Almondsbury
Church of England Primary School
Creating our Pathways

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Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2026/2027 - NEWSLETTER NO 1

Welcome back to school
It's great to see you!

Welcome back to all parents and children. I do hope that you have had a lovely summer holiday and been able to have some relaxation and recuperation and managed to get away either on a staycation or ventured further afield.

I would like to welcome all of the new children in Reception and new parents who will be joining us this week. I am sure you and your child will have seven wonderful years at Almondsbury. All of the staff look forward to getting to know your children as well as yourselves.

WRAPAROUND CARE
Thank you for all of your requests for attending wraparound care either before or after school. There has been a tremendous influx of requests, so much so that we have up to 85 children at breakfast club during the week. I am sure that both clubs at either end of the day will continue to be successfully run.

MEET THE TEACHER
The annual Meet the Teacher sessions for you to meet and introduce yourself to your child's new class teacher are next week on Tuesday and Thursday. They start at 3.30pm until 4.00pm. The dates for these are below in the dates section of the newsletter.

CONTACT DETAILS
Please update Arbor if there have been any changes in your address or contact details to enable us to update our records, including mobile numbers and email addresses. Thank you.

NAME LABELS
Please do ensure that you have labelled all of your children's jumpers, ties, shirts etc. It is very important that this is done as it is very difficult to return any lost property that is not labelled. Thank you.

WATER BOTTLES
Children can bring a small plastic bottle of drinking water to school. This bottle should be clear (see through), with a sports top and named – and taken home each day. Bottles can be refilled in school during the day to ensure freshness of water and ensure the children have enough to drink.

PARKING AT THE BOWL INN
Parents have an allocated time slot of 8.30-9.30am in the morning and 3-4pm in the afternoon to park in the Bowl Inn car park. If you are going to be in the car park for longer please pop into The Bowl and let them know.

LUNCH OPTIONS
Please make sure that you have discussed and shared the menus with your children so they know what is on offer and what you would like them to eat daily. **Please note that the price for the school meals for year 3 to 6 has increased to £2.90 per day or £14.50 per week**. Please book your child/ren's lunch using the Arbor App (even for a home packed lunch). There will be further changes to our meals service during Term 3. More details will follow at the end of this term.

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:
http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/

PE DAYS
Here are the days for PE and therefore the day in which the children need to arrive at school in their PE kits. For Forest Schools Year 1 and above children will be required to wear PE kits and hoodies. Thank you.

PE TIMETABLE 2026/27				
DAY/TIME	**MORNING SESSION**	**MORNING SESSION**	**AFTERNOON SESSION**	**AFTERNOON SESSION**
Monday	Y1/2 - Mrs Leonard		Y3 - Mr Dean	Y3/4 – Mr Evens
Tuesday	Y2 – Mr Garcia		Mr Evens/Mrs Williams/Mrs Lansdown	
Wednesday	Y4 – Mrs Lansdown	Rec 1 - Mrs Giles	Miss Whittingham/Mrs Goode/Mrs Barrett	
Thursday	Y5 – Miss Whittingham	Rec 2 – Mrs Marshall	Mrs Leonard/Mr Garcia/Miss Hake	
Friday	Y1 – Miss Hake		Y5/6 – Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	Y6 - Miss Ramli

FOREST SCHOOL						
Term	Day	Class	Day	Class	Day	Class
Term 1	Tuesday	Mrs Williams's/ Mr Dean's class	Wednesday	Miss Whittingham's class	Thursday	Mrs Leonard's class
Term 2	Tuesday	Mr Evens's class	Wednesday	Miss Ramli's class	Thursday	Mr Garcia's class
Term 3	Tuesday	Mrs Lansdown's class	Wednesday	Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett's class	Thursday	Miss Hake's class
Term 4	Tuesday	Mrs Williams's/ Mr Dean's class	Wednesday	Miss Whittingham's class	Thursday	Mrs Leonard's class
Term 5	Tuesday	Mr Even's class	Wednesday	Miss Ramli's class	Thursday	Mr Garcia's class
Term 6	Tuesday	Mrs Lansdown's class	Wednesday	Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett's class	Thursday	Miss Hake's class

Reception children will have Forest Schools (Forest Friday's) on Friday's every week starting 19 September. Suitable outdoor clothing and footwear are required for each Forest School session, t-shirts, school hoodies and jogging bottoms.

SCHOOL TOURS FOR NEW PARENTS 2027 INTAKE
We have the dates now confirmed for the school tours for new prospective parents for the intake in September 2027. It will be lovely to show new parents around and share all that is great about our school.

Friday 6 November 9.30am	Friday 6 November 11.00am
Tuesday 10 November 9.30am	Tuesday 10 November 11.00am
Monday 16 November 1.30pm	Monday 16 November 2.30pm

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.

PA NEWS
Secondhand Uniform
Get prepared for the 2026/27 academic year - have a look at the secondhand uniform available on the PA website: https://www.pta-events.co.uk/almondsburypa/

Great quality shorts, trousers, dresses, skirts, cardigans, branded items are all available and range for 50p-£2.

Our secondhand stores are currently full for most ages, so apart from brand new and branded items, and 12 plus age range (please hand to Reception), we won't be accepting any more donations until further notice.

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
Hourly rate: £9ph
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 2026/27

TERM 1

Tuesday 1 September	**INSET DAY – school closed to pupils**
Wednesday 2 September	**Start of Term 1 for years 1 to 6** **Home visits for Reception children**
Thursday 3 September	**Home visits for Reception children**
Friday 4 September	**Teddy Bear's picnic either morning or afternoon for Reception children**
Monday 7 September	**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**
Tuesday 8 September	**Meet your child's teacher 3.30-4.00pm – Miss Hake, Mr Garcia, Mrs Williams and Mr Dean, Mrs Lansdown, Miss Ramli** **6.00pm Reception parents phonics and reading meeting**
Wednesday 9 September	**Reception children in school mornings and lunch**
Thursday 10 September	**Meet your child's teacher 3.30-4.00pm – Mrs Leonard, Mr Evens, Miss Whittingham, Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett**
Monday 14 September	**Reception children in school full-time** **Year 6 residential to Paris, France**
Wednesday 16 September	**Meet the teacher – Mrs Giles, Mrs North and Mrs Marshall**
Thursday 17 September	**2.45pm Reception parents mathematics workshop in the Hall**
Friday 25 September	**Year 3 and 4 Times Tables Rock Stars day**
Week beg Mon 28 September	**School cross country championships**

Tuesday 6 October	**Harvest Festival**
Thursday 8 October	**Year 3 and 4 WOW day**
Wednesday 14 October	**Year 6 visit to Lifeskills, @CREATE Centre Bristol**
Thursday 22 October	**End of Term 1**
Friday 23 October	**INSET DAY – school closed to pupils**
TERM 2	
Monday 2 November	**Start of Term 2 for all children** **Book and Black History Week**
Friday 6 November	**New Parents tours at 9.30am and 11.00am**
Monday 9 November	**Individual photographs taken**
Tuesday 10 November	**New Parents tours at 9.30am and 11.00am**
Wednesday 11 November	**Remembrance Day**
Thursday 12 November	**Parents Evening 4.00- 7.00pm**
Monday 16 November	**New Parents tours at 1.30pm and 2.30pm**
Tuesday 17 November	**Parents Evening 4.00-7.00pm**
Friday 20 November	**Children in Need day**
Monday 23 November	**Mrs Lansdown's class and Year 5 and 6 boosters swimming each afternoon for the next fortnight**
Friday 4 December	**PA Christmas Fayre 6.00-8.00pm**
Wednesday 9 December	**Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance 6.00pm**
Thursday 10 December	**Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance 9.30am** **Reception Christmas Performance 2.15pm**
Friday 11 December	**Reception and KS1 Christmas Party**
Tuesday 15 December	**School Christmas lunch**
Wednesday 16 December	**Year 3 and 4 Christmas Party** **Year 5 and 6 Carols by Candlelight at St Mary's Church at 6.30pm**
Thursday 17 December	**Year 5 and 6 Christmas Party**
Friday 18 December	**End of Term 2**

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	