



*Ampney Crucis C of E Primary School*  
*Together we live, learn and flourish*  
**Newsletter 5: Autumn Term 2 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing this after our lovely Christingle Service. This is my favourite service and I always love how the church looks when all the Christingles are lit and there is a moment of quiet. A coming together of our Ampney family is always a special time.



Another wonderful event was our amazing Literature Festival Day last Friday, organised by Mrs McKay and the reading ambassadors. The children thoroughly enjoyed listening to the authors and taking part in all the craft activities, it was just like being at Cheltenham but even better! Thank you to the Friends for funding the author's visits.

The authors got back in touch afterwards and said what a delight it had been to attend.

"What a lovely school you have and how cool to have organised your own festival so much more personal."

**Lucy Nguera**

"Please pass on my regards to all the children and staff. I had such an amazing morning. I was made to feel so welcome; the children were very polite and friendly.

I loved seeing them create their masks and talk about the origin stories of the creatures. Such imagination and creativity.

You have all done a wonderful job!"

**Steve Skinley**

"It was loveliest day, and I was so happy to be included. ...- the children of Oak Class were just amazing, with some very talented future authors in their midst!"

**Lucy Hope**

The winners of the Book scavenger hunt organised by the reading ambassadors were:

Inka, Nellie, Patryk, Gabriel and Oliver Clarkson- who all got to choose a book from the book fair.

The book inspired cakes sold on Friday made £60, a very good amount to put towards more books.

Well done, Ampney, on an amazing event.



**Head Teachers Awards**

Due to the Literature Festival, we had Celebration Worship on Monday of this week. A great and uplifting way to start a Monday.

Maple – Garcie and Archie

Willow- Cienna, Finlay, Zofia and Octavia

Chestnut- Wynn, Leo and Patryk

Oak- Ella, Amelia and Oliver

## Spotlight on- Dyslexia

I have had quite a few parents talk to me recently about whether their child might be dyslexic due to a difficulty in spelling and/or reading as well as in other areas.

Research shows that 1 in 10 people could show signs of being dyslexic and it is a lifelong condition that can present challenges on a daily basis, but children and adults can be given support and a toolkit of resources they can use as learners to help.

Dyslexia is about information processing. Dyslexic people may have difficulty processing and remembering information they see and hear, which can affect learning and the acquisition of literacy skills. Dyslexia can also impact on other areas such as organisational skills.

It is important to remember that there are positives to thinking differently. Many dyslexic people show strengths in areas such as reasoning and in visual and creative fields.

Below are some websites which are very useful.

[Signs of dyslexia - British Dyslexia Association \(bdadyslexia.org.uk\)](http://bdadyslexia.org.uk)

[Dyslexia - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

If you are worried about your child, then please speak to the Class Teacher in the first instance.

## The next few weeks

There are some very busy weeks coming up in school with lots of events. Though Christmas is a wonderful time of year, children can become overwhelmed with a change of routine, excitement and tiredness, teachers will be adapting their timetables accordingly to help the children manage all the changes as well as focus on their learning.

## Dates Coming Up

Date	Event	Who
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Last forest School for Year 2 this year.	Year 2 There will be an extra date in the new year as they have missed some sessions.
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Maple parents invited in for Christmas Crafts at 2:30	Maple
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity at 2:00	Year 1 and 2 parents
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity at 2:00	Year 1 and 2 parents
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Panto Trip	Whole School
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Maple & Willow Christmas Lunch Christmas Parties- all children to come to school in a Christmas jumper/top	Maple & Willow Whole School
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Chestnut & Oak Christmas Lunch	Chestnut & Oak (can bring in a Christmas top/jumper to wear for lunch)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Christmas Service- including Maple's nativity. <b>In Church at 9:30.</b>	Whole School – all welcome
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	<b>School Finishes at 1:00- all children to be collected at this time</b>	Whole School
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	INSET DAYS	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January		
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	All Children return to school	

Please look at the website for photos of events that have happened in the last few weeks.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Wood