



*Ampney Crucis C of E Primary School*  
*Together we live, learn and flourish*

## **Newsletter: Number 23**

### **Summer Term 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the last half term of the year, as normal the next 7 weeks are full of events so please check the website for any dates, though they will be included on the bottom of here as well.

#### **Country Dancing**

Well done to the country dancers in Year 3 and 4 who danced at the Barnsley Village Festival on 17<sup>th</sup> May. The children performed very well and there were some lovely comments. Thank you to the children and the parents who supported them and then went and spent money afterwards!

#### **Nature Quiz Team!**

Well done to Oli, Rowan, Xavier and Leo who, once again, after a tie break situation, beat Powells and North Cerney to qualify through to the semi-finals, which will be held at our school next Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June. This time we will be battling it out against Sherborne, for a place in the area final. Good luck boys!

#### **School Gardening**

Well done to Mrs Cordell and all the gardeners in school. We've demonstrated to the RHS that we understand the benefits of gardening, that our growing space is accessible, and we've started gardening in school.

#### **Official welcome to the team to Ms Julia Vieira Alves**

Unfortunately, Mrs Jordan Limbus who was only with us a short while had to make the very difficult decision due to personal reasons to end her contract with us. We have been extremely fortunate that for the last few weeks that Ms Julia Vieira Alves has been working as a TA in Willow, and we are now delighted we can officially welcome her to the Ampney teach team on a more permanent basis.

#### **What's been happening?**

Work never stops at school and during the last week, work has started on renovating the old boiler room which will eventually be a new pastoral room. We hope the work to complete this and move the staffroom and create another room will all be completed by the end of the half term. (Fingers crossed.)

I am glad to say that Mrs Hopkins is well into her recovery period after having her back operation. It has been a painful first week or so but hopefully this is beginning to get better. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mrs Hopkins, and we hope to see her soon. In the meantime, Mrs Duffy will continue to teach in Maple for most of the week with Mrs Wood teaching the rest.

### **Holidays Absence**

We completely understand that the price of everything now means that going on holiday is even more expensive than it has ever been and it is even more so during school holidays, but on the last day of the half term, in which had already had an Easter holiday (plus 1 and half days extra) and a bank holiday in it, we **had 10 children** off school on unauthorised holidays. Our hands are tied when authorising holiday and they can only be given in exceptional circumstances.

If you are going to go on holiday, please be honest and fill out a holiday form. Do not put your children in the awkward position of having to say they were ill or denying they are going on holiday or for then you to send in an email to say your child/children are too poorly to come to school. Children are honest and when talking with their friends or adults will tell us what they are doing anyway and then tell us all about when they come back. (You would be surprised at the things they do tell us.) We can't, as a school, do anything about the costs but we would appreciate that the values we teach the children are modelled by you as well.

### **What's Happening this week?**

Monday – Oak class are out at Skills zone, a real live scenarios-based experience teaching children all about different risks and dangers.

Tuesday – we welcome the life van from SCARF to school, who are running sessions for all classes.

Chris Saunders is also making a visit to talk to the Year 6s.

Wednesday – District Athletics for all of Chestnut and Oak- you have received all the information about this in a separate letter.

Thursday – Class photos and Year 6 leavers photos – please make sure all children are in.

Friday – Cricket sessions for Chestnut and Oak.

### **Future Dates for your diary**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Leavers service at Gloucester Cathedral

- Maple Class trip to the Bristol Zoo Project

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June @ 5:30 – New intake evening for Maple class.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June – DRESS DOWN Day for Bottle for the Bottle Tombola for the Summer Fair.

2:00 Friends AGM – all parents are welcome.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June @ 9:30 Maple and Willow Sports Morning – all welcome to attend

@ 1:30 Chestnut and Oak Sports afternoon – all welcome to attend

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Dance-a-thon fundraiser at Meysey Hampton

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Oak Residential

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Fair after school

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July @ 9:30 Year 6 Leavers service

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July @ 1:00 finish for the summer