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Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2025/2026 - NEWSLETTER NO 31

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	-	Kabir Degaonkar
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	-	Joshua Agyemang
Miss Whittingham	-	The Whole Class
Mrs Lansdown	-	Kobe Hansen
Mr Evens	-	Beni Biro
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	-	Grace Tovey
Mr Garcia	-	Aryan Patel
Mrs Leonard	-	Oliver Engley
Miss Hake	-	Miles Hall
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	-	Teresa Graça
Mrs Giles	-	Ailsa Spruell



Good luck this week to our Year 6 children who are taking their SATs. I am sure all of their hard work will pay off and they will see great success. Well done.

CELEBRATING SIR DAVID ATTENBOROUGH'S 100TH BIRTHDAY IN RECEPTION

Last week, Reception celebrated the life and work of David Attenborough in honour of his 100th birthday. The children learnt all about his incredible life and achievements, and enjoyed making their own cameras and microphones so they could become wildlife presenters themselves! They also explored the number 100 in lots of different ways, investigating how to make 100 through a range of fun and practical activities including filling 100 squares with maths manipulatives and Numicon and making 100 using cubes. On Friday, the children brought their favourite animal teddies to school and had great fun creating party hats and costumes for them. In the afternoon, they visited Forest School, where they used natural materials to make the number 100, before finishing the day with a birthday cupcake to celebrate Sir David's milestone birthday.



The rest of the school also learnt about how Sir David transformed the capturing of the lives of animals in a variety of ways and supported conservation.



E-SAFETY TRAINING FOR YEARS 4, 5 AND 6 PLUS PARENTS

Last Tuesday, Year 4, 5 and 6 took part in workshops ran by Avon and Somerset Police about Online Safety. During the workshops, the children were taught about the positives of using the internet as well as the dangers of using online platforms. This included the use of strong passwords, the impact of what we say or do online and how to report anything suspicious. These were very useful and informative workshops for the children to engage with as they support the messages we send as a school through regular e-safety lessons as part of our computing curriculum offer, weekly recall of the SMART rules and our e-safety newsletters.



MAY E-SAFETY NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

Please find attached the latest e-safety newsletter for parents. In this month's edition there is an article relating to group chats within games and on WhatsApp looking at the potential dangers but also how to make these chats safe. There is also an update on the Roblox platform highlighting new aged based accounts and parental controls.

SPORTS DAY UPDATE

Next week will be our Sports Week. Hopefully, the rain will hold off and the sunshine will prevail. Our Sports Day will be on Tuesday 19 May with Reception starting off the proceedings at 9.15am. Please do stay after you have dropped the children off and make your way around to the field at the back of the school. Year 4, 5 and 6 sports events start at 1.30pm. Parents can arrive from 1.15pm, however, you will not be allowed to enter the grounds until the end of lunchtime for safeguarding reasons. Make sure you bring your running shoes with you as well for the parents race!



We are looking forward to welcoming you all to our exciting day of sports and activities.

Tuesday 19 May 2026

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



TOUR D'ALMONDSBURY

On Wednesday 20 May it is our annual Tour d'Almondsbury for everyone. We would like everyone to bring in their bikes or scooters and participate in a challenge around the school grounds. You will have received the sponsor forms already and letter outlining the course and other details. The children will have designated areas for them to leave their scooters and bikes during the day. It is always such a fun event and the children enjoy participating. We look forward to it. Photo from last

year's successful event.

OPAL UPDATE

Last week saw fun with cardboard construction in the Scrap Store and a dance-off in our Music Zone. We also played a lot with water (in varying degrees of muddiness!). We watered the growing patch and, of course, defied gravity by spinning full buckets around - a splash here and there was an inevitable fun bonus!



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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: [Online safety | Guidance and resources | NSPCC Learning](#)

PA UPDATE

Are you ready for the foam party on Thursday? Can't wait to see you there if you have a ticket. No tickets on the door I'm afraid, **all now sold out**.



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. 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

Monday 18 to Thursday 21 May
Tuesday 19 May
Wednesday 20 May
Thursday 21 May
Friday 22 May

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	