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Dear Parents and Carers

SCHOOL YEAR 2026/2027 - NEWSLETTER NO 6

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	-	Ella Osborne
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	-	Maisie Watson
Miss Whittingham	-	Tia Lillis
Mrs Lansdown	-	Alex Bennett
Mr Evens	-	Aarini Turner
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	-	Quentin Dawson-Skidmore
Mr Garcia	-	Nell Lucas
Mrs Leonard	-	Yara Eleffendi
Miss Hake	-	Hektor Reihe
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	-	Ted Jones
Mrs Giles	-	Rocky Thomas



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Tomorrow is 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 tomorrow morning. Many thanks in advance.



MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING AND CHAPLAINCY



Ella Downing-Sterne is our link Education Mental Health Practictioner, who will be in school on a Monday afternoon and will be supporting children in their wellbeing and mental health. This is part of the government promise on enabling each school to have a link practitioner to support children at school.





It is great that we now have not one but two school Chaplains. Emily Irvine or as the children know her as Chaplain Emily is going to be in school all day Tuesday and on a Wednesday morning. She will be in classes working with the children on developing their 'big thinking' around spiritiuality and the world around them as well as supporting individual and groups of children and supporting our Worship Council to lead worship. On a Friday Chaplain Evan, who is linked to St Mary's church will be in school to support developing our pupils worldwide views thinking about their learning in RWE lessons and other spiritual developments in class as well as working with groups of pupils.

World Mental Health Awareness Day – Friday 9 October



To recognise World Mental Health Awareness Day, we will be inviting the children to wear something yellow and donate £1 to help us raise money for Young Minds, a charity that supports children and young people's mental health.

Throughout the day, children will take part in a whole-school activity to create an Affirmation Chain. Each child will contribute a positive affirmation, compliment or kind message, with every link joining together to form one large chain across the school.

The Affirmation Chain will symbolise the power of a kind comment, a message of encouragement, or a reminder of our strengths that can make a real difference to how someone feels. Just like the links in the chain, we are all connected, and together we can help create a school community where everyone feels valued, supported, and included.

The following week, we will continue to reflect on wellbeing and mental health through a whole-school assembly. We will also be joined by our in-school Educational Mental Health Practitioner, Ella, who will be running a lunchtime pop-up activity for children to explore the power of connection and the positive impact that supportive relationships can have on our wellbeing.

We look forward to coming together to celebrate the importance of positive mental health and wellbeing.

OPAL UPDATE



Very exciting news for our playground, we now have a piano available for everyone and anyone who wants to have a try! Many thanks to the kind donor and the wonderful parents who gave their time and effort to transport this exciting new piece of equipment to make our playtimes even more enjoyable, we are very grateful. Here's to many musical moments of play which will take place. If anyone has any sheet/books of piano music that they no longer need, we are now happy to take these also. Thank you.

PARKING

Please can we remind you to park sensibly and considerately in and around the village. We have had complaints of cars parked on pavements, especially around Glebe House. Please park with care.

E-SAFETY NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

In this month's edition of the online newsletter for parents is an article about 'AI Companions'. These can be used well to support children in their everyday lives by asking questions, finding information etc. However there are some caveats linked to age ratings and how much children may become reliant on these. Alongside this is information about a video clipping app 'CapCut' which isn't always appropriate in the content for sample and examples. It again comes with a health warning of how the app is used to cut and change the video making things seem different from what has actually occurred. Another app 'Discord' is highlighted again due to age ratings to be aware of. On a more positive note there are 5 suggestions of how to engage with the internet successfully with a purpose for the whole family.

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~~ **FULL**	~~Friday 6 November 11.00am~~ **FULL**
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.

The PTA would like to thank you the parents and carers for your continued support over the last year. We are happy to say some of your kind donations paid for the iPads now being used by the children. Please keep supporting the efforts and more good news will follow.

Our annual Christmas Fayre will be on Friday 4 December between 6pm and 8pm.

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
Full training and uniform is provided, we are happy to consider part time and/or job share for further details please contact Martina Byrne-Obee 01454 863611.



Best wishes

Mr Paul D Smith
Executive Head Teacher

DATES FOR 2026/27

TERM 1

Tuesday 6 October	**Harvest Festival**
Thursday 8 October	**Year 3 and 4 WOW day**
Friday 9 October	**Flu Immunisation with Sirona**
	Wear Yellow for World Mental Health 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	