

Welcome to Reception Meet the Teacher

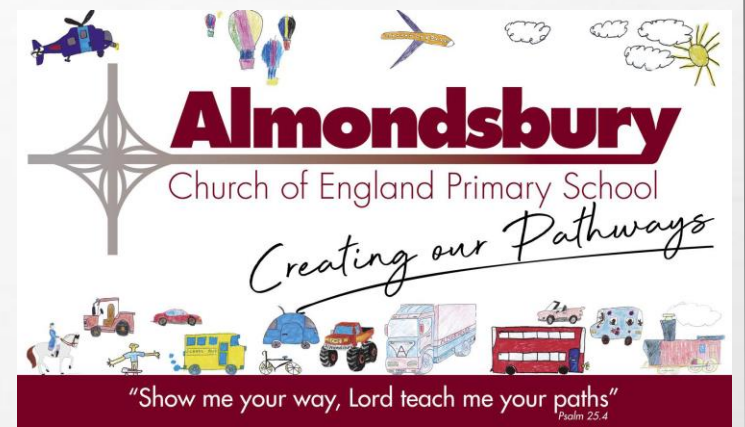
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Almondsbury Primary School Vision ...



- ☐ Our school logo is a cross as we are a Church School.
- ☐ This also links to the Almondsbury Interchange which can take you anywhere in the country, you just have to get on to this and away you go!



- ☐ We believe that everyone has the potential to do their very best and create their own pathways through life to take them anywhere and do anything they want to.

Contacting staff ...

- ☐ All staff are available to contact via their school email address. We endeavour to reply to emails as soon as we can.
- ☐ rebecca.giles@almondsburyprimary.co.uk
- ☐ kate.north@almondsburyprimary.co.uk
- ☐ emma.marshall1@almondsburyprimary.co.uk
- ☐ If you need to speak with a staff member it is best to do so afterschool. However, if something urgently needs to be shared, for example something that may impact on your child's day at school, please speak to a member of the Reception team in the morning or contact the school office to pass on a message.

School timings ...

- ☐ Gates to the playground open at 8:45am
- ☐ Start of school day – 8:55am
- ☐ Lunchtime – 12:10pm – 1:15pm
- ☐ End of school day – 3:30pm
- ☐ In the morning, please wait with your child until their teacher has collected them.
- ☐ If your child is absent from school or going to be late, please contact the school office to inform them.

Attendance ...

- ❑ Attendance is most important to ensure that all children achieve their full potential and make the most of their time at school.
- ❑ Punctuality is also crucial to ensure children have the maximum time in school and do not miss vital starts to lessons each day.
- ❑ From 19th August 2024 new DFE government attendance guidance and policy came into force.
- ❑ The main points are these:
 - New rules regarding term time absence and **finer for term time holidays** (10 consecutive sessions).
 - New rules regarding expectations on attendance by parents and engagement with school processes.
 - New procedures by school to begin discussions regarding attendance straight away.

What to wear to school ...

❑ Monday — School uniform

❑ Tuesday — School uniform

❑ Wednesday — **PE kit**

❑ Thursday — School uniform

❑ Friday — **PE kit**

❑ School uniform — Grey trousers or skirt/pinafore, white shirt or blouse or red and white checked dress, grey jumper or cardigan, grey & red school tie, black shoes (not trainers).

❑ PE kit — Almondsbury School red PE top, black shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings, black jumper, trainers, **earrings removed or covered with tape, long hair tied back.**

❑ Forest Friday — PE kit. Wellies and puddle suits or waterproof jackets and trousers are to be kept in a bag on your child's peg to change into.



Please label **EVERYTHING** that your child wears and brings to school.



What to bring to school ...

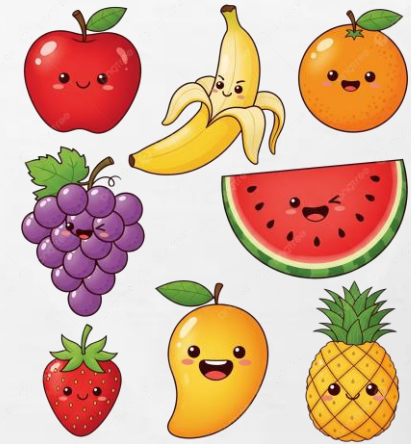
- ☐ Please bring your **bookbag everyday**. Please check inside the bookbag regularly for communications from the school.
- ☐ **Water bottle** – no squash or juice please.
- ☐ Don't forget **coats**, hats & gloves as it begins to get colder. We go out regardless of the weather!
- ☐ If your child is attending **after school club**, please ensure they bring a change of clothes appropriate for playing sports in. Please also provide a healthy snack.

What **not** to bring to school ...

- ☐ We are a **nut free school**. Please **NO NUTS** whatsoever. No Nutella!
- ☐ Please leave **ALL** toys at home.
- ☐ Children in Reception **do not** require a pencil case and stationery **or a back pack** (just a bookbag)

Food & Drink ...

- ☐ **Water bottle** – no squash or juice please.
- ☐ **Milk** is provided for under 5s, please contact the office to pay, if you'd like your child to continue having milk once they turn 5.
- ☐ **Snack** is provided each day, but your child may also bring an additional healthy snack, such as:
 - Fresh fruit or vegetables
 - Dried fruit
 - Please note that Fruit Winders, Fruit Stars and similar products are not permitted at snack time.
- ☐ **Toast Station** – starting soon - **£2 contribution** each term please.



Class Book...

- ❑ Each child in Reception will have a turn at bringing home the class book throughout the year. Please share this book with your child and record their favourite part in the scrapbook.



Maths Pack...

- ❑ Each child will also get the opportunity to take home our maths pack which has number games to explore at home with you.

Homework in Reception ...

- ☐ We change **reading books** once a week **on Fridays**. To best support us in teaching your child to read, we ask that you read the decodable book and Blending Bookmark provided by the school **four times** across the week.
- ☐ Encourage your child to get into a good routine of completing their reading. They will be expected to read at least 4 times a week throughout their time at Almondsbury and this must start in Reception.
- ☐ Each Wednesdays we visit the school library. Your child will bring a book home to share with you. Please ensure their library book is in their bookbag on a Wednesday.



RECEPTION READING REWARDS



How can you help at home? ...

- ☐ **Encourage your children to be as independent as possible.** Show them how to put on their coat, zip it up, change their shoes, go to the toilet, wipe their bottoms and wash their hands, teach them to use cutlery correctly, open packaging in their lunchbox etc.
- ☐ **Make sure your child gets enough sleep.** They will be very tired in Reception, even if they have previously been at nursery or pre-school full-time. Being at school has different expectations and they are learning something new all the time!
- ☐ Play with your children, spend lots of time doing **physical activities** to develop their fine and gross motor skills.

Our Golden Rules...



Ready:

we are always ready to learn, listen and help.



Respectful:

we are respectful of all people and property within our school community.

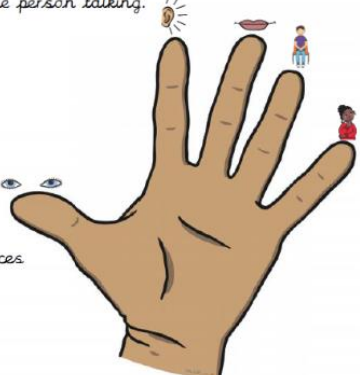


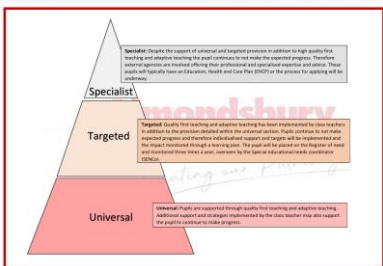
Safe:

we act and move in a way that keeps ourselves and others safe at all times.



Give Me 5!

-  Eyes are looking at the person talking.
 -  Ears are listening.
 -  Mouth is closed.
 -  Body is still, upright and faces the speaker.
 -  Brain is ready to learn.
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Our SEND Provision & Universal offer

Our approach; we focus on removing barriers to learning not simply providing additional adult support. Our aim is to equip pupils with the strategies and 'tools' to benefit lifelong learning beyond Almondsbury.



Universal

- High quality, inclusive teaching
- Adapted learning, flexible approaches
- Clear and predictable routines
- Visuals to aid understanding
- Scaffolds and 'chunked' learning
- Low arousal environment
- Emotional regulation & sensory support
- Ongoing teacher assessment



Targeted

- Targeted time-bound intervention
- Small group support
- Individualised strategies and support
- Assisted technology
- Additional brain breaks & movement breaks
- Individual learning plan & review
- SENCo involvement and guidance
- Referral and advice from external professional



Specialist

- Specialist professional involvement
- Specialist assisted technology
- Therapeutic support
- Individualised curriculum
- Alternative Learning Provision
- Education, Health and Care Plan



ONLINE SAFETY IS A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY!

At school:

We teach the children how to be safe online, how to use the internet responsibly and closely monitor their use.

Our new AI school policy does not allow children to use AI within school.



At home:

We need you to reinforce what is being taught at school, know what applications are age appropriate and closely monitor your child's use of the internet.

Age-appropriate AI tools should be used at home. It can be used for brainstorming and research but should not be the child's whole thinking.



Instagram



Facebook



Snapchat



Musical.ly

All of these applications have age limits. Children must be 13 years old to use them!

Age appropriate TV programmes are also vital.

Set parental controls on devices and only use YouTube Kids.



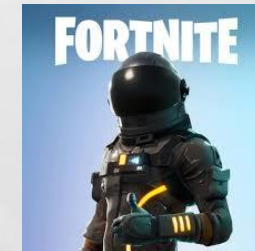
Whatsapp



YouTube



Tik Tok



Fortnite

Thank you!

Please do not hesitate
to contact us if you
have any questions.