



Ampney Crucis Church of England Primary School

Founded in 1722 by the Robert Pleydell Trust, Ampney Crucis Primary is a forward-thinking school with a long, proud history. The school currently has 94 pupils age 4-11. Each one is given the opportunity to develop into a well-rounded individual with an enthusiasm for learning and life. This is achieved through a well-planned, creative curriculum, and a very caring, supportive environment. We also ensure that all pupils have opportunities to take part in a wide variety of extra-curricular activities. We are a hard working school community. Teachers are ambitious for their pupils and work in partnership with parents to help them reach their full potential. Behaviour is exemplary, as noted in our most recent Ofsted inspection. Our school values of Trust, Kindness, Responsibility, Perseverance, Creativity, Courage and Respect form the basis of the school's ethos.

Highlights of recent years

- 2011 - Winners of the competition to design a banner for the Gloucester Diocese. The school was invited to take the banner to the service in Westminster Abbey to mark 200 hundred years of Church of England schools.
- 2011 - Lottery Grant awarded to erect a small "eco-building" in grounds.
- 2012 - First school in Gloucestershire to be awarded "Quality Lead" by *Achievement for All*, a national charity focussed on narrowing the gap between pupils with Special Educational Needs and those without.
- 2013 - Top in Gloucestershire for Key Stage 2 SATS results and ranked 33rd out of 17,000 primary schools in England. The school continues to maintain a high ranking.
- 2013 - Winners of the Gloucestershire Wildlife Quiz for primary schools.
- 2014 - Ofsted inspection. Awarded Outstanding, putting us in the top 9% of the country
- 2015 - Gold medal for our small garden design in the Royal Horticultural Society's national schools' competition.

Our Vision for the Future

Currently our pupils are taught in mixed key stage groups. **Our aim is to create more teaching space by building a new classroom** to replace our smallest classroom. This will allow us to organise the school in such a way that we can teach pupils within their Key Stages, which is becoming essential due to the increasingly complex demands being made through the ever-changing educational curriculum. We aim to structure the school as follows:

- **Reception Year** - *Early Years Foundation Stage* (Maple Class)
- **Year 1 & Year 2** - *Key Stage 1* (Willow Class)
- **Year 3 & Year 4** - *Lower Key Stage 2* (Chestnut Class)
- **Year 5 & Year 6** - *Upper Key Stage 2* (Oak Class)

Although the new class structure will benefit all pupils at the school, the greatest benefit will be to Reception Year pupils (age 4-5) who are currently taught with Year 1. It has been our long-held aim to teach the youngest members of our school community as a separate year group. The first year at primary school is a transition from pre-school/nursery to formalised education, and the Early Years curriculum is unique with its focus on learning through play, investigation and exploration of the world around us.

We have set ourselves the ambitious task of raising £130,000 to realise our project. Ideally we would like the classroom to be in place for the start of the new academic year in September, but we may be looking at early 2017. The new classroom will be a purpose built, self-contained structure (including cloakroom facilities) and will sit sympathetically within the school grounds on the site of what used to be the old adventure playground.

The Friends of Ampney Crucis School (our wonderful team of parent supporters and fundraisers) have already begun their fundraising events. The governors of the school are exploring grant funding. The trustees of the school from the Robert Pleydell Educational Charity (as the original Trust is now known), are actively lending their support to the project. We are also due to receive a substantial donation from the *Village Trust*.



Please note: we do not intend to increase the number of pupils, but further strengthen and enhance the high quality teaching and learning in our school.



Are you able to help us reach our target?

We are seeking donations of any size to enable us to achieve our goal of a new classroom which will have such a significant and positive impact on the whole school. We hope that you will share our enthusiasm for this project. If you would like to make a donation, please download the Donation Form for more details.

