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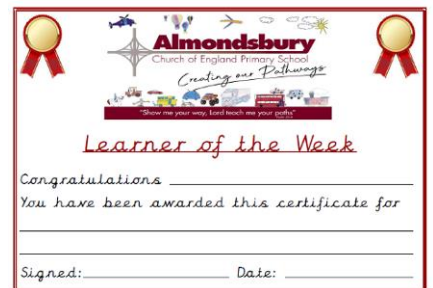
Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2025/2026 - NEWSLETTER NO 27

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	-	Dade Ijlade
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	-	Finley Stewart
Miss Whittingham	-	Diana Savill
Mrs Lansdown	-	Marlow Bendall
Mr Evens	-	Florian Harris
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	-	Eloise Collard
Mr Garcia	-	Ellie Blackburn
Mrs Leonard	-	The Whole Class
Miss Hake	-	Mason Kelsall
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	-	Sara Vornicu
Mrs Giles	-	Alexander Bonnici Mallia



YEAR 3 AND 4 VISIT TO CAERLEON

Year 3 and 4 had a fantastic trip to Caerleon, bringing their Roman history learning to life. They explored the Roman Baths, discovering how they were used for washing and socialising. They also visited the museum to see real Roman artefacts and even tried on real metal armour like Roman soldiers. A highlight of the day was a hands-on workshop, where the children dressed as Roman diners and slaves and acted out scenes from daily life. The trip also included visits to the barracks and the impressive amphitheatre, where the children imagined what life would have been like in Roman times. Everyone showed excellent behaviour throughout and had a wonderful, memorable day.



YEAR 5 AND 6 VISIT TO HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT AND TATE BRITAIN

The year 5 and 6 children had a great time on their visit to London. The tour around the Houses of Parliament was inspiring just by the sheer number of ornate rooms visited, such as the Throne room as well and the House of Lords. Here the children learnt about 'Parliamentary ping-pong'. We then had the privilege

of going up to the viewing gallery of the House of Commons and watching and listening to a debate. This was on the current energy crisis led by Ed Miliband, the Energy Minister. From there we went to a great workshop linked to parliament and the creation of laws.



The children also had the opportunity to walk up to Downing Street and across Parliament Square, noting all of the statues of famous politicians from the past and world leaders. From there it was onto Tate Britain and looking at all of the fabulous painting, sculptures and artwork, especially the ones that the children had been studying in class such as No Woman No Cry and Requiem plus the collection of JMW Turner's, which were very impressive. A great day was had by all.



YEAR 2 BRIDGE FOS MULTISKILLS FESTIVAL

We had a glorious, sunny day for the year 2 Bridge Games last week. The children had a wonderful time taking part in a variety of activities to practise their sporting skills, lead by the year 6 children from St Peter's and the Bristol Sport team. It was fantastic to see the children working together well and mixing with other year 2 children from our Family of Schools. They all showed great enthusiasm and resilience and joined in well. It was also lovely to see them playing together at lunchtime and making new friends.



FOREST SCHOOLS

This term Mrs Leonard's, Mr Dean and Mrs Williams's and Miss Whittingham's classes have been in Forest School. The highlights have been whittling, weaving, sewing and planting willow to support the willow basket, making bogart clay stick people where the children have used their foraging skills to create natural art and sculpture. The children have also loved having a fire and cooking popcorn and marshmallows. Circle time and discussion was enjoyed under the new shelter, where the children have shared which activities they have liked the best and what they would wish to do in the future.

We are now also offering an introduction to woodworking, using our new saw horses, kindly built and donated by the Clements Family, who are past parents and friends of the school. We would like to thank them for their generous donations. Finally a big thank you to the PA, community shop and parents for all their on going support of the Forest School.



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OPAL UPDATE

Last week's pop-up play theme was construction and, for the cardboard station, destruction! As destroying things can be just as much fun as making them and is a good way to let off steam! So, if you ever have any large cardboard boxes at home, please do send them in - we will build with them, destroy them, and then recycle them!



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.activityvillage.co.uk/easter>

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.

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.

We look forward to the year 3 and 4 production of **The Gospel Show** this week which I am sure will be great.



We would like to wish all children, parents and carers and families a very Happy Easter and holidays.

We shall see everyone back in school on Monday 20 April at 8.55am.

Best wishes



**Mr Paul D Smith
Executive Head Teacher**

DATES FOR 2025/26

TERM 4

Monday 30 March

Tuesday 31 March

Wednesday 1 April

Thursday 2 April

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

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

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

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Wednesday 15 July
Thursday 16 July
Tuesday 21 July

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	