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Dear Parents

## SCHOOL YEAR 2025/2026 - NEWSLETTER NO 30

### 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	-	Aarna Sanadhya
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	-	Taylor Detheridge
Miss Whittingham	-	Oli Vornicu
Mrs Lansdown	-	Marnie Rae
Mr Evens	-	River Martin
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	-	Archie Tremlin
Mr Garcia	-	Louis Pirie
Mrs Leonard	-	Bobbi-Rose Lishman
Miss Hake	-	Elliott Mason
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	-	Aaira Shrivastva
Mrs Giles	-	Freya Evans



### YEAR 3 AND 4 WOW DAY

Step back in time! During the Year 3 and 4 WOW day, the children were transported to the heart of the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings era. It was a day packed with exciting activities that brought history to life!

**Crafting Viking Shields:** With Mrs Lansdown, everyone had the opportunity to create their very own Viking shields. They completed research on what the shields would have looked like and then designed their own.



**Runes and Sculptures:** Next, with Mr Evens, the children learned about the Anglo-Saxon alphabet, Runes. They then participated in a creative activity where they moulded stone sculptures from clay, inscribed their names in Runes, and even added Anglo-Saxon patterns to their creations!

**Setting Sail with Viking Longships:** Over with Mrs Williams, the children set sail on a seafaring adventure! They got hands-on with history by creating their very own Viking longships. Learning about the design features that made these ships so adept at navigating rivers and oceans!



### YEAR 3 AND 4 REPTILE DAY

To inspire children for their non-chronological reports on their own mythical creature, Year 3 and 4 took part in a workshop ran by 'Bristol Reptile Encounters'. Children (and some brave adults!) had the opportunity to stroke and hold a variety of reptiles, including snakes, bearded dragons and tortoises. This supported the

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children to find out more about the reptiles' physical features, its habitat and diet. Children also took key vocabulary to support their writing such as camouflage, constrictor and cold-blooded. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience and are inspired to write their reports soon.



## SPORTS DAY UPDATE

This year, we will be continuing with the format introduced last year. The format is designed to support transition years (Reception and Year 3 in particular) to enter the events of the day with confidence and to ensure a challenging and enjoyable day.

### Tuesday 19 May 2026

Parents arrive 9am	Parents arrive 10.15am	Parents arrive 1.15am
<b>Reception Sports day</b> <b>Starting - 9.15am - Finish - 10.15am</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• House group games</li> <li>• Track events</li> </ul>	<b>Y1, 2, 3 Sports Day</b> <b>Starting - 10.30am - Finishing - 12.15pm</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traditional track events</li> </ul>	<b>Y4, 5, 6 Sports Day</b> <b>Starting - 1.30pm - 3.15pm</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traditional track events</li> <li>• Field long distance team event</li> </ul>

## OPAL UPDATE

Play Awards are handed out in Play Assemblies. They are given to pupils in recognition of excellent play, creativity, supporting others in play, and maintaining the school's values in our outdoor spaces. Many congratulations to the following students who were awarded OPAL Play Awards last Tuesday:

- Estée Kingman
- Mia Lazz-Onyenobi
- Leo McCarthy
- Caitlin Spruell
- Isla Stewart
- Amelia Wood



Well Done!

This certificate is awarded to

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Last week, there was much excitement in our digging area as resident amateur archaeologists Oscar and James uncovered an old 1lb weight! They washed it, then took it home and cleaned it with bicarbonate of soda and lemon juice: it is going to be the founding piece in our 'Digging Area Museum' - watch this space for museum developments...



## 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.educationquizzes.com/>

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## PA UPDATE

Have you bought tickets for our **Foam Party** yet? If not, best visit our PTA website pronto and order some. It's on Thursday 14 May after school – KS1 foam party disco 5 - 6pm and KS2 from 6.15 - 7pm. Tickets cost £7 and include a drink and snack. This is being hosted by Party Peeps so the kids will be in for a fun night. Visit our website <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/almondsburypa> or scan the QR code below for tickets.



Please also save the date for our **SUMMER FAYRE** which this year is on Saturday 20 June. We will be in need of volunteers to help set up, man stalls and tidy away so please help if you can.

We will be holding an EGM on 20 May to vote in & elect a new chairperson. All welcome.

Time: 8-8.30pm Zoom call (details to follow)

Purpose: to vote in and elect a new chairperson

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

## 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 LUNCH PLAYTEAM

Our lunch play team is an excited group of our staff who support the children in their play and provide lots of different opportunities to extend their play and imagination through our OPAL lunchtimes. Do you have lots of energy and thirst to support outside play? If so, please do come and join us for the lunchtimes. The working hours are 12 noon to 1.30pm each day (7.5 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 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



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## DATES FOR 2025/26

### TERM 5

Monday 11 to Thursday 14 May

Thursday 14 May

Year 6 SAT week

PA Foam party discos – EYFS/KS1 5.00-6.00pm, KS2 6.15-7.15pm on KS2 playground

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	

### Term dates for 2026/27

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 1	Tuesday 1 September 2026	Friday 23 October 2026
Term 2	Monday 2 November 2026	Friday 18 December 2026
Term 3	Monday 4 January 2027	Friday 12 February 2027
Term 4	Monday 22 February 2027	Thursday 25 March 2027
Term 5	Monday 12 April 2027	Friday 28 May 2027
Term 6	Monday 7 June 2027	Wednesday 21 July 2027
INSET DAYS	Tuesday 1 September 2026 Friday 23 October 2026 Friday 28 May 2027 Monday 7 June 2027 Plus one TBC	