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Church of England Primary School
Creating our Pathways

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Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2026/2027 - NEWSLETTER NO 3

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	-	Sophia Taylor
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	-	Eddie Acford
Miss Whittingham	-	Ronnie-Rae Butler
Mrs Lansdown	-	Poppy Polak
Mr Evens	-	Cordelia Reihe
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	-	Noah Visser
Mr Garcia	-	Ivy Grace
Mrs Leonard	-	Mohammed Azlan
Miss Hake	-	Alexander Bonnici Mallia



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

YEAR 6 VISIT TO FRANCE

The year 6's left early this morning on their exciting journey over to Paris, France and their residential. We hope they have a fantastic week and enjoy themselves. We will be sharing pictures and news on the website of their activities during the week and much more in next week's newsletter.

PARENT GOVERNOR NOMINATIONS

A reminder that the nominations for the current parent governor vacancy close on Friday 18 September. We look forward to welcoming one of our parents to the governing body. If you would like to know a little more than the letter shared then please email your questions to the office who will pass these onto the current chair of governors, Sam Turner, and Marco Boscolo, Sam Bailey-Gard, Rachel Mylrea and Chris O'Grady who are parent governors.

EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

On Friday 25 September we have our European Day of Languages in school. The children will be taking part in the various activities that we have planned for them. We are asking the children to come into school wearing the colours of a European nations flag, for example France – red, white and blue; Italy – green, white and red, Spain – red and yellow, Estonia – blue, white and black, etc. We are excited that we have lecturers from Bristol University to join us to lead workshops and parents who are fluent in German, Greek and other languages to support the day as well.

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS DAY YEAR 3 AND 4

On Thursday 24th September, Year 3 and 4 will be taking part in a 'Times Tables Rockstars' Launch Day. The children will be coming into school dressed up as rock stars and they will take part in a number of activities based around times tables. On Times Tables Rockstars, there will be monthly awards, class battles and house battles where children can gain house points and prizes. These will be added onto the house points tally and contribute towards the winning house at the end of each term. It is also helpful to prepare children for the Multiplication Check at the end of year 4. The Multiplication Check determines whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics.

OPAL UPDATE
We have started our new school year of play with a BANG! Literally. An impromptu scrap-on-scrap street band has been entertaining us all with its lively rhythms and beats over the past few days, they can be heard inside the school and are incredibly good at keeping time.




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.

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.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary

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

PA AGM - Tuesday 6 October 6.30pm 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 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**
Thursday 24 September	**Year 3 and 4 Times Tables Rock Stars day**
Friday 25 September	**European Day of Languages**
Week beg Mon 28 September	**School cross country championships**
Tuesday 6 October	**Harvest Festival**
Friday 9 October	**Flu Immunisation with Sirona**
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	

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