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Dear Parents and Carers

SCHOOL YEAR 2026/2027 - NEWSLETTER NO 11

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	- Matthew Berry	Mia Lazz-Onyenobi
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	- Maverick Haynes	
Miss Whittingham	- Sean Adedeji	
Mrs Lansdown	- Amber Millington	
Mr Evens	- Rosie Ford	
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	- Reggie Goda	
Mr Garcia	- Atreya Matilal	
Mrs Leonard	- Grace Pope	
Miss Hake	- Riddhi Bhargav	
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	- Mahrukh Arif	
Mrs Giles	- Pregya Rajkumar	



CHILDREN IN NEED

For Children in Need, the children thoroughly enjoyed coming into school wearing their PJ's – all snuggly and warm against the coldness of the day. The children raised £241.80 for Children in Need. Thank you for your donations.





MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) has launched its Online Parent Webinars, providing parents and carers with accessible digital training sessions to develop their understanding of a range of topics and gain practical strategies to support their child's wellbeing at home.

The forthcoming webinars are outlined below and can be accessed via the QR code or via this link to the Referral Form

Introduction to Anxiety	**January 2027**
Introduction to Exam wellbeing	**January 2027**
5 Ways to Wellbeing	**February 2027**
Tools to Thrive	**February 2027**
Exam Wellbeing	**May 2027**
Introduction to Low Mood	**May 2027**
Transitions	**June 2027**
5 Ways to Wellbeing	**June 2027**

NEW CATERING PROVIDER



We are very pleased to advise that we will have a new provider of our school meals from 4 January 2027. MiQuills are an award winning catering provider. Their Primary school offer has been developed to bring a memorable experience for our children. Quality food is the basis of their offer coupled with innovation that delivers fantastic dining experiences that will ensure our pupils truly enjoy their lunches and go back to lessons nourished, relaxed and ready to learn. The menus are nutritionally balanced and compliant with the revised food standards and allergen labelling regulations, special dietary needs are also considered and catered for. This will offer our children hot lunches that they are familiar with and therefore more likely to eat. The new menus will be circulated as soon as they are available. Meal ordering and payments will continue to be made via Arbor as usual.

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 impersonations! 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.

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 any 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 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**	