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Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2025/2026 - NEWSLETTER NO 32

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	-	The Whole Class
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	-	Year 6
Miss Whittingham	-	Henry Hazell
Mrs Lansdown	-	Alice Gheti Estée Kingman
Mr Evens	-	Swara Priyatharushan
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	-	James Anane-Adusei
Mr Garcia	-	Sophie Vornicu
Mrs Leonard	-	Gracie Jenkins
Miss Hake	-	The Whole Class
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	-	The Whole Class
Mrs Giles	-	Lwazi Bwalya



Well done to our Year 6 children who took their SATs last week. They all coped brilliantly!

YEAR 1 AND 2 VISIT TO SS GREAT BRITAIN

On Tuesday 12 May, Year 1 and 2 visited the SS Great Britain to enhance their learning of Bristol and Isambard Kingdom Brunel. We had a great day exploring the ship, touring the museum and taking part in a workshop. In the workshop we learnt how to fix the holes in the hull of the ship by hammering 'rivets' into pieces of iron. We also dressed up in Victorian clothes to re-enact the launching of the ship!



SPORTS DAY UPDATE

Sadly, as you know we have taken the decision to postpone Sports Day tomorrow until after half term. The new date is now **Thursday 4 June**. Reception start 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. Thursday 4 June 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

We will now do Tour d'Almondsbury on Wednesday 10 June 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, our digging pit received enhanced digging equipment (a lot of new trowels) and "an ancient 2p piece" was found (from 1977 - no comment!). We also introduced our new table tennis equipment, which was a good challenge - especially in the wind! The scrap Henry vacuums are loads of fun, but they do wear out quickly. If you have an old one that no longer works, please let us have it!

Many thanks to the lovely Iron Acton Garden Centre for their wonderful donation last week too. Our Gardening Club will be in full swing in the coming weeks as a result, and we hope to grow both flowers and vegetables.



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.nhs.uk/healthier-families/activities/sports-and-activities/>

FOAM PARTY

The children had a marvellous time at the foam disco party last Thursday. Despite the very heavy rain towards the end of the KS2 disco, the children revelled in the wet conditions thoroughly enjoying being soaked and having foam sprayed all over them. Thank you to the PA for organising and Party Peeps for keeping the children entertained so well.



PA UPDATE

Thanks to everyone who helped to make our first foam party a huge success. Despite the rain for the second half for KS2, the children still seemed to have a blast and some said it made it even more fun! We raised a brilliant £308, so thank you to all who bought tickets and to all the helpers.

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Please 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 can be sent to those who wish to attend, please email the PA mailbox if so)

Purpose: to vote in and elect a new chairperson and secretary

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



Mr Paul D Smith
Executive Head Teacher

DATES FOR 2025/26

TERM 5

Thursday 21 May

Friday 22 May

Last day of Term 5

INSET DAY – School closed to pupils

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

TERM 6

Monday 1 June

Tuesday 2 June

Wednesday 3 to Friday 12 June

Thursday 4 June

Monday 8 to Friday 12 June

Wednesday 10 June

Thursday 18 June

Friday 26 June

Friday 10 July

Wednesday 15 July

Thursday 16 July

Friday 17 July

Tuesday 21 July

INSET DAY – School closed to pupils

Start of Term 6 for all children

Year 4 MTC testing week

Sports Day

Year 1 phonics testing week

Tour d'Almondsbury

Year 6 visit to Legoland

Reception visit to Court Farm

Celebration Day and childrens' picnic lunch

Year 5 and 6 performance 6.30pm

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Year 3 and 4 Portals to the Past

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	