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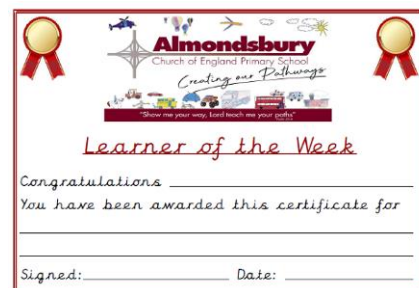
Dear Parents

## SCHOOL YEAR 2025/2026 - NEWSLETTER NO 37

### 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  | - | The Whole Class |
| Miss Whittingham           | - | The Whole Class |
| Mrs Lansdown               | - | Layton Wakeham  |
| Mr Evens                   | - | The Whole Class |
| Mrs Williams and Mr Dean   | - | The Whole Class |
| Mr Garcia                  | - | Hallie Moore    |
| Mrs Leonard                | - | Aziyah Sulis    |
| Miss Hake                  | - | Ella Rezaei     |
| Mrs North and Mrs Marshall | - | Hektor Reihe    |
| Mrs Giles                  | - | Malaya Watkins  |



### WEATHER

I am conscious of the disruption that the school closures may well have had on families and parents' working patterns. We never take these decisions lightly and we are all here to ensure the safety of the children. The temperatures in the classrooms on Wednesday and Thursday were in excess of 35 degrees, so it would have been unsafe placing 30 children in them. The British weather is a constant changing beast as we know with our constant cancellations of Sports day this year. Hopefully, we can continue the rest of this term without further disruption.

### SPORTS DAY

The date we have decided upon for our much-delayed Sports Day is on Monday 6 July. This will start at 9.15am for Reception, 10.30am for Years 1, 2 and 3, 1.30pm for Years 4, 5 and 6. Parents are asked to come 15 minutes earlier. If this date is a wash out then the reserve will be on Wednesday 15 July. Fingers crossed for good weather.

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

## CLASSES 2026 – 2027

I am pleased to share with you the class structure and the teaching staff as well as teaching assistant staff for the next academic year. We will be saying goodbye to two members of staff, **Mrs Sarah Brooks** is hanging up her teaching assistant cloak of 21 years at Almondsbury. Mrs Brooks was my very first appointment as Almondsbury's new headteacher in 2005. She has seen many children through Reception and Key Stage 1 who will remember her fondly, I'm sure. **Ms Elaine Jamieson** is also leaving us for a slower pace of life after 20 years at Almondsbury. She has been a stalwart in Key Stage 2 with her excellent artist and grammatical skills. Both are much loved and valued members of our staff team and we will miss them terribly. They are of course irreplaceable. We wish them both a very happy retirement.

The classes your child will be in next year will be sent out today and you will have the children's annual reports on Friday 17 July.

| Year group  | Class teacher(s)                         | Teaching assistants                                          | PPA Cover                                                                                                                                                                   |
|-------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Reception 1 | Mrs Rebecca Giles                        | Mrs Amy Rutter                                               | Miss Susan Winter<br>Mrs Jenny Williams<br>Mrs Caroline Bowen<br>Mrs Sandra McAulay and<br>Mrs Lizzie Swann (Year 1 to<br>Year 6 Forest Schools)<br>PE coach (Future Stars) |
| Reception 2 | Mrs Kate North and<br>Mrs Emma Marshall  | Miss Emily Holditch<br>Mrs Joanne Blackburn                  |                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Year 1      | Miss Sarah Hake                          | Mrs Trudy Challis                                            |                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Year 1/ 2   | Mrs Debbie Leonard                       | Mrs Hannah Moore                                             |                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Year 2      | Mr Nick Garcia                           | Mrs Sherry Flanagan<br>Miss Gemma Heaps<br>Ms Daniela Harris |                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Year 3      | Mrs Jenny Williams and<br>Mr Tim Dean    | Mrs Sally Spicer<br>Mrs Vicki Laing                          |                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Year 3 /4   | Mr Gavin Evens                           | Mrs Hannah Moore                                             |                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Year 4      | Mrs Lauren Lansdown                      | Miss Daisy Byrne<br>Mrs Trudy Challis                        |                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Year 5      | Miss Molly Whittingham                   | Mrs Amanda Davis Jones                                       |                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Year 5/ 6   | Mrs Katie Goode and<br>Mrs Marie Barrett | Miss Sharon Ivory<br>Mrs Sandra McAulay                      |                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Year 6      | Miss Yasmin Ramli                        | Mrs Lizzie Swann<br>Mrs Jemma Butcher                        |                                                                                                                                                                             |
| SENCo       | Mrs Samantha McDowall                    |                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                             |

We welcome Miss Emily Holditch as part of our Reception classes team and Ms Daniela Harris into key stage 1. There will also be another teaching assistant appointment shortly.

## CELEBRATION DAY

We are so looking forward to welcoming you into school for our Celebration Day on Friday 10 July. You will be able to come into school and see your child's work and visit their classroom. As it worked so well last year we will keep the split across the school and timings through the day so that there isn't a huge crush and everyone in school at once. Some of the younger children find this overwhelming and there just isn't enough space in school. Therefore, these are the times for each class.

| 9.15 – 10.30 am                      | 10.45 – 12.00 am     | 2.00 – 3.15pm                        |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Rec 1 – Mrs Giles                    | Year 1 – Miss Hake   | Rec 2 – Mrs North and MsMrs Marshall |
| Year 1/ 2 – Mrs Leonard              | Year 3/ 4 – Mr Evens | Year 2 – Mr Garcia                   |
| Year 3 – Mr Dean and Mrs Williams    | Year 6 – Miss Ramli  | Year 4 – Mrs Lansdown                |
| Year 5/6 – Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett |                      | Year 5 – Miss Whittingham            |

The children will have a picnic on that day for lunch so there will be **no cooked meals** just sandwiches made from the kitchen or a packed lunch from home.

## 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://primarygamesarena.com/Years/Key-Stage-1>

## SCHOOL MEALS PRICE INCREASE

We have been informed that the price of the school meals will **rise to £2.90** from 1 September 2026. This reflects the increase in food costs as well as staffing costs for the sector.

## 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](http://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

Monday 6 July

Friday 10 July

Wednesday 15 July

Thursday 16 July

Friday 17 July

Monday 20 July

Tuesday 21 July

Sports day (see above for details)

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

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 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<br>Monday 1 June 2026 |                         |

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**Term dates for 2026/27**

| <b>Term</b>       | <b>Starts</b>                                                                                                             | <b>Ends</b>                    |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Term 1</b>     | <b>Tuesday 1 September 2026</b>                                                                                           | <b>Friday 23 October 2026</b>  |
| <b>Term 2</b>     | <b>Monday 2 November 2026</b>                                                                                             | <b>Friday 18 December 2026</b> |
| <b>Term 3</b>     | <b>Monday 4 January 2027</b>                                                                                              | <b>Friday 12 February 2027</b> |
| <b>Term 4</b>     | <b>Monday 22 February 2027</b>                                                                                            | <b>Thursday 25 March 2027</b>  |
| <b>Term 5</b>     | <b>Monday 12 April 2027</b>                                                                                               | <b>Friday 28 May 2027</b>      |
| <b>Term 6</b>     | <b>Monday 7 June 2027</b>                                                                                                 | <b>Wednesday 21 July 2027</b>  |
| <b>INSET DAYS</b> | <b>Tuesday 1 September 2026<br/>Friday 23 October 2026<br/>Friday 28 May 2027<br/>Monday 7 June 2027<br/>Plus one TBC</b> |                                |

**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**