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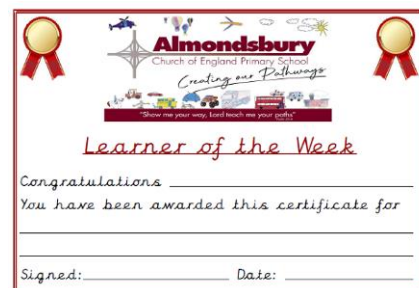
Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2025/2026 - NEWSLETTER NO 39

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 Backstage Crew
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	-	The Backstage Crew
Miss Whittingham	-	Jayda Agyemang
Mrs Lansdown	-	Lawson Dix
Mr Evens	-	Martin Lacoue Negre
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	-	Luke Hallworth
Mr Garcia	-	Aoife Doherty
Mrs Leonard	-	Zachary Sheehan
Miss Hake	-	Miles Hall
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	-	The Whole Class
Mrs Giles	-	Freya Evans Maeve Evans



SPORTS DAY



We finally managed to achieve what we couldn't in three previous attempts, we held our annual Sports day! The weather and temperature made for just a glorious day for sports and racing. Both the morning and afternoon sessions were started with the children reading the athlete's oath. It was fantastic to see the children running, jumping (in sacks) and balancing those eggs on their spoons as they went



down the race tracks. Everyone cheered and applauded their efforts. We do have some talented little athletes who perhaps will grace more illustrious tracks one day or even the Olympics!



The points were collected at the end of the morning with the following result for EYFS the winners were **Water**. For years 1, 2 and 3— **Sun** were the winning house with **142** points.



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In the afternoon came the years 4, 5 and 6 children who were super competitive and wanting to show off their own racing talents. Once again, everyone did their very best to win. However, as we know it is the participation that counts! After the races were concluded **Water** were the winning house with 161 points, followed by **Earth** with 141 points, **Air** and **Sun** with 115 points each.



It was so great to see so many parents able to join us especially for the parents races in key stage 2. In fact, we had to have numerous egg and spoon races for parents in both sessions as there was so much interest. There was also hot competition in the 'dinosaur race'. Thank you for coming along to support your own children but also every one of the children. There are more photos on the school website.

CELEBRATION DAY

It was great to see so many parents coming into school to share their children's achievements, looking through their books and the work they have completed. It was lovely to hear the children sing in key stage 1 and Reception as well as looking at the slide shows of photographs from throughout the year. I do hope that you were suitably impressed by the children's efforts over the course of the year. They have worked incredibly hard to do their best. The children also managed to get outside for the picnic lunch in the glorious sunshine but in the shade to eat, on one of the many hot days of the year so far.



THE PIRATES OF THE CURRY BEAN

We are looking forward to the year 5 and 6 performance of The Pirates of the Curry Bean coming up later on this week. The children have worked hard to learn their lines, rehearse the songs and dances. I am sure it will match all previous standards as usual.

TOUR D-ALMONDBURY

A grand total of £1726.50 was raised for Tour D-Almondsbury. Thank you for all your support with helping your child/ren raise this amazing amount.

SCHOOL MEALS PRICE SEPTEMBER 2026

We have been informed that the price of the **school meals will increase to £2.90 from 1 September**. This will be adjusted on Arbor in September and the automatic charges will take place from then.

WRAPAROUND CARE FOR 2026 -27

I hope that you all received the information that was sent out recently regarding the wraparound care for the next academic year. The demand for **breakfast club** continues to be popular. We will be able to accomodate up to 70 children at the club, should this be required. As we are going into a new academic year and the

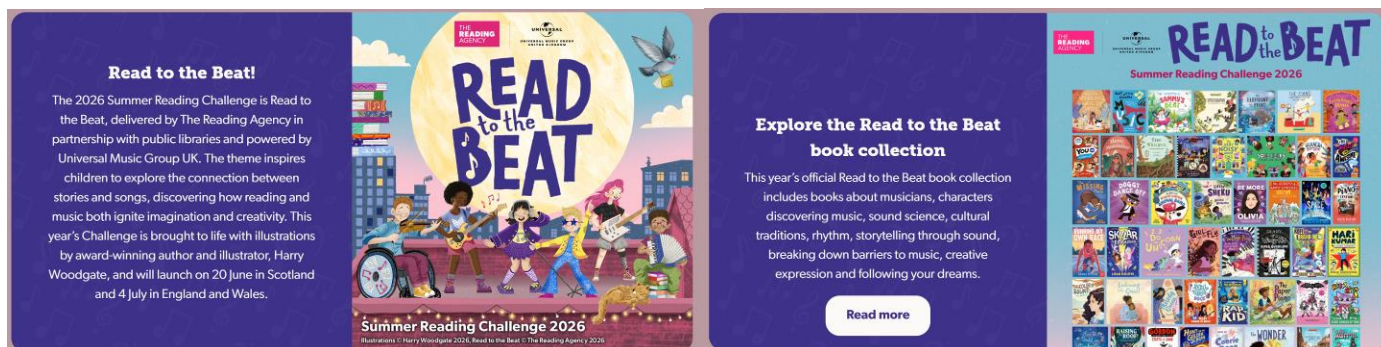
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requirements can change please let the office know if you no longer need the space you currently have or if you need to decrease or increase the number of days.

For the **after school care**, please book on with Future Stars for that element of the offer up until 6.00pm. The link is here: [Wrap Around Care Booking - Future Stars Coaching](#) To book for the sports clubs offered by Future Stars you need to select the date/days the clubs runs on and click on the £5.30 option. For the sports clubs on Arbor, please book in the usual manner through your Arbor account at a cost of £5.00 as well.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

The annual Library Reading Challenge is underway. This year the theme is 'Read to the Beat'. All you need to do is go down to your local library (Thornbury and Bradley Stoke are taking part) and sign up then read as many books as you can to gain prizes, certificates and medal. Happy reading.



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: [Summer Reading Challenge](#)

JIGSAW, THORNBURY

We have a cluster 1 funded event coming up for parents and carers. All the info and how to book is in the link below. It's the ideal session ahead of the summer holidays with changes to routines and potentially tricky transitions.

[Making Daily Life Easier - Routines and Transitions \(16-Jul-2026\) · CharitySuite Events](#)

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES OVER THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

There are a number of support offers for families over the summer holidays run or signposted by the local authority. Please see all of these different packages of support with links below.

Financial support/offers

- Information on different ways of getting support with the cost of living rising [Cost of living help | BETA - South Gloucestershire Council \(southglos.gov.uk\)](#)
- [Household support fund | BETA - South Gloucestershire Council \(southglos.gov.uk\)](#)
The government has provided funding for us to support people who are struggling to:
buy food
pay energy bills
cover other essential costs linked to energy and wider essentials (including sanitary products, warm clothing, soap, blankets)
- [Places Kids Eat Free in the Summer Holidays 2024 \(moneysavingcentral.co.uk\)](#) is a website that tells families restaurants where kids eat free throughout the holidays.
- [Financial support and wellbeing | BETA - South Gloucestershire Council \(southglos.gov.uk\)](#)

Young people's mental health

- **Off The Record:** Free, self-referral counselling service for young people age 11-15, who are experiencing low mood, depression, anxiety, phobias, self-harm, eating problems and/or anger. Young people can call, email or text, and services operate in Patchway, Kingswood and Yate. Also offer parent support groups and sessions. Can also see [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) for more information and up to date groups and activities.
Tel: 0808 808 9120. Text: 07896 880011. Website: [Home](#) - [OTR \(otrbristol.org.uk\)](#) Email: hello@otrbristol.org.uk
- **Kooth:** Free, safe and anonymous online support for young people 11-18. Monday – Friday 12pm – 10pm, Saturday – Sunday 6pm – 10pm. On Kooth you can: Chat to our friendly counsellors; Read articles written by young people; Get support from the Kooth community; Write in a daily journal.
Website: <https://kooth.com/> [Home - Kooth](#)

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- **Childline:** Free counselling via online webchat, and free support/advice available 24/7 via confidential helpline, and emails via the website. Tel: 0800 11 11. Website: www.childline.org.uk [Childline | Childline](#)
- **Young Minds** national charity offers confidential online and telephone information and support for anyone worried about the emotional, behaviour, or mental health of a child/young person up to 25 years of age, including ADHD, Autism and Aspergers. **Parents Helpline:** 0808 802 5544 Website: [YoungMinds | Mental Health Charity For Children And Young People | YoungMinds](#)
- **Young Minds Crisis Messenger Service** for free 24/7 support across the UK of you are experiencing a mental health crisis. Text YM to 85258.

Adult mental health

- **South Gloucestershire Talking Therapies - Vitamins:** Therapeutic interventions including counselling and group courses, in line with people's differing needs, age 16+. Self-referral via the website: wellaware.org.uk Tel - 0333 200 1893 [NHS Talking Therapies - North Somerset & South Gloucestershire \(vitahealthgroup.co.uk\)](#)
- **Samaritans:** Free, confidential emotional support for those experiencing despair, distress, self-harm or suicidal feelings.
Tel: 116 123 (free, from any phone, 24/7). Website: www.samaritans.org [Samaritans | Every life lost to suicide is a tragedy | Here to listen](#) Email: jo@samaritans.org

Family/parenting support

- **Solihull** – online parenting resources for parents, carers, grandparents and teenagers in South Glos. This is **free** lifetime access to a range of e-learning and online resources which span from pregnancy to 19 years. These courses can be worked through at a pace which suits the individual, with the aim of increasing parental knowledge and confidence around child development through all stages of the parenting journey. The courses aim to nurture emotional health and wellbeing so that our children can thrive as kind, sociable and emotionally aware people throughout their lives. [inourplace | Solihull Approach – South Gloucestershire | inourplace](#)
- **NHS website:** Advice for parents on a range of parenting issues, including talking to teenagers, fussy eating and teenage aggression. Website: [Live Well - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://LiveWell-nhs.uk)
- **CCP – Caring for Communities and People** – Offer outreach support and parenting courses for families at an early help level. [Home \(ccp.org.uk\)](http://Home(ccp.org.uk))

Support for families who have children with additional needs

- **SEND and You - SAY:** Local SEN and disability information service (SENDIAS) - Information and support around Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, for children, young people and families. (previously Supportive Parents)
Tel: 0117 9897725 Mon-Fri 9.30 - 4.30 (answerphone at other times),
Email: support@sendandyou.org.uk
Website: [Home - SEND and You](#)
- **South Glos Parents and Carers:** Information and groups for parents who have children with a disability and/or additional needs. Offers a weekly drop in for parents and carers, support groups, workshops, counselling and events. They also run the Parent Carer forum in South Gloucestershire to collect feedback and views from families with disabled children. Website: [South Glos Parent Carers \(sgpc.org.uk\)](http://sgpc.org.uk) Email: team@sglospc.org.uk
- **JIGSAW Thornbury** Support families who have children who are 0-25 years and have any additional needs or disability. This can be anything from learning needs such as dyslexia to complex disabilities or medical problems. Many children who come have no diagnosis. Weekly support group for parents, carers and children + training courses on a range of topics. Telephone: 01454 416381
Website: [JIGSAW Thornbury | For Children with Additional Needs and Disabilities - SEN Lending Library, Events, Meetings, Bristol Area and the South West.](#)

The South Glos LIFE homepage has more information about services in South Glos [South Glos LIFE](#)

SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD PROGRAMME

South Gloucestershire's Holiday Activities and Food programme is open for bookings for this summer for children and young people aged 5 to 16. There are lots of fun clubs and activities to choose from generally between Wednesday 22 July and Friday 28 August 2026, although some providers may offer different dates. Places are fully funded for children and young people who receive benefits-related free school meals. Eligible pupils can be booked on up to 16 days of activities. See all the activities available and book at www.southglos.gov.uk/HAF

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THE GREAT BRITISH SUMMER SAVINGS SCHEME

The Great British Summer Savings scheme is running from 25 June to 1 September 2026, helping families feel a bit less squeezed this summer.

The new scheme includes reduced VAT on days out, including tickets at attractions like soft play, adventure centres and theme parks, children's tickets for theatres and cinemas, and children's meals in restaurants. Children aged 5 to 15 in England will also be able to travel free on local bus services throughout August.

For further information about the scheme visit [Summer Savings](#).

This is in addition to further support available to families, with more information available at [Cost of Living Help - Cost of Living Help](#)

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 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P.D. Smith'.

Mr Paul D Smith
Executive Head Teacher

DATES FOR 2025/26

TERM 6

Wednesday 15 July

Thursday 16 July

Friday 17 July

Monday 20 July

Tuesday 21 July

Year 5 and 6 performance 6.30pm

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Year 3 and 4 Portals to the Past

Reception visit to Court Farm (rearranged date)

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 5	Monday 20 April 2026	Friday 22 May 2026
Term 6	Monday 1 June 2026	Tuesday 21 July 2026

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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

Tuesday 8 September

Wednesday 9 September
Thursday 10 September

Monday 14 September

Wednesday 16 September
Friday 25 September
Week beg Mon 28 September
Tuesday 6 October
Thursday 8 October
Wednesday 14 October
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
Mrs Williams and Mr Deans' and Mr Evens's classes start swimming every afternoon for the next fortnight

Meet your child's teacher 3.30-4.00pm – Miss Hake, Mr Garcia, Mrs Williams and Mr Dean, Mrs Lansdown, Miss Ramli

Reception children in school mornings and lunch

Meet your child's teacher 3.30-4.00pm – Mrs Leonard, Mr Evens, Miss Whittingham, Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett

Reception children in school full-time

Year 6 residential to Paris, France

Meet the teacher – Mrs Giles, Mrs North and Mrs Marshall

Year 3 and 4 Times Tables Rock Stars day

School cross country championships

Harvest Festival

Year 3 and 4 WOW day

Year 6 visit to Lifeskills, @CREATE Centre Bristol

End of Term 1

INSET DAY – school closed to pupils

TERM 2

Monday 2 November

Friday 6 November
Monday 9 November
Tuesday 10 November
Wednesday 11 November
Thursday 12 November
Monday 16 November
Tuesday 17 November
Friday 20 November
Monday 23 November

Start of Term 2 for all children

Book and Black History Week

New Parents tours at 9.30am and 11.00am

Individual photographs taken

New Parents tours at 9.30am and 11.00am

Remembrance Day

Parents Evening 4.00- 7.00pm

New Parents tours at 1.30pm and 2.30pm

Parents Evening 4.00-7.00pm

Children in Need day

Mrs Lansdown's class and Year 5 and 6 boosters swimming each afternoon for the next fortnight

PA Christmas Fayre 6.00-8.00pm

Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance 6.00pm

Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance 9.30am

Reception Christmas Performance 2.15pm

Reception and KS1 Christmas Party

Friday 4 December
Wednesday 9 December
Thursday 10 December

Friday 11 December

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Tuesday 15 December
Wednesday 16 December

Thursday 17 December
Friday 18 December

School Christmas lunch
Year 3 and 4 Christmas Party
Year 5 and 6 Carols by Candlelight at St Mary's Church at 6.30pm
Year 5 and 6 Christmas Party
End of Term 2