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Creating our Pathways

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Dear Parents and Carers

SCHOOL YEAR 2026/2027 - NEWSLETTER NO 5

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	-	Olivia Sharp
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	-	Estée Kingman
Miss Whittingham	-	Ava Cotter
Mrs Lansdown	-	Antonia Leung
Mr Evens	-	Tia Osukoya
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	-	Rex Sansum
Mr Garcia	-	Ben Rick
Mrs Leonard	-	Florrie Belisario-Elford
Miss Hake	-	Debeshee Matilal
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	-	Gracie Simkin
Mrs Giles	-	Aubrey Brown



YEAR 1 AND 2 VISIT TO BRISTOL ZOO PROJECT

Year 1 and 2 had a fantastic day out at Bristol Zoo Project! The children were very excited to see a variety of amazing animals, including giraffes, gorillas, bears, wolves and lemurs. We also took part in an exciting workshop where we learned all about different animals, their habitats and what they need to survive. The children enjoyed discovering how animals are adapted to their environments and had the opportunity to share lots of interesting facts. It was a wonderful day full of learning, exploration and memorable experiences, and the children were fantastic throughout the trip!





TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS DAY YEAR 3 AND 4

On Thursday, Year 3 and 4 took part in a Times Tables Rockstars Launch Day. The children dressed up as rock stars and they all took part in a number of activities, including times tables games, a times tables treasure hunt and exploring the use of Times Tables Rockstars. Times Tables Rockstars is a fantastic app that can be used to support the recall of times tables facts. It is fun, interactive and engages children to improve on the areas mentioned above. However, as a school, we want to maximise this potential. There will be weekly awards, class battles and house battles where children can gain house points. 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 Tables Check at the end of Year 4. The Multiplication Tables

Check determines whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics.





EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

What a fantastic day we had celebrating European Day of Languages! Our school was filled with colour, creativity, curiosity and most importantly, a love of languages and cultures from all over.

Everyone joined in by dressing in different flag colours, creating a wonderful and colourful atmosphere throughout the school. There was a real sense of excitement as pupils discovered how languages can open doors to new cultures, traditions and ways of thinking.

In years 1–4, children explored the fascinating history and culture of Greece through a Greek Olympic inspired workshop. They discovered more about Ancient Greece, explored the history of the Olympics and participated in an Olympic torch activity, javelin and standing long jump. Children also enjoyed making German lanterns, combining language learning with arts and crafts. They looked at the history of St Martin and the St Martin festival which is held on 11th November in Germany.






In years 5–6, the children were treated to a very special experience with two university lecturers from the University of Bristol, who created an exciting German-themed treasure hunt. The children worked together to solve clues, tackle challenges and use their problem-solving skills, all while engaging with the German language. It was fantastic to see so much teamwork, enthusiasm and determination!

Across the school, children also took part in language quizzes, arts and crafts, problem-solving challenges and cultural activities, giving everyone the opportunity to discover something new about different languages and countries.




It was wonderful to see our children embracing the message that languages bring people together and help us understand the world around us.

A huge thank you to Priya Indirasenan, Dimitra Sarridou and Evan McRae for supporting our wonderful day and helping us create such a memorable celebration of languages and cultures. We are incredibly grateful for your time, enthusiasm and expertise.

What a wonderful way to celebrate the richness and diversity of languages in our school!

PARENT GOVERNOR

I am pleased to announce that Richard Elford has been nominated and will be the new Parent Governor on our Governing Body. Marco Boscolo will remain as parent governor for another term of office. Sam Turner, LA governor has been re-elected as Chair of Governors.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

It is nearly time for our annual Harvest Festival. As usual we would appreciate donations for the Harvest display, which will be set up in the Hall. Once again this year we have decided to aid a charity that is close to



us. We will be asking you to provide tinned or packet goods that can be used by Food Banks namely the Five Loaves and Two Fishes charity of St Paul's in Bristol. Please send a donation in with your child next Tuesday 6 October in the morning. Many thanks in advance.

ALLERGY AND ANAPHYLAXIS INFORMATION

Due to the changes in the new Benedict's Law, as stated in the previous newsletter, we need to be very careful about what 'treats' may be brought into school for birthdays, etc. Please check with your child's class teacher as they will be aware of an allergies, etc or with the office staff.

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.

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

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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