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Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2025/2026 - NEWSLETTER NO 33

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

Well done to these children who received the Letters of Commendation for last term from their teachers. They were awarded for many different things including: positive attitudes to learning, being conscientious, behaviour and kindness.

Miss Ramli	-	Zachary Taylor	Dingkun Qu
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	-	Miriam Payne	Finley Stewart
Miss Whittingham	-	Reggie Lansdown	Carolina Fudulu
Mrs Lansdown	-	Phoebe Wallace-Daniells	Ife Osukoya
Mr Evens	-	James Tezkan	Poppy Polak
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	-	Maria Picu	Eloise Collard
Mr Garcia	-	Ethan Parslow	Mac Pearce
Mrs Leonard	-	Rory Haines	Charlie Hazell
Miss Hake	-	Oliver Rybicki	Atreya Matilal
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	-	Ava Blake	Yuki Boscolo
Mrs Giles	-	Gabriella Adeitan	Lily-Rose Markey

CROSS COUNTRY FESTIVAL

On Thursday 21 May, 19 girls and 17 boys from Year 4, 5 & 6 took part in the annual Little Stoke Park cross country. Despite the hot weather, all the children were amazing and took the course in their stride. We are very proud of them all! This is a competitive South Glos event, with some of the best runners in South Glos taking part. Whilst the individuals who came 1st, 2nd & 3rd receive medals for each age group, there are also medals for school teams who joint points come first. A massive well done to Year 5 boys - Leo who came 2nd and Oli who came 3rd individually. The year group teams were also very successful with 2nd place for the Year 5 girls, 1st place for Year 5 boys and 1st place for Year 6 girls. Great results!



SPORTS DAY UPDATE

Due to the weather forecast, which is pretty terrible this week our Sports Day will now be on **Thursday 11 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.

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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 on Thursday 11 June.

Parents arrive 9am	Parents arrive 10.15am	Parents arrive 1.15am
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.



HOUSE POINTS

To be advised.

JUNE PARENTAL E-SAFETY NEWSLETTER

Please find attached to the newsletter the monthly e-safety newsletter for parents. In this month's edition there is an article on the use of Pinterest. There is also some very useful information regarding online scams especially for different games and phishing links. One important aspect of internet usage is the digital footprint anything that is posted online leaves. It is very important that this is shared with children.

JUSTICE HOME DISCUSSION SHEET

This term's theme for our Collective Worship is Justice. We have attached the home discussion sheet for you to read through and talk to your child/ren about the themes within it. As you know the theme runs throughout the term and we will also be looking at 'No way through isn't true' within our Heartsmart PSHE programme and Rule of Law within our British Values. Below is our Bible reading linked to our Heartsmart theme for this term.

2 Chronicles 15:7



"Be strong. Don't give up, because you will get a reward for your good work."

OPAL UPDATE

Our pop-up gardening club members are hoping that we will soon have beautiful flowers! They have been very busy weeding, preparing the ground, sowing seeds, and Alice made some fabulous signs to let everyone know not to disturb the ground. This term we will start our vegetable patch, too. Crochet club runs every Friday. It is a place to learn and develop skills taught by Mrs Lansdown and Estée, and is very popular.



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/>

PA UPDATE

**** Save the date - Summer Fayre - 20th Jun 12-3pm ****

Organisation for the SUMMER FAYRE is well underway. Get ready for an afternoon of fun, food, games and dancing. We will be in need of volunteers to help set up, man stalls and tidy away. Please email almondsburyprimarypa@gmail.com if you spare an hour or two, to help make the event amazing for your kids.

The raffle is a great fundraiser for the summer fayre and we are looking for more prizes for it. If anyone works for any local business who would like to donate a prize, please let us know.

PA EGM took place on 20 May, to elect Steph Morgan as the new PA Chair. A massive thank you to Claire for her amazing work, helping to raise a fantastic £30,000 for the school while manning the helm.

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.

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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 6

Monday 1 June	INSET DAY – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 2 June	Start of Term 6 for all children
Wednesday 3 to Friday 12 June	Year 4 MTC testing week
Monday 8 to Friday 12 June	Year 1 phonics testing week
Wednesday 10 June	Tour d'Almondsbury
Thursday 11 June	Sports Day
Thursday 18 June	Year 6 visit to Legoland
Friday 26 June	Reception visit to Court Farm
Friday 10 July	Celebration Day and childrens' picnic lunch
Wednesday 15 July	Year 5 and 6 performance 6.30pm
Thursday 16 July	Year 5 and 6 performance 6.30pm
Friday 17 July	Year 3 and 4 Portals to the Past
Tuesday 21 July	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	

DATES FOR 2026/27

TERM 1

Tuesday 1 September
Wednesday 2 September

Thursday 3 September
Friday 4 September

Monday 7 September
Wednesday 9 September
Monday 14 September

Thursday 22 October
Friday 23 October

INSET DAY – school closed to pupils

Start of Term 1 for years 1 to 6

Home visits for Reception children

Home visits for Reception children

Teddy Bear’s picnic either morning or afternoon for Reception children

Reception children start school either morning or afternoon

Reception children in school mornings and lunch

Reception children in school full-time

Year 6 residential to Paris, France

End of Term 1

INSET DAY – school closed to pupils