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Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2026/2027 - NEWSLETTER NO 2

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	-	Rio Rosling
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	-	Ife Osukoya
Miss Whittingham	-	James Tezkan
Mrs Lansdown	-	Luscious Kingdon
Mr Evens	-	The whole class
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	-	Louis Pirie
Mr Garcia	-	Jack Hammond
Mrs Leonard	-	Teresa Graca
Miss Hake	-	Enola Morgan



Reception classes will start to receive certificates when they start full time in school.

WATER BOTTLES

Please can the children bring their water bottle to school every day. Bottles can be refilled in school during the day to ensure freshness of water and ensure the children have enough to drink.

E-SAFETY NEWSLETTER

Attached to this newsletter is the next E-safety newsletter for your information. The focus for this month is the set up of primary specific pages on the Childline website, how to manage the use of parental controls, use of AI. There is a whoe section on the use of AI images and how these can be distorted and manipulated. This is of concern to everyone and parents should consider their own posting of their child's images on social media, etc. There is also information regarding primary school pupils access to Youtube.

GENEROSITY HOME DISCUSSION SHEET

This term's theme for our Collective Worship is Generosity. We have attached the home discussion sheet for you to read through and talk to your child/ren about the themes within it. As you know, the theme runs throughout the term and we will also be looking at 'Get Heartsmart' within our Heartsmart PSHE programme and Tolerance within our British Values. Below is our Bible reading linked to our Heartsmart theme for this term.

Matthew 22:36 - 40

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

ALLERGY AND ANAPHYLAXIS INFORMATION

Parents maybe aware of the change in the law since the introduction of Benedict's Law regarding schools' responsibilities around the awareness of allergies and anaphylaxis. There is a new policy adapted by school, which will be shared once approved by governors, relating to this important issue. All staff have been trained in the awareness of allergies and anaphylaxis as well as administration of medication to arrest the effects of any reaction. We now have spare Epipens in school just in case.

If your child does have any new allergies or needs that have not been shared with school please update the office.



Please remember we are a nut free school. This includes any foods that contain nuts as well such as Nutella, etc. Please do ensure you check your child's packed lunch as to whether anything contains nuts. We have children in school who are extremely allergic to peanuts, in particular, and would need hospital treatment should they come into contact with nuts. Thank you for your consideration.

PE KIT

The new DFE guidance on school uniform came into effect on 1 September. The school can only request the purchase of up to three school branded items. As you know we do not expect the children to come into school in branded school jumpers. We do ask you to buy the school ties from us. You can buy the branded logo jumpers. The only other items we suggest are the branded school PE t-shirts and hoodies. Again, if you prefer to buy your own red and black items then you can. Here is the information below:

As usual, we are straight back into all aspects of school life including PE and Forest School. As part of this healthy attitude to physical activity, we would like to remind all the children that it is essential to be properly prepared to participate. This is a reminder of the request that children come into school in their PE kits on their allotted PE days. The children have been told, a timetable has been put into the school newsletter and the days will be published on each class's webpage on the website.



PE kit is available from the school uniform shop - Linela Embroidery, Unit 1, Tomorosa, Awkley Lane, Olveston, Bristol. BS354EW - Tel - 01454 615300. There are some supplier issues for the school hoodies for the youngest and oldest ages so please be patient when ordering.

PE kit	White T-shirt/school red & black (new style) PE top, red or black shorts. School red & black hoody/red sweatshirt and red/black tracksuit bottoms.
Footwear	Trainers should be worn into school in readiness for PE.
Long Hair	Hair bands and clips to tie hair back.
Jewellery	All jewellery must be removed including studs. (Please supply tape for newly pierced ears for the first 6 weeks only)



Outdoor Playtimes, Lunchtimes on the field & Outside Learning - All children will need wellies, to be kept in school.

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
A huge thank you to everyone who came along and supported PA events in 2025/2026. You helped raise a great £8,043.58! This money goes straight back to the school to help enrich your children's time at Almondsbury Primary, so thank you all!!

Uniform shed - all pre-loved school uniform is sold from the uniform shed. (Ignore last weeks newsletter input, we no longer sell uniform on the website). Watch out for posters on your class WhatsApp group for when the shed will next be open!

Dates for the Diary
11 September - Gio's ice-cream van will be by the school gates after school and the uniform shed will be open.

Next PA monthly meeting **17 September** 7.45pm at The Bowl - all welcome to come along and get involved in upcoming PA activities.

PA AGM - **6 October** 7pm at the school

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

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**
Wednesday 23 September	**Year 1 and 2 visit to Bristol Zoo Project**
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**
Tuesday 13 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/Diversity 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	