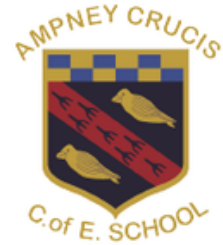


Ampney Crucis C of E Primary Newsletter #1



Date: 11th September 2026

Value of the term: Respect

Welcome

As we begin a new school year, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our families, both returning and new. It has been wonderful to see the children arriving with such enthusiasm, ready for the exciting year ahead. A particularly special welcome goes to our new Reception children and their families as they join us at Ampney Crucis. We know that starting school is a significant milestone, and we are delighted to have them with us. We look forward to a year filled with learning, friendship, achievement and memorable experiences for every child. Thank you for your continued support and partnership as we work together to help all our children thrive.

Mrs Balloch

Communication

If someone other than yourself will be collecting your child at the end of the day, or if there are any other arrangements that we need to be aware of, please contact the office in the first instance.

Parking

Please can we remind you to park safely and be considerate of our neighbours.

Cars are not to be parked on the zig-zag lines at the front of the school at any time.

Open Mornings

If your child is due to start Reception in **September 2027**, we would be delighted to welcome you to Ampney Crucis C of E Primary School for a tour of our school.

We are offering the following visit dates:

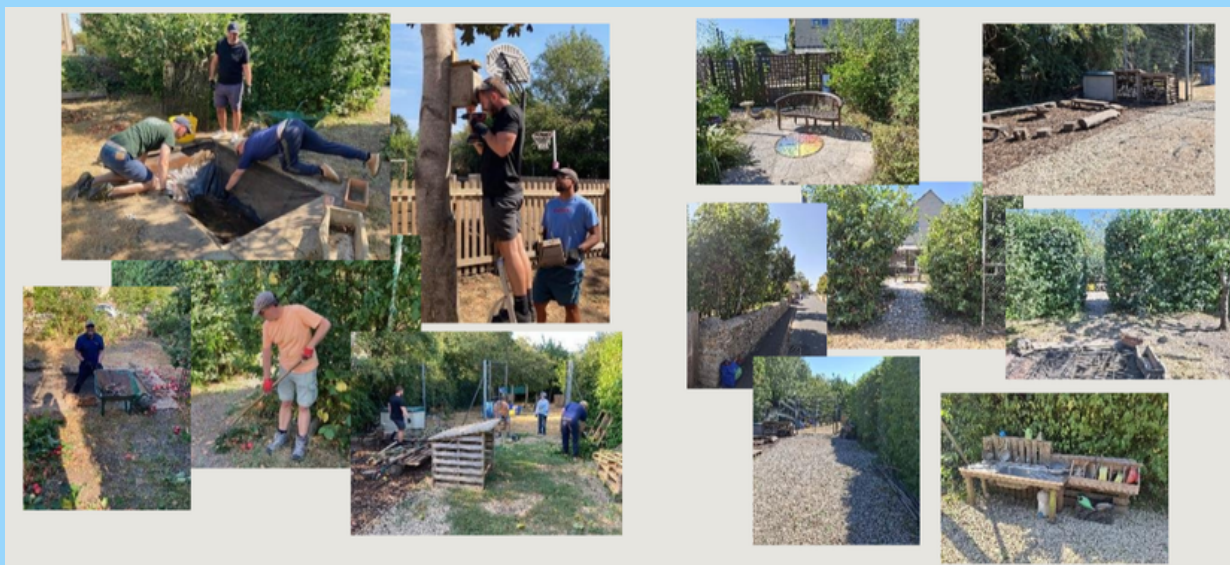
- **Thursday 8 October** – 9:30am to 11:30am
- **Wednesday 14 October** – 3:30pm to 6:30pm
- **Tuesday 3 November** – 9:30am to 11:30am
- **Thursday 5 November** – 9:30am to 11:30am

Visits generally last between **20 and 30 minutes** and will be available on the hour and half-hour. If you would like to book a place on one of these tours, please contact the school office

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School Refurbishment

Over the summer holiday, a number of projects were completed to further improve our school building and grounds. We are delighted with the improvements, which have helped to refresh and enhance our learning environment. Our school hall has been repainted, creating a bright and welcoming space. Mrs Miller and Mrs Duffey, worked incredibly hard to transform our library into a warm, inviting and inspiring space where children can develop a lifelong love of reading. In addition, all of our teachers and support staff have spent time preparing their classrooms, ensuring that every learning space is attractive, engaging and ready for the exciting year ahead. We hope the children enjoy these improvements and feel proud of their school as they begin a new academic year.



Once again, we were incredibly fortunate to benefit from the support of volunteers from Jaguar Land Rover as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility programme. The team spent the day working tirelessly around the school grounds, tackling a variety of projects that will make a real difference to our outdoor environment. Their efforts included cutting back hedges, repairing the pond area, building wood stores and carrying out general maintenance and tidying around the site.

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Reading

Over the coming weeks there will be various opportunities for parents to come into school to share a book with their child and find out more about how we teach and encourage reading here at Ampney Crucis.

Willow: Mon 28 Sept **2:30-3pm** Parent Reading Café

Chestnut: Thurs 1 Oct **2-3 pm** Parent Reading Café

Oak: Mon 21 Sep **2-3pm** Parent Reading Café

Thank you to those that attended Maple's Reading workshop and Stay and Play this week.

Important dates

Mon 14 Sept

Drumming Taster
Sessions

Wed 16 Sept

Y 4,5,6
swimming starts

Tues 22 Sept

Flu Immunisation
Team in

**Please ensure that
you have accepted
or declined online**

Fri 25 Sept

Macmillan Coffee
Morning

8-9 am

Mon 12 Oct

Tempest
Photography for
individuals and
siblings

Mon 19 Oct

Parents Evening
Willow, Chestnut &
Oak

Tues 20 Oct- Fri 23 Oct

Book Fair

Weds 21 Oct

Parents Evening
Whole School

Fri 23 Oct

Last Day of
Autumn Term 1

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