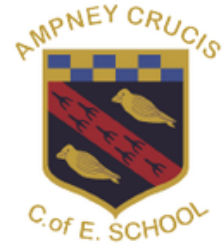


Ampney Crucis C of E Primary Newsletter #2



Date: 25th September 2026

Value of the term: Respect

Reading Cafe

Oak class held their reading café this week. It was lovely to see family members join our Year 5 and 6 pupils to share a book and some refreshments. There was also an opportunity to buy some good quality books, at £1 each. A small selection of books will be available to buy at next week's reading cafés for Willow and Chestnut.

Sports

We are very fortunate to again be working with Ms Herbert, the Kingshill PE Liaison Teacher, who will be visiting our school to lead a range of exciting PE and sporting activities with the children. Throughout the year, Ms Herbert will be working with many different groups of pupils across the school, helping them to develop their physical skills, teamwork, confidence and enjoyment of sport.

This week our first groups particularly enjoyed using the basketballs. Big smiles and comments of "this is great fun", "I'm really enjoying this" made for a positive morning. We look forward to our next groups session with Ms Herbert.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this charity fundraising event. A fantastic £127.44 was raised! Thank you to Ms Chadwick and Tina for running the cake and coffee sales, and bringing the good vibes!



Barnsley Festival Donation

Following Chestnut Class performing their country dancing at the Barnsley festival in May, our school has received from the organising committee a £1000 donation and a fabulous wooden draughts table for our playground. Thank you!



Food Brought into School for Birthdays

We know that birthdays and other special occasions are important to our children and families, and we always enjoy helping children celebrate these moments in school. However, following the introduction of Benedict's Law this month and the strengthened guidance around allergy safety in schools, we ask that any treats you wish to share with other pupils are given out after school when parents are present, not given to staff to distribute. Many thanks.

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Harvest Foodbank Support

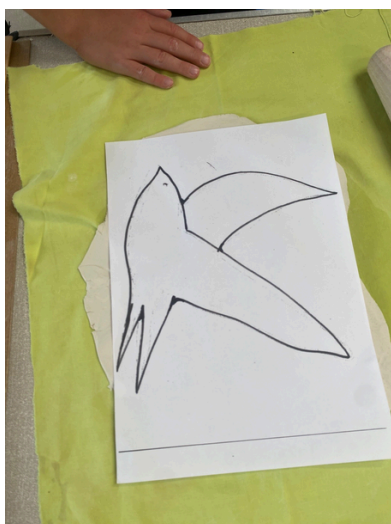
This week, children in KS2 took part in an exciting ceramic art workshop led by local artist Karen Hilliard.

This project was made possible thanks to a grant awarded to the school by the Fresh Air Sculpture Trust in Quenington. The children designed and sculpted their own ceramic birds, taking inspiration from the wildlife around them, as well as natural colours, patterns and textures.

During the workshop, the children explored a range of artistic techniques, including shaping, joining and decorating clay. They began by sketching their ideas and creating a small practice bird before moving on to their final piece. The smaller birds will be fired and returned to the children to take home.

Once completed and fired, the larger ceramic birds will be permanently displayed around the school grounds, creating our very own mini sculpture trail for everyone to enjoy for years to come. Some pieces may also be displayed within the school building.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and produced some wonderful artwork. We are very grateful to the Fresh Air Sculpture Trust for funding this memorable creative opportunity.



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Harvest Foodbank Support

This Harvest, South Cotswolds Foodbank is inviting schools to give their support through a fundraising activity. With operating costs of just over £1k a day, donations help provide emergency food as well as the wider support, advice and guidance that enable people to move towards greater financial resilience.

- **The Idea:** Pupils come to school dressed in green to celebrate the harvest and to show their support for South Cotswolds Foodbank.
- **The Donation:** We suggest a £2 donation per child (donated via justgiving.com, link below)
- **The Impact:** Every pound raised directly helps us continue to provide emergency food and practical support to local families in their hardest moments.

South Cotswolds Foodbank
Together with Trussell Trust

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WEAR GREEN. GIVE HOPE.

South Cotswolds Foodbank believes that no one should have to go without life's essentials.
Wear green and make a donation this Harvest to help bring hope, dignity and practical support to local people facing hardship.

DATE: Friday 9th October

HOW TO TAKE PART: Non-uniform, wear green

SUGGESTED DONATION: £2

justgiving.com donation link

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Important dates

Mon 28 Sept

Willow Parent
Reading Café

2:30-3:00pm

Thurs 1 Oct

School Census Day
Special lunch menu

Thurs 1 Oct

Chestnut Parent
Reading Café

2-3pm

Wed 7 Oct

Maple & Willow
Multi-sports

(wear PE kit)

Fri 9 Oct

Harvest
Non-uniform
wear green

Mon 12 Oct

Tempest
Photography for
individuals and
siblings

Tues 13 Oct

Whole School
Harvest Service
at church

9:30am
Families Welcome

Thurs 15 Oct

Chestnut & Oak
Multi-sports

(wear PE kit)

Mon 19 Oct

Parents Evening
Willow, Chestnut &
Oak

**Tues 20 Oct-
Fri 23 Oct**

Book Fair
in school

Wed 21 Oct

Parents Evening
Whole school

Fri 23 Oct

Last day of
term

Mon 26-Fri 30 Oct

Half-Term break

Mon 2 Nov

Autumn Term 2
starts

Thurs 26 Nov

Christingle Service
at church

5:30pm
Families welcome

Tues 8 Dec

Willow Class
Nativity
Performance

9:30am

Thurs 10 Dec

Willow Class
Nativity
Performance

1:30pm

Wed 16 Dec

Christmas Carol
Service
at church
9:30am
Families welcome

Thurs 17 Dec

Christmas lunch
and
class parties

Fri 18 Dec

Last day of term

21 Dec - 1 January

Christmas Break

Mon 4 Jan

INSET DAY

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Census

caterlink
feeding the imagination

Thursday 1st October

Chicken Nuggets

Vegan Hot dog in a bun

Chips

Tomato ketchup

**Peas and Baked
beans**

Ice-cream



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Poultou Pet Service

Saint Francis of Assisi viewed all animals as his "brothers and sisters" and children of the same Creator.

On his saint's day, we are going to celebrate our animals and invite you to bring your pets to be blessed

With special guest vet Lizzie Threadingham



St Michael & All Angels Church
10am Sunday 4th October

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