



Ampney Crucis C of E Primary School
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Final Newsletter

Summer Term 2025

Dear Parents,

This is the last newsletter of the year and my last as your Head Teacher.

I want to take this opportunity to wish all the Year 6s good luck and all the best for the next step of their school journey. We have always aimed to make the children into independent, well rounded individuals who hopefully will take some of the values and ethos we have instilled in them onto Year 7 and beyond. Goodbye Year 6 from all of us at Ampney Crucis.

*If you are brave enough
to say goodbye
life will reward you
with a new hello*

As one chapter ends another begins and I was delighted to welcome Mr Batchelor to school on Tuesday so he could meet the classes and I could hand over all my wisdom and knowledge to him!

The Year 2024-2025- some reflections.



It's hard when the year moves at such a pace to think back to what actually we have achieved as a school, as there are so many things to mention.

We have been fortunate to gain some amazing members of staff in Miss Jackson, Mrs Duffey and Mrs Vieira Alves, but you probably hear the children call her Julia!

Autumn Term saw a great Harvest Festival service, Nativity and then Christmas Service in the church. The excitement of Christmas week with a trip to the pantomime, the Christmas Disco, Christmas parties with a visit from Santa himself and Christmas Lunch.

Spring Term started off with some post-Christmas calm, and the amazing Young Voices concert only for this to be interrupted by the long over due OFSTED visit. 21st January and 22nd January will stay in my memory for a long time but the whole school was amazing and the staff and children absolutely deserved a wonderful report. The following week we held our (what seems to be now annual) Ampney Literature Festival, a great day celebrating all things reading and a triumph by Mrs McKay!

Following February half term the weeks were filled with sport, Maple's great performance at the Town Hall playing Samba and a wonderful and dramatic Easter Service.

The Summer Term has been full of trips, Country Dancing, more sports- cricket and athletics, residential, SATS week and more recently Bike ability and welcoming new children into school and getting other children ready to move on. All while having heat wave after heat wave!

We have achieved all of this and more, while keeping our school values at the heart of everything we do- respect, courage and compassion. Our greatest achievement of all is when our children demonstrate these values on a daily basis and continue to do so both inside and outside school. One of the most recent examples being Isla and Sophie selling their well loved plants after school on Friday. (Raising £72.20- amazing!) Thank you to all our parents who support these values.



I could spend many pages reflecting back on my time at Ampney from the strange times of Covid to this year of OFSTED with everything else in between. 6 Years of Christmas events, 3 residentials, lots of sporting events and more. I will always remember my time here as Head Teacher with great fondness. The children, your children are amazing and the staff are brilliant too. This is a wonderful school and I know will continue to be so after I have gone.

It just leaves me to say a BIG thank you to all of you for your support while I have been here. I wish you and your families all the best. Good luck for the summer holiday and beyond!

Farewell,

Mrs Wood.

Contact over the holiday

I will still be on my head's email address over the summer holiday until I officially leave in the last week. Mrs Chadwick is away for most of the summer so if there is an emergency please contact me. If it is questions about the first week back then please wait until the children are back in school.