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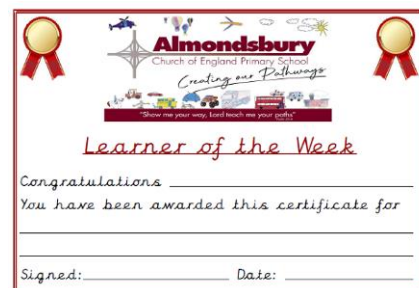
Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2025/2026 - NEWSLETTER NO 35

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	-	Lois Day
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	-	Nivaan Karanth
Miss Whittingham	-	Matthew Berry
Mrs Lansdown	-	Spencer Millman
Mr Evens	-	George Tarling
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	-	Javesh Rajkumar
Mr Garcia	-	Casey Parratt
Mrs Leonard	-	Krishank Vignesh
Miss Hake	-	Krish Shambhu
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	-	Yuki Boscolo
Mrs Giles	-	Zoe Shears



FESTIVAL OF YOUTH SPORT

On Saturday 6 June, Almondsbury took two teams of year 4 and 5 pupils and one team of year 1 and 2 pupils to the Festival of Youth Sport. Over 20 schools took part in a range of sports competitions. At the beginning of the event, the different teams from all the schools took part in an Olympic style procession around the athletics track. Each school represents a different country and this year Almondsbury represent Chile. We had a fantastic day despite the unforgiving rain. Mrs Leonard took the year 1 and 2's in Multi skills events where they competed enthusiastically and successfully brought home Silver medals.



Mrs Bowen took two teams of athletes from year 4 and 5 - 8 girls and 8 boys. The rain made the event challenging, however, the children persevered and were brilliant. They all did extremely well with the girls in team A achieving 3rd place overall. Thank you to all the parents who supported and helped on the day!



GIRLS CRICKET TOURNAMENT

On Wednesday, Almondsbury took a team of girls to the girls' cricket tournament at Golden Hill. Luckily this time the rain held off and the girls had a great time, which they didn't want to end. From the beginning of the day, when they were new to the game and the rules, to playing in the final as a competitive, enthusiastic team. They made Almondsbury proud. They just missed out in the final and came second but are all ready to get practicing for next year's event. Well done girls!

Sadly, the Open year 5 and 6 Tournament has been rained off twice and unfortunately, this means that we are unable to take part. Hopefully, next year the weather will prove to be more friendly for us!

TOUR D'ALMONDSBURY



We will now do Tour d'Almondsbury on Tuesday 16 June (tomorrow) 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.

SPORTS DAY UPDATE

We have been foiled by the weather, which has disappointed everyone in school and parents. We are trying to rearrange and agree a new date for Sports day. As there is so many other things going on for the rest of this term it is proving difficult. We may have to book this at short notice due to the weather. We will keep you informed but the different parts of Sports Day may be held on different days.

OPAL UPDATE

Calm Club is a wonderful lunch time addition which was launched last term and is going from strength to strength. It offers a calm, quiet space where pupils can engage in yoga, breathing exercises, mindful colouring, and quiet reading. It is run by Mrs Flanagan and we are very lucky to have her do it, as she is a trained Reiki and Meditation instructor. The benefits of meditation for children include reducing anxiety and stress, improved focus and cognitive performance, and better emotional regulation.

If anyone has any beanbags and/or clipboards that they could donate to our Calm Club, we would be very grateful. Thank you!

Play Awards are handed out in Play Assemblies. They are given to pupils in recognition of excellent play, creativity, supporting others in play, and maintaining the school's values in our outdoor spaces. Well done to the following students who got certificates last week:

Bella Scott
Harper Stewart
Harrison Sander
Alice Gheti



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.e-learningforkids.org/>

PA UPDATE

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

Organisation for the SUMMER FAYRE is well underway. Get ready for an afternoon of fun, food, games and dancing. 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!

School Fayre Raffle

Get your raffle tickets by using the link below - tickets can only be bought online. Buy 10 get 3 tickets free. There are over 20 amazing prizes already and more are being added. The raffle will be drawn at 2.30pm on 20th June at the summer fayre.



<https://raffall.com/422131/enter-raffle-to-win-fabulous-vouchers-and-more-hosted-by-almondsburysch>

SEN Weighted Blankets

A big thank you to Sew Almondsbury for making 12 weighted blankets, funded by the PA, for our school SEN team.



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

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

Tuesday 16 June

Thursday 18 June

Saturday 20 June

Friday 26 June

Friday 10 July

Wednesday 15 July

Thursday 16 July

Friday 17 July

Tuesday 21 July

Tour d'Almondsbury

Year 6 visit to Legoland

PA Summer Fayre 12 noon to 3.00pm

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
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	

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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

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