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Creating our Pathways

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Dear Parents and Carers

SCHOOL YEAR 2026/2027 - NEWSLETTER NO 4

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	-	The Whole Class
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	-	Ife Osukoya
Miss Whittingham	-	Phoebe Wallace-Daniells
Mrs Lansdown	-	Mattia Akira Boscolo
Mr Evens	-	Rosa Sackett
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	-	The Whole Class
Mr Garcia	-	Ilinca Moldovan
Mrs Leonard	-	Hugo Scott-Norris
Miss Hake	-	Jacob Anane-Adusei
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	-	Tommy Aylette-Steele
Mrs Giles	-	The Whole Class



YEAR 6 VISIT TO FRANCE

The Year 6's had a marvellous time in Paris, France last week on their residential trip. We shared our visit this year with St Peter's and all got on brilliantly throughout the week. We left Almondsbury very early to get to the Eurotunnel on our journey through the south of England and northern France.

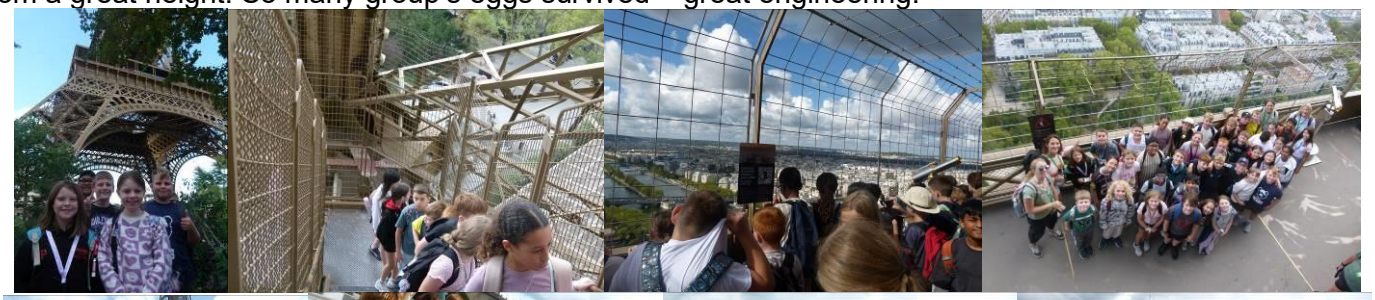




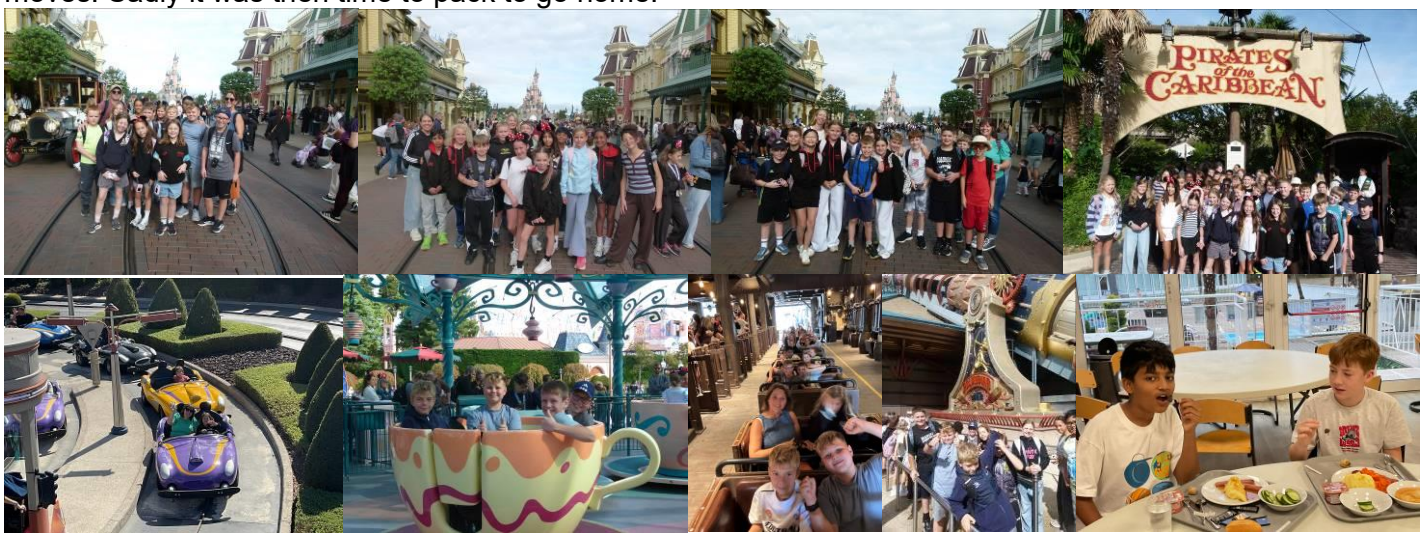
Tuesday morning saw the group visit the local market town of Brie Comte Robert. After the completion of the town trail and seeing the sights it was time to buy some very priceless souvenirs. The next stop was the huge Carrefour and the chance to purchase some French sweets and chocolates to take home. The afternoon was filled with a visit to a snail farm to learn all about how snails are bred and raised for the vast market in France and the globe for these delicacies. On return to the chateau we had free time and an evening making French crepes.



It was a gloriously sunny day as we set off for Paris on Wednesday starting with a walk up and down the 1340 steps to the second floor of the Eiffel Tower. We all made it up without stopping and for some being very brave of how high we were going. The clear blue skies made it perfect to see the sights of Paris. After that the River Seine beckoned and a trip on the Bateaux Parisian. It was then onto the coach for a tour of central Paris visiting the Trocadero, L'arc de Triomphe and the largest roundabout in Europe which our driver Craig navigated very well, Champs-Elysees, Place de la Concorde. Past the Louvre and back to the chateau for dinner. Our evening activity was games to earn materials to protect our eggs which were later dropped from a great height. So many group's eggs survived – great engineering!



Thursday is Disney day on the trip, and the children certainly were excited when they saw the signs at the entrance to the park. Despite being extremely busy we managed a full day of rides especially the two favourites of Hyperspace Mountain and Big Thunder Mountain. The visit to the shop and the Disney Stars Parade were a fitting end to a fun packed visit. A great day was had by all! There was a special treat at dinner for those who wanted to sample the snails in garlic butter. Over half of the children did so. Some actually liked them and had quite a few! The evening disco saw the children (and adults) throwing some great moves. Sadly it was then time to pack to go home.



Our final part of the trip was a visit to the chocolate factory at Lascelle. Here we saw how the chocolate was made and moulded into the various delights that were on sale in the shop. It was a tough decision as to what to buy, however everyone chose their chocolates in the end.



It was a fabulous trip with many wonderful memories made and what a great way to start the school year. Thank you to all the adults who accompanied the children and kept them entertained and safe throughout the week – Mrs Goode, Miss Ramli, Mrs Barrett, Mrs Bowen, Mrs McAulay and myself. We all had a great time as the children were a credit to themselves and our school with their enthusiasm and wonderful behaviour.

There were many comments from members of the public on how well behaved the children were in Brie, Paris and at Disney. Well done to all of them so being well behaved. There are many more photos on the school website on the year 6 classes pages.

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 24 September, year 3, 3/4 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 love our tyres at playtime! They give so much scope for creative, risky, and active play to name just a few types. This week, the tyres have been out in force all over our grounds and the play has been wheel-y good!



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: **http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting**

PA NEWS

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	
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	