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Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2025/2026 - NEWSLETTER NO 36

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	-	Ozzy Knapp
Miss Whittingham	-	Gracie Sperrings
Mrs Lansdown	-	Fox Lloyd
Mr Evens	-	Coby Pearce
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	-	Jaxon Maggs
Mr Garcia	-	Minahil Arif
Mrs Leonard	-	Jaxon Mann
Miss Hake	-	Ivy Grace
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	-	Harry McCaffer
Mrs Giles	-	Lwazi Bwalya



HEAT WARNINGS



As you are aware, we have an Amber/Red heat alert for the rest of this week. We have asked the children to come to school without ties today. However, we feel the children will be more comfortable in their PE kits for the rest of the week. They will also need a water bottle (essential in this weather) to refill throughout the day, hats and sunscreen to apply during the day.



With the Red heat alert in place from Tuesday to Thursday this week, the children can be collected from school at 1.15pm if you wish.

We will be keeping the outside time to a minimum and making sure they are in the shade when outside. PE will not be held outside or at all, depending on the heat levels. We will be monitoring the temperature but we may either

move the after school sports clubs inside or cancel them in line with the advice from Health and Safety and local authority. Keep looking out for messages via Arbor through the week if things change.

SUMMER TERM IN FOREST SCHOOL

A polite reminder that we encourage all children to wear long trousers and sleeves during Forest School sessions. Children are under the trees, in grassy and sometimes brambly areas and have access to climbing. Please ensure that during summer months, your child has sun cream and, if they are susceptible to insect bites, please apply insect repellent prior to coming to school.

We are also aware that there are ticks within the local area, so it is advised to check your child daily after school.

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TOUR D'ALMONDSBURY

As they say, third times a charm and we finally completed Tour d'Almondsbury last Tuesday. The children thoroughly enjoyed participating and it was pleasing to see so much perseverance and endeavour to complete the event. We would appreciate if sponsorship money is handed into school by **Monday 29 June**. Once all the money has been collected, we can announce how much we have raised towards a permanent shelter for the Forest School area.



SPORTS DAY UPDATE

We will make a decision as to when our rearranged Sports day will take place shortly. We have decided against holding it this week due to the amber alert heat warning, We just can't win this year!

PA SUMMER FAYRE

Our PA Summer Family Fun Day was back on Saturday. The weather was perfect for the day. We are really pleased that so many of you were able to join in the fun and come to support the PA and the school.



The displays were a crowd pleaser with the Emma Kate Dance troupes. Well done. We had brilliant music throughout from our resident DJ.



There was so much to do and things to buy on the stalls, the tombola, the games, face painting and glitter, the inflatables and Mr Bendall was kept very busy in the beat the goalie game including getting a good soaking from those who scored. The BBQ was popular as ever with constant queues all the way up to the end of the afternoon. The cream teas and cakes, not to mention the bar were also popular.





The children's stalls of their creations and items made during Enterprise Week went very well including book marks, bee biscuits, homemade bags, worry worms, cake pops and rice crispies cakes. The raffle was extremely popular with many prizes to be won which included a myriad of wonderful experiences such as vouchers for private tennis coaching, The Wave, yoga, etc plus tickets to Bristol City football, a Aztec hotel voucher, meal vouchers from Paloma lounge, a golf glove from Matt Fitzpatrick, plus many more. Well done if you won.



Thank you to the PA members and parental volunteers who gave up their time in organising and running the stalls as well as the staff for their time too. It was such a successful afternoon and a real advert for how our school comes together. Thank you everyone for coming along and supporting the children and our school.

We also said thank you to Claire Jarvis, who is stepping down as our PA chair after 3 years and being part of the team who has raised £23,000; and Elise Arnott as secretary, who has been in post for 5 years helping to raise over £50,000. Fantastic work and effort. We all appreciated their dedication and support.



YEAR 6 VISIT TO LEGOLAND

The children in year 6 went on their very last school trip at Almondsbury last Thursday to Legoland. They had a fantastic day going on all the rides and exploring the park including Miniland.

You were so well behaved and were a credit to themselves and our school.

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>

PA UPDATE

A MASSIVE £2340 was raised at the School Fayre on Saturday 20 June. Thank you to everyone who came along to support the school - we hope you and your kids all had a great time!

And a massive thank you to all the volunteers for making the fayre possible. A huge amount of effort goes into the fayre, and it wouldn't be possible without all the amazing volunteers to organise it all and man the stalls during 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 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 6

Friday 26 June

Friday 10 July

Wednesday 15 July

Thursday 16 July

Friday 17 July

Tuesday 21 July

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

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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