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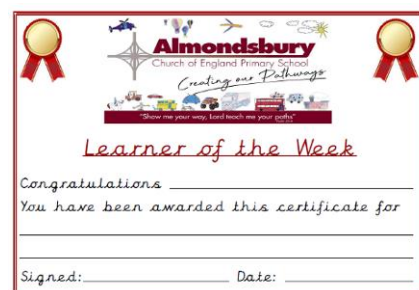
Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2025/2026 - NEWSLETTER NO 34

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	-	Harper Stewart
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	-	Eva Street
Miss Whittingham	-	Hunter Dawson
Mrs Lansdown	-	Inayah Usman
Mr Evens	-	Henry Jarvis
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	-	Myla Bendall
Mr Garcia	-	Alice Berry
Mrs Leonard	-	Nilan Vijayakumar
Miss Hake	-	Otto Smith
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	-	Rishi Turner
Mrs Giles	-	Woody Mann



YEAR 1 AND 2 WOW DAY

For the year 1 and 2 Victorian Wow Day on Wednesday 5 June, we were transported back to the Victorian era and many of the children came to school dressed in Victorian clothes. During the day, the children took part in three activities. They visited a 'strict' Victorian classroom, where they wrote with chalk. They had fun learning Victorian playground and parlour games including penny up, quoits and marbles. They also developed their engineering skills by making bridges inspired by the Clifton Suspension Bridge.



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

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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.

SPORTS DAY UPDATE

We are crossing all our fingers that the rain will hold off on **Thursday 11 June for our third time lucky Sports Day. However, if the rain persists then we will make a decision on Wednesday morning as to cancelling again and let parents know.**



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 1, 2 and 3 sports events start at 10.30am and 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 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

HOUSE POINTS

The winning house who collected the most house points during Term 5 has been shared with the children. This was **Earth with 1624** points. The children in **Earth** house will be able to wear their own clothes on Monday 15 June next week as their reward.



OPAL UPDATE

On Thursday 11 June it is the International Day of Play! We will be celebrating this by having additional playtime and remembering how it is the right of every child throughout the world to have the time and freedom to play. Please see the below link to learn more about the International Day of Play, how play is an essential part in child development, and to get some fun and free play activities for the family



to enjoy at home. Keep playing, everyone! <https://www.unicef.org/parenting/day-of-play>

REQUEST FOR HELP

We are looking for a volunteer who may be able to help diagnose an ongoing issue with our school sound system. If you are an electrician, sound engineer, audio technician, or have relevant experience with PA and sound systems, we would be very grateful for your assistance. At this stage, we are simply hoping to identify the cause of the problem and understand what repairs may be needed. If you are able to help, or can recommend someone who might be willing to volunteer their time and expertise, please contact the School Office.

As part of their Enterprise Project, Year 5 and 6 are looking for donations of old, unused or unwanted candles that can be recycled and repurposed by the children. If you have any candles at home that you no longer need, we would be very grateful if you could donate them. Donations can be brought into class at any time and are needed by **Tuesday 16 June**. Thank you for your support.

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/>

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PA UPDATE

**** Save the date - Summer Fayre - Saturday 20 June 12-3pm ****

Volunteers

We need your help to save this year's School Fayre! We are short of 6 volunteers, and without a team of enthusiastic volunteers to help run the event, it will not be able to go ahead. Every single penny raised from the fayre goes directly back into supporting our children, funding vital resources, equipment, and extra-curricular activities that enrich their school experience. If you can spare some time - whether it is joining the planning committee or helping out on a stall for just an hour - please get in touch with the almondsburyschoolpa@gmail.com or your class PA rep. Let's work together to make this event happen for our kids!

Raffle

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.

Gazebos

We could do with another few gazebos to use for the summer fayre. If anyone has one we can borrow, please email almondsburyschoolpa@gmail.com or reach out to your class PA rep.

**** School Non-Uniform Day 12 June ****

To support the School Summer Fayre, it is a non-uniform day on Friday in exchange for donation of a bottle for the Summer Fayre bottle tombola. Your bottle can be anything from beer, cider, spirits, soft drinks to juice, and anything in between. Please give these to your children at drop-off and the teachers will collect these at the start of the day.

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 6

Monday 8 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
Friday 12 June	Non uniform day in lieu of donations for Summer Fayre
Thursday 18 June	Year 6 visit to Legoland
Saturday 20 June	PA Summer Fayre 12 noon to 3.00pm
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	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
Wednesday 2 September	
Thursday 3 September	
Friday 4 September	

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Monday 7 September
Wednesday 9 September
Monday 14 September

Thursday 22 October
Friday 23 October

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