



# NEWSLETTER

5th January 2026

**'Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.' Hebrews 11:1**

*Christian Value - Faith*



Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all. Hope you managed to have a good break with family and friends, enjoying time to celebrate and time to rest. This week we will be having Celebration Worship on Friday and you are welcome to join us. Today the staff from each of the schools in CDLT are spending the day together sharing good practice and finding out about each school and its community. It is the first time all the staff from the schools in the trust have been together and we intend to do this each year as part of building strong and supportive working relationships.

As usual, if you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to raise them at school - it is easiest to send them via email to [contact@capenhurstcep.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:contact@capenhurstcep.cheshire.sch.uk)

Mrs Green

A big thank you to everyone for their kind gifts and cards shared with the staff for Christmas. We are all very grateful and appreciate the thought and kindness that you show when writing your cards and choosing gifts. As a staff we enjoy sharing the food items with each other during the school day.

Our reverse advent calendar for the Foodbank was collected on Thursday 18th December and together we donated **155.6kg** of food! Over the course of 2025, our small school has donated a total of **335.9kg** of food to the West Cheshire Foodbank. Thank you all for your continued support.

Our Festive Fun Run in aid of the Hospice has raised **£275** via online donations, and there are more cash donations to add to this total. We will provide a final figure when it has been confirmed. Well done to all who took part.

## Dates and events - a few things for the calendar!

**Monday 5th Jan - School closed to pupils (INSET Day)**

**Tuesday 6th Jan - School reopens to pupils for the Spring Term**

**Tuesday 6th Jan - Swimming lessons start for Class 3 children**

Tuesday 20th January - Parent drop-in session with support services (see box below for details)

Wednesday 21st Jan - Year 4 Family Lunch - **response required by today - please complete ParentMail form.**

**Thursday 22nd Jan - Class 1 Farm Visit**

**Thursday 22nd Jan - Big Maths at Woodlands Primary, 1.15-3.15pm - 4 x Y6 children (have been advised)**

**Thursday 29th Jan - Class 2 Farm Visit**

**Thursday 5th Feb - Class 3 Farm Visit**

Wednesday 11th Feb - Year 3 Family Lunch

**Thursday 12th Feb - Class 4 Farm Visit**

Monday 16th - Friday 20th Feb - School closed for half term break

Monday 23rd Feb - INSET day (school closed for pupils)

Wednesday 25th Feb - Parents' Evening, 4-7pm (further details will follow in due course)

Thursday 26th Feb - Parents' Evening 4-7pm (further details will follow in due course)

**Wednesday 4th - Friday 6th March - KS2 Conway Centre residential**

**Wednesday 11th March - Year 2 Family Lunch**

**Monday 16th March - KS1 Dance Festival - further details will follow closer to the time**

There will be more details sent home for the events as they become available and closer to taking place. Other dates will be added as they are set in the diary.

## Swimming Lessons for Class 3

Swimming lessons start for children in Class 3 on Tuesday 6th January. Your child will need to arrive at school on time with their swim wear underneath their school uniform as we will be leaving school at 9.00am promptly in order to arrive at EPSV on time. Please ensure your child brings underwear and a towel each Tuesday morning, and a snack from home if needed, as they may miss morning school break.

Payment should be made via Parentmail as soon as possible, **£33 by Tuesday 6th January** and the remaining £33 on or before Tuesday 24th February. Thank you.

## Parent drop-in with Mental Health Support Team, Early Help Navigators and ChAPS (Cheshire Autism Practical Support)

On Tuesday 20th January 2026, the above services are holding a parent drop-in session in the outdoor classroom from 8.30 to 9.30am. This is an opportunity for any parent to speak with any of the service representatives about the support available from each of them. If this is successful, we will look to run another session later in the school year. You are strongly encouraged to make the most of this opportunity to speak with these professionals and see what support is out there for you, your children and family.



## In worship this week...

...we will be thinking about what the new year could bring for each of us and promises we could make to ourselves and others. We hope that everyone of all or no faith can come together to keep each other free from harm. Too often people of different faiths can clash and focus on their differences. Now is a time to think about how we can come together to support each other and know that faith can be a common bond rather than a point of difference. We encourage the children to focus on what brings them together rather than what can separate them.

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## Spring Term After-School Clubs

Spring term after-school clubs start on Monday 13th January. Please complete the ParentMail form, as soon as possible, if your child would like to take part. Sports clubs, Minecraft (KS2 only) and fencing (Years 2-6) should be booked and paid for directly with the external providers before Monday 13th January. All teacher-led clubs incur a cost of £3.50 per week and you will be billed via ParentMail as appropriate. Please pay half termly in advance.

## Applying for school places

Parents with children in pre-school due to start school in September 2026 are reminded that you should now apply for reception places online via the Council's website at [www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions)  
The closing date for admissions is **Thursday 15th January 2026**.

## Selfless Shelves supporting the West Cheshire Foodbank - All in, bring a tin!

We think that Capenhurst is a welcoming community that includes everyone irrespective of race, gender or religion. The 'Selfless Shelves' is a project where children can earn a token as a reward for a good deed in school. This token can then be exchanged for a food item from the 'Selfless Shelves' which can then be placed in the Foodbank. Everyone is encouraged to bring items for the shelves - the children see this as a 'Circle of Kindness'. **We encourage families to help out by bringing in things for the Selfless Shelves. All in, bring a tin!**



The Foodbank will then use these items to support local families struggling to provide food for themselves. We will continue to support the West Cheshire Foodbank in our traditional way and food items can be brought in and placed on the 'Selfless Shelves' or directly into the collection box. The Foodbank is particularly in need of **pot noodles, meat paste, pasta in sauce (microwave), long life juice and cereal bars**.

## Friends of Capenhurst Facebook Page

Just a reminder, and for our new families, that Friends of Capenhurst has a Facebook page, '**Friends of Capenhurst School (PTA)**'. This is a closed group for **current parents/carers only**; please request to join the group if you have not already done so, answer the security questions, and you will be added. **Requests made without answering the security questions will be declined automatically.** The group provides fundraising updates and general school reminders.

## Birthday Celebrations

The following children celebrate a birthday this week: (5th - 11th Jan)

Alexandra      Flynn  
Verity      Bella C      Ella



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