

NEWSLETTER 5

7th November 2025

VALUE OF THE TERM – RESPECT

“Don't do anything from selfish ambition or from a cheap desire to boast, but be humble toward one another, always considering others better than yourselves.” The Bible – the Letter to the Philippians.



Dear Parents and Friends,

Plucking up the courage!

On Monday Willow Class entertained a number of parents with a violin recital, showing off their skills from the whole-class music tuition currently taking place. They did extremely well, and their teacher was very proud of them, as were the parents. Their concert received a lot of claps at the end, so well-done children.



Drop Box

We have a 'drop-box' located in the foyer – if there is an occasion when, for example Mrs Chadwick is on the phone, parents can drop items such as drink bottles, reading books or swimming kit into the box. Provided it is clearly labelled we will get it to the right child!

Armistice Day (Poppy/Remembrance Day)

Our Year 6s are providing items in exchange for donations to this year's Poppy Appeal. Thank you, children, for giving up your playtimes for this.

Pumpkin – Guess the weight!

The Friends write “We raised a great £30 through the pumpkin competition. The winner of the £10 Lego voucher was Etta from Chestnut Class and the runner up was Felix from Willow. We also raised a brilliant £162.70 on the Oak cake and Uniform sale.”

Our 'Friends' make a big difference to what we can do – so a huge 'THANK YOU' to everyone who worked on this and took part. Our Friends really do put the FUN into FUNdraising!



Attendance

Attendance continues to be a strength of the school (despite autumnal 'snivels') and attendance is already > 2% higher than attendance registered nationally. Regular attendance makes a massive difference to the speed with which children learn and the degree to which they consolidate that progress. The link to future success is also well established, so thank you for ensuring good attendance.

Fantastic Fireworks

Children at Beech Tree Wrap-around care continue to enjoy creative moments as this photo illustrates – paper and card fireworks were 'launched' into the air after school this week!





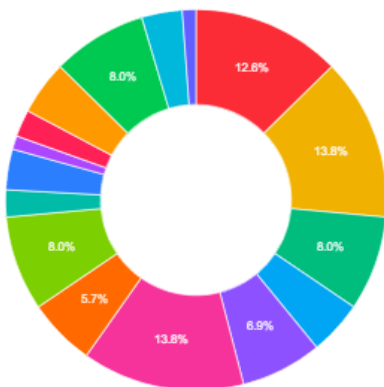
Here are a couple of pictures from Oak Class. The first shows our self-portraits from our current art unit, where the children used different media to create a self-portrait. The second is based on their research into Mayan Gods. The children used different sources to find out about the different Mayan Gods and created pictures based on the images that they found.



Healthy Eating This week's snack idea! Raw sugar snap peas are a good choice because they are naturally sweet and crunchy. If you have a great idea to add, please let me know. If you have a great idea to add, please let me know - head@ampneycrucis.gloucs.sch.uk

Forest School

Children attending Forest School had the chance to make a 'crown' of leaves – and even learn the names of the different trees we are fortunate to have in our grounds.



Christmas Carols! Popular vote.

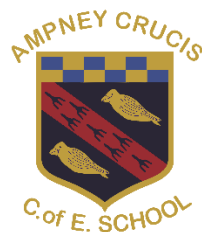
It seems far too early to prepare for Christmas – but prepare we must. We have a number of 'surprises' up our sleeves for the Christmas Carol Service (Wednesday 17th December at 9:45 a.m. in Holy Rood Church) but space to insert some popular carols. Within 30 minutes of posting the survey, the vote was split in 10 directions, and by the end of the day 14 of the 20 offered had received at least one vote. As you can see there are no foregone conclusions. Have your say by responding to the School Spider message sent 4th November.

Beech Tree Club

We're delighted to see how popular Beech Tree Club has become this term! To help us manage demand and ensure every child receives the best care, we kindly ask that you book as soon as bookings open to avoid disappointment. Please note that we operate under strict adult-to-child ratios and have limited space available. Unfortunately, we are unable to increase capacity beyond these limits unless we increase staffing which would lead to increased costs. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Children In Need

We have no special plans to celebrate Children In Need this year. We have a dress down day one week later. However, we do encourage families to support this important charity, and you can give online here [Ways to donate and pay in your money - BBC Children in Need](#)



Term 2 – Autumn 2025

Important Dates

The school year dates can be found on our website – <https://www.ampneycrucis.gloucs.sch.uk/>.

Tuesday 11 th November	Willow Class Trip – Bristol Aerospace	You should have the letter already.
Tuesday 11 th November	Armistice Day	Head Girl and Head Boy to represent the school at a local war memorial
Thursday 13 th November	Full Governors Meeting	
Friday 14 th November	Deadline for Parent Governor nominations	Please consider support the school in this important role. Joiner the school recently is no barrier to nomination!
Wednesday 19 th Nov – Weds 26 th	BOOK FAIR on site	Perfect timing for Christmas!
NEW FRIDAY 21 ST NOVEMBER	Dress Down Day for the children	In exchange of gifts for the Children's tombola at the school disco (12/12/25)
Monday 24 th Nov 1:30 – 2:45	Open Afternoon– PLEASE BOOK	Spread the word! Can you help?
Thursday 27 th November	Recorder Concert from Chestnut	Time to be confirm (morning)
Thursday 27 th November 5:30 p.m.	Christingle Service	Holy Rood Church, Ampney Crucis
Friday 28 th November	IN Service Training (INSET)	No school for children – enjoy the day off!
Monday 1 st December	IN Service Training (INSET)	Make the most of the long weekend!
Friday 5 th December evening	Wreath Making Workshop	The Friends
Saturday 6 th December		
Tuesday 9 th December 1:30 p.m. AND Thursday 11 th December 3:30	Infant Nativity "Bethlehem Bake Off"	More information to follow
Friday 12 th December	Christmas Disco	More information to follow
Monday 15 th December	Community Carols	More information to follow
Tuesday 16 th December	Whole School Panto	More information to follow
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Carol Concert	9:45am Spread the word, all invited.
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas lunch for all Christmas parties too!	More information to follow
Friday 19 th December	Carols around the tree	An in-school event, children only (sorry!)
Friday 19 th December	Last day of Term 2	Finishing at 1:30 p.m.