



Ampney Crucis C of E Primary School

Together we live, learn and flourish





Learning & the Curriculum



At Ampney Crucis C of E Primary School, we aim to put the children's own learning at the centre of our broad and balanced curriculum.

We recognise the importance of making children's learning memorable and meaningful, and mainly use a theme-based approach to encourage children to ask key questions, make connections and link ideas and areas of learning.

We enable children to develop life skills that prepare them for the next transition in their school journey. Our aim is to excite our children about their learning and to give them the tools needed to build on their previous knowledge and understanding, so that they can flourish at all stages of their education.


"We enjoy being creative in lessons and our school allows us to explore and express ourselves."

Welcome

At Ampney Crucis C of E Primary School, we believe in providing an inspirational, exciting and challenging environment where every child is encouraged to reach their full potential, to embrace challenge, to behave well and to be respectful and kind towards others.



Our vision, 'Together we live, learn and flourish', underpins our Christian ethos. We want all children to be happy and independent, to become creative and reflective thinkers who are always striving to extend their learning and who celebrate both their own and others' successes and achievements.

When your child joins our school, you as a family join us too. A successful school relies on building a partnership and understanding between the parents and communities it serves. With parents as our partners, together we can promote the high standards of learning, behaviour and attitudes that will enable every child to flourish.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to the Ampney Crucis family.



Above and beyond!



At Ampney Crucis C of E Primary School, although English and Maths are central to our curriculum, we believe that children should have opportunities to shine in other areas, both within our school day and in extra-curricular activities.

We hold special days and weeks where we will focus as a whole school on a theme such as resilience or our emotional well-being, or we will all study the same book and share our work with each other. This creates a sense of us all working together to achieve the same aim.

Children have the opportunity to join the school choir and to take up music lessons - drumming, guitar, violin, piano, flute or clarinet. We aim for children to experience a range of sports at our after-school clubs and also in partnership with local secondary schools, with competitions in dodgeball, cross country and other team events. Swimming is offered in Year 2.





Pupils as leaders

Our pupils are at the very centre of everything we do and they are given many opportunities, both formally and informally, to share their ideas and opinions and to develop their leadership skills.

We believe it is really important that we consult with our pupils and consider their ideas. This helps us to evaluate what the children like about our school and what we can do to make it even better for them.

We have a very active school council with representatives from Reception (from the Summer Term) to Year 6. We have play leaders in Year 2 and Year 6 who help the children play games together at break and lunchtimes.

An Act of Worship group helps lead worship across the school. We have class ambassadors as well as children in the upper years acting as House and Vice Captains of our three houses, Wilkie, Dodd and Newton.



“We treat each other how we want to be treated ourselves. We are kind and caring and that is what our school is all about.”

Christian values

At Ampney Crucis C of E Primary School, we believe our Christian identity is intrinsic to the ethos and culture of our school. We regularly visit The Holy Rood, our local Church, as a whole school, and we welcome visitors from all faiths. We promote Christian and British values through our Collective Worship and through stories, work in class and by using examples from everyday life. We encourage Christian values in all that we do.

It is our belief that everyone, both within our school community and in the wider world, should be valued and treated with love and respect. We celebrate the different and diverse cultures and communities within our school and beyond.

Keeping children safe

At Ampney Crucis C of E Primary School, the safeguarding and welfare of our children is our main priority and commitment.

We believe that everyone has the right to be happy, safe and able to learn, and we share the responsibility to make this happen.

We expect all staff, volunteers and other third parties to share this commitment. We have 3 members of staff who are designated safeguarding leads, and all staff are trained in Child Protection.

Children in our school are taught how to keep themselves safe in the wider community and online.





Pastoral care?

We are a nurturing school where children are individually supported. The whole school works as a team to ensure children are successful. Strong positive partnerships between school and home are essential – working together is key.

We monitor and provide support for children, whatever the challenges they are facing. We have good links with expert external support and recognise the importance and impact this has on a child's journey.



"If I could describe our school in one way, I would call it one big welcoming family."

Friends of Ampney Crucis



When you join our school, you are considered a 'Friend': part of our great support network of parents who volunteer in school, help to fundraise and provide the children with wonderful opportunities throughout the year.

In previous years, the Friends have provided new books for the library, purchased larger outdoor play equipment, and subsidised trips, including a whole-school pantomime visit.

The Friends also organise events for children and parents, such as children's art work exhibitions and festive wreath-making evenings.

When your child joins our school, you are welcomed as a whole family, with opportunities to become involved in school life if you are able to.



Life outside the classrooms



We believe that playing and learning are just as important outdoors as indoors, and we are extremely lucky at Ampney Crucis to have such wonderful outside spaces that all the children can access.

We have a large playground, and Reception and Year 1 & 2 also have their own outdoor areas. Children can sit in the storytelling area and share books on the grass, play on a trim trail or a pirate ship or play hide and seek amongst the trees and den area. We also have a quiet, reflective garden where children can be still, and a wildlife area that we can explore.

Providing experiences outdoors enables children to flourish in different ways and helps their emotional well-being.





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