



## 2024-25 Week 24 Update

### Small school joint fundraising event

A few years ago, we arranged a fantastic small school joint fundraising event – a sponsored bike ride. This allowed all the local schools to come together for a joint event bigger than any one school could arrange and raise money for their schools. Last year, Ampney Crucis took over the baton and arranged a great 'colour run' that again was another fun-filled and very colourful day. This year, it is Meysey's turn, and they are hosting a 'flourishing festival' where we are all invited to join a sponsored dance-a-thon. We hope that, like in previous years, as many children from Down Ampney as possible can join in the fun. Attached with this update is the information and registration link. Please do not delay in signing up, and can I ask that you also inform Mrs Woodruffe if you have done so that we can monitor interest and send you the sponsor forms and relevant Just Giving link?

### Rev. Swanton's Last Service

We are hoping to have a school presence at Rev. Swanton's last service, which will be on Sunday, April, at All Saints Church. To plan staffing and what we are going to do, please let me know if your child will be able to join us that morning. The service is at 10 am. **I need to know the numbers by Friday, March 21st.**

### Outdoor help needed

Can you help us weave the willow dome? No experience needed, just the willingness to climb a ladder and weave willow. Please let me know if you think you can help, as this is the perfect willow weaving season!

### This Week

The children have been working extremely hard in all lessons and are certainly making the most of the better weather by being outside whenever possible. It is lovely to see so many children attending the wide variety of after school, teacher-led clubs. This is a reminder that there are no clubs after school the week of 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> March due to parents' meetings. Mrs Woodruffe and I have been working on transferring over our information and communications system, which we hope will go live on April 1st. The new system is called Bromcom, and the interface will be MyChildAtSchool. This will bring us in line with other schools in the trust and also make us more efficient in the long term.

### Next Week

There is a 'water bottle sale' after school on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>, as we have kindly been donated some new water bottles to raise funds for the school. The recent bake sale raised an amazing £181, and we are, as always, very grateful for the support you have shown the school.

### PTA update

This week, the PTA met to discuss some of the events that are coming up:  
Thursday, March 20th – after school water bottle sale (a chance to stock up on water bottles!)  
Saturday, April 5th - Sunday, April 27th – Easter Egg trail around the village.  
Friday, April 11th – make the rules days (fundraising shared with Make A Wish).  
May 16th – school disco – more details to follow.

### Swimming

We have managed to secure an additional swimming session to replace last week's lost lesson, and this will be on Friday, April 4th.



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### Parents meetings

You should have now received your parents' evening appointments; please let us know if you have not received yours.

Key Dates – for the full year, see the website – new dates or information in yellow

<https://www.downampneyprimaryschool.co.uk/calendar/>

March 24th	Parent progress meetings this week – NO CLUBS
March 28th	INSET DAY
April 4th	Class 3 morning at De Vere hotel
April 11th	Easter egg hunt and non-uniform day
May 12th	Year 6 SATS week
May 23rd	Sports Day (if dry)
June 3rd	School beat visit
June 10th	Y6 leavers service at the Cathedral
June 17th	RIAT STEM day
June 21st	Small school fundraising
June 23rd	District Sports
June 26th	Area Sports
1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Farmers Induction days
July 4th	School Fete
July 18th	Last day of the term