



Ampney Crucis C of E Primary School
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Newsletter 17: Spring Term 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the Spring Term. I hope you all had a good festive holiday, though I imagine, as in my household, a return to routine and non-Christmas food, has been secretly welcomed by all!

Our Value for this term **is Courage**. As this seems very apt when we are returning from a holiday. We all need a little bit of Courage to embrace the new term and what lies ahead.

Did you know that, "Do not be afraid" appears at least 365 times in the Bible and there are many stories of being brave or courageous, for example, the well know story about David and Goliath.

We will be discussing with the children over the next few weeks 2 key questions.

Where do our fears come from? Where does Courage come from?

As Nelson Mandela once said, "I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear."

Children's Mental Health week in February will be a good opportunity to discuss with all our children that it is ok to feel worried, anxious or scared and it is what you do about it and what strategies you can use to overcome your fears. Our mindfulness sessions continue with Emily Bird for Willow Class and will extend to Year 6 over the next few weeks, and I know lots of children have found these beneficial.

What's coming up?

After the delightful interruptions of all the Christmas activities, school will be back to being focused on teaching and learning. We have however, many events planned throughout this half term.

This week, following a recommendation from the School Council for more art opportunities, each class will be studying a piece of art and producing some work in response to it.

We welcome Luke from Sportily, who will be running a 6 week Play leaders course with children from Oak Class.

We also welcome back Charlie, one of the coaches from Gloucestershire Cricket Foundation who is running cricket sessions for all the classes today.

The following week, **13th January**, starts with **Young Voices**, where we are taking a record number of children to sing in Birmingham. Our **Look Whose Talking Competition** also takes place, where we would like all children to take courage and talk about something that interests them. Children will be selected to go through to the local schools final.

Class newsletters will give you more information about specific things for your child or children.

Please look at the calendar on the website as well for events.

Have a lovely week.

Mrs Wood

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The Governors would like to wish a very Happy New Year to all our school family, parents, carers, pupils, and staff.

We hope that you enjoyed the festive break and are feeling refreshed and ready for a fun packed term!

2024 was a fantastic year and we would like to thank all staff for their hard work and the Friends for their continued fundraising and support.

Without the Friends, our pupils would miss out on fun experiences and their contributions to school needs are very valuable.

What's more, the Friends is run by a team of people with already busy lives, therefore any support that you can give with upcoming fundraising activities and events would be greatly appreciated.

Please speak to the Friends directly if you can lend hand or offer some time.

Our school is supported by an army of volunteers who I would like to give special thanks to. Their work helps to ensure that all our pupils have a fun and memorable experience, whilst being prepared for their next step to secondary school.

In-line with our core school value of 'respect', we thank you all.

As always, feel free to reach out or catch one of the Governors at pick up or drop off if you have any questions or concerns and here is to a happy 2025!

Howard Beddoe
(On behalf of the Governing Body)