	-	Gracie Mellor	
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	-	Adamah Assogba	
Mrs Giles	-	Poppy Goda	



### THORNBURY ROTARY SWIMARATHON

On Friday 6 March, two swimming teams took part in the Thornbury Rotary Swimarathon. We had a team of year 5 and a team of year 6 pupils. They had a great time swimming for 50 mins in a relay of 6 swimmers while listening to a wonderful steel band play poolside. They had a great time while raising £135 to support:- Jigsaw Thornbury, Krunch SW and other local charities and good causes. An extra thank you to Henry for helping to organise the two teams and making the event happen.



### TENNIS TASTER DAY

Last week we had a great tennis taster day led by Toby and Tom from Almondsbury Tennis Club. The children from years 1 to 4 thoroughly enjoyed their morning, developing and extending their tennis skills of catching, striking and hitting the targets.



### 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, hairstyles etc or come as a clown!! We look forward to seeing what comes to school next Friday!

## UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

We have noticed that some children are coming into school with trainers on when it is not a PE day; without ties and the expected jumpers and shirts, etc. We have an expectation that unless your child/ren is not able to wear a specific item of clothing or footwear for a medical, or for a specific reason, then everyone should be in the correct uniform. If this is the case then there should be an agreement with the school in place. If not, then the same expectations apply to all children. If there is a financial reason as to why the correct uniform is not being worn then please speak to the office or myself as we will be able to help you.

### Our school uniform is...

- Grey trousers or skirt or pinafore
- White shirt or blouse
- Grey jumper or cardigan
- Grey and red school tie
- Black shoes (not trainers)

Please label **EVERYTHING** that your child wears and brings to school.

## SPARE CLOTHES

At times, there are 'accidents' in school that can't be helped when the children will need 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' or 'S' written in them. If you do have these items at home, please return to school. Thank you in advance.

## OPAL

Here are some pictures from the year 2 and year 3 OPAL Stay and Play Session that took place on Friday 6 March 2026



## 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.neurodiversityweek.com/>

## 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. We are so grateful for your ongoing support. All of these items and your generosity help to enrich the children's learning and experiences in their forest school sessions.



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.



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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.

### **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](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 17 March**  
**Thursday 19 March**  
**Friday 20 March**

**Year 1 and 2 visit – Cardiff Castle**  
**Bridge FoS year 2 Multiskills event**  
**Reception visit to Noah's Ark**

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

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  
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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	