



NEWSLETTER 3

3rd October 2025

VALUE OF THE TERM – RESPECT

"I speak to everyone in the same way, whether he is the garbage man or the president of the university." —Albert Einstein



Dear Parents and Friends,

Safety First

Scooters. Children have been told that they should not be on their scooters in the front playground. More than one parent has told me that they, or their child, has been hit / had a near miss, so please reinforce our expectation that children dismount at the threshold to the front playground and walk their scooters out to the road.

Sorry, but...

We have decided that we will cease hosting electric bikes at school. For school, there are insurance and safety risks to consider, as well as a storage issue. You are, of course, welcome to come to school on such a bike, but please take these back home with you after drop-off.

Moans over – let's celebrate!



MacMillan Coffee Morning! I was so sad to miss this, but am amazed that together you raised over £100 pounds! Special thanks go to Ms Chadwick, Mrs Cordell and Tina for organising and helping.

October already!

October is International Walk to School Month – why not leave 5 minutes earlier and park some distance from the school, then complete your journey on foot?



Harvest Thanksgiving

You are warmly invited to join us at Holy Rood Church on Tuesday 14th October at 9:45. The letter suggesting who might give 'what' will be with you on Monday next week via School Spider. Thank you in advance for modelling the value of generosity as we think of those less fortunate than ourselves.

The Pupil School Council have been elected!

Congratulations, Councillors – you met yesterday with Mrs Hopkins and discussed how you would be working together in the future. We look forward to the many ways you will contribute to school life.



School Governors

Our Governors met last week and helped to move a lot of 'stuff' forward, for the good of the children. If you want to know more about this 'stuff', why not find out more about governance? There is an opportunity coming shortly to join the team as a Parent Governor and parents of ALL children are entitled to seek election from their number – even if you've only recently joined us. Please consider this opportunity carefully.

Values

Our school has three principle values, each one 'in focus' for a traditional term. Our autumn term focus is on RESPECT. If you want to share the learning at home, download an activity sheet from [Ampley Crucis C of E Primary School: Our Christian Vision and Values](#)

Do we have all your details correct?

Some parents may have used Children's Services, or qualified for Pupil Premium Grant without informing us. If that's you, please inform us. Circumstances change and it's very helpful for us to have the full picture.

Striking Gold

Congratulations to us! Old news, but was it shared? At the close of last year the school was recognised as achieving the requirements for the School Games 'Gold' award.

The school website has been updated to include our statutory reporting on how the PE and Sports grant 2024-25 was spent. [Ampney Crucis C of E Primary School: Sports Premium](#)



Healthy Eating Staff are hoping we can reduce the proportion of items in food boxes that are convenient but don't actually provide good nutrition. So for a few week's, I'll be highlighting some tasty alternatives.

This week's snack ideas! Pretzels, fig bars and baby corn-on-the cob (raw or cooked). If you have a great idea to add, please let me know -

head@ampneycrucis.gloucs.sch.uk



Pupils Make Progress!

Over the next few weeks the teachers and I will meet to discuss pupil progress for the individuals in their classes. Clearly each child is unique, presenting delights and challenges in school. We will be looking at all the options available to help maximise their learning over the coming terms.

The school website has also been updated to include our statutory reporting on how the well last year's Year 6 did in their SATS. Some figures are provisional, as number-crunching on the National Statistics (to which we are compared) takes place, but from my experience they rarely change by more than 0.1% so I have a high degree of confidence in them – and our school is AMAZING, especially the progress scores.

[Ampney Crucis C of E Primary School: National Test Results](#)

Young Readers We are saying goodbye to a good number of books which no longer are proving useful in school. Please feel free to help yourself, you can find them in the lobby area.



Important Dates and **NEWLY ADDED INFORMATION**

The school year dates can be found on our website – <https://www.ampneycrucis.gloucs.sch.uk/>.

Thursday 9 th October 9:30 – 11:30	Open Morning (for Reception 2026)	Spread the word! Could a parent or two come and assist please?
Tuesday 14 th October 9:45	Harvest Festival – 'Spider' to follow	Holy Rood Church, Ampney Crucis
Weds 15 th October 3:30 – 7:30	Open Morning (for Reception 2026) PLEASE BOOK AHEAD	Spread the word! Could a parent or two come and assist please?
Thursday 17 th October	Chestnut Class Trip – Ashmoleum Museum and Story Museum	You should have the letter already.
Monday 20 th October	Tempest Photography – individuals and sibling groups	Smart please – bring a hair brush!
Monday 20 th October	Parents Evening – letter to follow	Booking opening soon
Wednesday 22 nd October	Parent's Evenings– letter to follow	Booking opening soon
Monday 27 th to Friday 31 st Oct	HALF TERM	Enjoy the break!
Tuesday 4 th Nov 9:30 – 11:30	Open Morning – PLEASE BOOK	Spread the word! Can you help?
Thursday 6 th Nov 9:30 – 11:30	Open Morning – PLEASE BOOK	Spread the word! Can you help?
Tuesday 11 th November	Willow Class Trip – Bristol Aerospace - ALSO Governors Meeting	You should have the letter already.
Wednesday 19 th Nov – Weds 26 th	BOOK FAIR on site	Perfect timing for Christmas!
Monday 24 th Nov 1:30 – 2:45	Open Afternoon– PLEASE BOOK	Spread the word! Can you help?
Thursday 27 th November	Recorder Concert from Chestnut	Time to be confirm (morning)
Thursday 27 th November 5:30 p.m.	Christingle Service	Holy Rood Church, Ampney Crucis
Friday 28 th November	IN Service Training (INSET)	No school for children – enjoy the day off!
Monday 1 st December	IN Service Training (INSET)	Make the most of the long weekend!