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Dear Parents and Carers

SCHOOL YEAR 2026/2027 - NEWSLETTER NO 10

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	-	Henry Hazell
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	-	Leo Sansum
Miss Whittingham	-	Hollie Rutter
Mrs Lansdown	-	Mattia Boscolo
Mr Evens	-	Lyra Lennox Gordon
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	-	Caitlin Spruell
Mr Garcia	-	Eva Hall
Mrs Leonard	-	Florrie Belisario-Elford
Miss Hake	-	Hektor Reihe
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	-	Laurie Hall
Mrs Giles	-	Euan Dawson-Skidmore



BOOK WEEK

What a fantastic week we have had celebrating Almondsbury Book Week!

We have enjoyed so many wonderful activities throughout the week. On Monday, we took part in reading buddies, sharing stories with children from different classes. On Tuesday and Wednesday, we loved welcoming children and their family to our Reading Breakfasts - it was lovely to see so many of you.



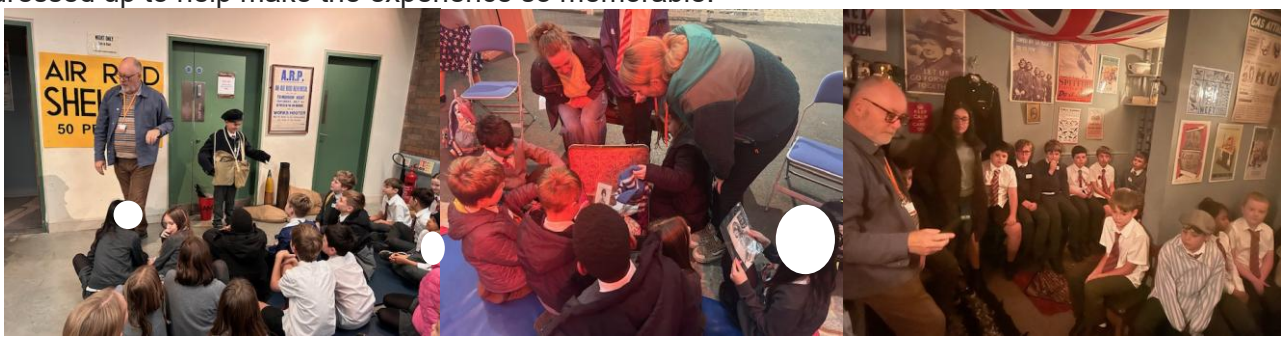
Thursday was a real highlight, with some absolutely fantastic costumes – well done everyone! Finally on Friday, we rounded off the week with Drop Everything and Read, taking some time to enjoy our favourite books. We were also blown away by the creativity and imagination shown in the fantastic entries for our Extreme Reading Competition – well done to everyone who took part!




A huge thank you to everyone who has supported our Book Week, joined us for our events and came along to visit the Book Fair. Your enthusiasm and support have made the week so special. Thank you for helping us celebrate the joy of reading!

YEAR 5 AND 6 VISIT TO STEAM

On Friday, Year 5 and 6 enjoyed a fantastic and informative trip to STEAM Museum in Swindon, bringing our World War Two topic to life! The children took part in two exciting workshops. During the evacuation workshop, they explored real artefacts and considered what children might have packed in their suitcases before becoming evacuees themselves. They then boarded the train and experienced being selected by their host families. In the air raids workshop, the children investigated and discussed a range of wartime artefacts, listened to an air raid siren and experienced what it was like to take shelter during an air raid. There was also time to explore the museum, discover more about its history and admire the impressive steam trains. It was a brilliant day, full of fascinating experiences and valuable learning that linked perfectly to our classroom topic. A huge thank you to all the adults who volunteered their time, particularly those who got into character and dressed up to help make the experience so memorable!



PUPIL ACHIEVEMENT

Fox Lloyd and Henry Jarvis competed at the Men's Artistic Gymnastics South West Regional competition in September. Fox won gold on Floor and silver on High Bar, and Henry won gold on Pommel horse. Fox also qualified for the South West Gymnastics team and went on to represent the South West at the Men's Artistic Gymnastics National Finals. Well done to both boys for your great achievements.

OPAL

We are so happy to be back and playing in our grounds. The weather is all over the place at the moment. It has been both warm and sunny, and cold and wet this week - but we have been having lots of fun.





Please make sure that children are weather-ready for outdoor play, the rain is coming….as is the **MUD**. Coats will naturally get dirty as part of play. Waterproof coats with hoods, wellies, and puddle suits are strongly recommended from here on as we do play outdoors in all weathers! We are going to be starting a new exciting play aspect shortly, but we need your help please. We are in need of tarpaulins, boat sails, and pallets: thank you for your support.



PARENTS EVENINGS

The Parents Evenings are **Thursday 12 November and Tuesday 17 November in classrooms face to face. The booking system is on Arbor and will be open for you to book appointments and will close Wednesday 11 November.**

On Tuesday 17 November we will have our local School Health nurses in school. They will be available for any parents to speak to either of them about anything you would like to find out or discuss.

RESPECT HOME DISCUSSION SHEET

This term's theme for our Collective Worship is Respect. 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 'Fake is a Mistake' within our Heartsmart PSHE programme and Respect within our British Values. Below is our Bible reading linked to our Heartsmart theme for this term.

Proverbs 12:19

"Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue only lasts a moment."

E-SAFETY PARENTAL NEWSLETTER

This edition of the online e-safety newsletter focuses on the perils of the internet and specifically online grooming and how to spot the signs of potential grooming and what you can do about it. This also applies to COM networks. It also investigates the parental controls for Spotify to ensure children are to exposed to uncensored and explicit material. There is also a reminder of Whats App age restrictions and parental control.

POPPY SALES AND MERCHANDISE

We have poppies for sale in school and associated merchandise. These will be on sale at the end of the day at the front of the school for parents and children to buy. There are suggested prices for the merchandise and a suggestion of 20p for a poppy (or more if you would like to donate more). The poppies and merchandise will be on sale from today until Wednesday 11 November in the morning at the office.

CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 13 November, we will be supporting Children in Need. This year, the School Parliament have decided that our school participation will be all the children coming into school dressed in their PJ's.

The suggested donation is as usual a £1 coin to be brought into school for the collection. Thank you in advance for your support.

SCHOOL TOURS FOR NEW PARENTS 2027 INTAKE

Please see below the dates and times of 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.

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.bbc.co.uk/schools/wordsandpictures/index.shtmln

PA NEWS
Thank you. We wish to thank the parents and carers for supporting the PA, the previous Charity Ball raised over, £4,000. Here is an opportunity to dress up in your glad rags, have a night away from the kids and do 007 Bond impersonation! You can sign up a full table or individually and we'll help co-ordinate tables. Email your interest to almondsburyschoolpa@gmail.com

Help needed! Is there someone who knows anything about reflective film on windows, please contact your PA rep on WhatsApp. We'll keep you posted on the asks.

Colour Hamper Raffle



May we ask you to all buy some tickets for the Colour Hamper Raffle. https://raffall.com/430982/enter-raffle-to-win-a-colour-hamper-hosted-by-almondsburysch



Christmas Fayre.
Next big fundraising event will be the Christmas Fayre on Friday 4 December and we'd appreciate anyone stepping forward to do a little bit. If you're happy to **help run a stall on the day or a bit of clear up please message - office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk**. Thank you.

This year, Mr Smith has asked that our fundraising goes towards a Temperature Control system for the classrooms. After last summer's closures, we're making big plans and so need big donations.

Exciting events
Hamper donation by **Wednesday 25 November**
Non-uniform day for tombola donations – **Friday 27 November**
Christmas Fayre – **Friday 4 December**
Disco – **Friday 22 January**
Charity Auction Ball – **Saturday 6 February**

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 CLEANER
We have an opportunity for an interested persons to join our cleaning team at school. The post will be for 15 hours per week plus some additional hours during the longer holidays ie Easter and summer holidays. The hours will be from 3.30 – 6.30pm, although we would also accept early morning hours. The hours may rise depending on the person and availability. If you would like more information please speak to the office for the salary and application form.

VACANCY FOR LUNCHTIME STAFF

Love working with children but hate being out in the cold and rain?

We're looking for friendly, enthusiastic people to join our lunchtime team! Help supervise children in the dining hall, encourage good manners, lend a helping hand and make lunchtimes happy and enjoyable. Perfect for parents, grandparents, retirees or anyone looking for a few rewarding hours a week. Come and make a difference! If you are interested in this post then please get in touch with the office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk or ring us. The hours would be from 12noon to 1.30pm every weekday.

Best wishes



Mr Paul D Smith
Executive Head Teacher

DATES FOR 2026/27

TERM 2

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**
Friday 13 November	**Children in Need day**
	PA Movie Night
Monday 16 November	**New Parents tours at 1.30pm and 2.30pm**
Tuesday 17 November	**Parents Evening 4.00-7.00pm**
Monday 23 November	**Mrs Lansdown's class and Year 5 and 6 boosters swimming each afternoon for the next fortnight**
Wednesday 25 November	**Hamper donations to school**
Friday 27 November	**Non uniform day for chocolate tombola donations**
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 3

Monday 4 January	**INSET DAY – school closed to pupils**
Tuesday 5 January	**Start of term 3 for all pupils**
Friday 22 January	**PA Disco**
Friday 12 February	**End of term 3**

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 Monday 4 January 2027 Friday 28 May 2027 Monday 7 June 2027	