



CAPENHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

23rd March 2026

'Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.' Ephesians 4:32

Christian Value - Forgiveness



A huge thank you for the warm welcome I have received during my first days at Capenhurst. I am working hard to get to know names and faces as quickly as possible. I am impressed by the warm and friendly nature of the Capenhurst family – so many pupils have been happy to chat with me and tell me what they love about the school. Your children are a credit to themselves, their school and to their families.

As ever, if you have any queries or questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch at contact@capenhurstcep.cheshire.sch.uk I look forward to continuing to get to know you all.

Mrs Flanders

Celebrations!

Stars of the week

C1 – Henry for his fantastic efforts in writing and his great understanding in maths.

C2 – Olivia C for fantastic reading.

C3 – Arlo for fantastic work in maths using factor pairs.

C4 – Nora for being resilient with her maths work this week.

Infant cup - Niamh for her resilience every day.

Junior cup - Lauretta for getting on with all activities in a mature and effective manner.

The winning house was AIR! Congratulations to everyone in Air for their teamwork in earning the most house points during last week.



Dates and events - a few things for the calendar!

Tuesday 24th March - Class 3 swimming - coach leaves school at 9am!

Tuesday 24th March - STEM Workshop for Class 4

Wednesday 25th March - Year 1 Family Lunch

Thursday 26th March - Class 3 Farm Visit

Friday 27th March - Class 4 Easter Bible Exhibition

Friday 27th March - Fundraising Bunny Hop for The Hospice (sponsorship envelopes were sent home last week)

Wednesday 1st April - Class 4 Farm Visit

Wednesday 1st April - School closes at 3.15pm for Easter and the Spring Break

Monday 20th April - School reopens at 8.40am for the Summer Term

Thursday 23rd April - AmaSing drama workshop at Guilden Sutton PS (selected pupils will be notified in due course)

Friday 24th April - Clarinet lessons resume for children in Class 4

Friday 24th April - Y5/6 tag rugby (further details will follow in due course)

Monday 4th May - School closed (bank holiday)

Friday 8th May - Class photos & Year 6 leavers' photos

Monday 11th May - Friday 15th May - KS2 SATs Week - NO HOLIDAYS WILL BE APPROVED DURING THIS WEEK!

Friday 22nd May - Sports Day

Monday 25th - Friday 29th May - School closed for half term

Monday 1st June - School closed (INSET Day)

Monday 8th - Tuesday 9th June - Burwardsley residential for children in Class 2

Wednesday 17th June - Reception Family Lunch

Tuesday 30th June - AmaSing at Chester Cathedral

Thursday 9th July - Year 6 Leavers' Service at Chester Cathedral

Wednesday 15th July - KS2 Play

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.

Crisis and Resilience Fund

Support for families continues; the Government's Household Support Fund will end on 31 March 2026 and will be replaced by a new Crisis and Resilience Fund from 1 April 2026. Support for residents experiencing financial hardship will continue.

You do not need to take any action at this stage. More information will be shared soon. If you need help now, you can find support, advice, and support.

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/benefits-and-welfare-help/cost-of-living/crisis-and-resilience-fund>



In worship this week...

...we have been thinking about how we react when things go wrong and to forgive ourselves when we make mistakes. Christians believe that we are all prone to getting things wrong at least some of the time - we won't ever get it right all of the time. What is important is to show forgiveness to ourselves and find ways to put things right. We could do this by reflecting on how we were feeling at the time of the mistake, making an apology or by asking someone for help.

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Swimming Lessons for Class 3

Swimming lessons continue for children in Class 3 on Tuesdays this term; the final lesson is on Tuesday 31st March.

Lunch Update

If your child brings a packed lunch to school, please ensure that it is nut-free and as balanced and healthy as possible. Fast food (including, but not limited to McDonalds, Burger King, KFC, Greggs, Subway) is not appropriate for school packed lunches. Please refrain from sending your child to school with this type of packed lunch and keep these foods for treats as a family.

Due to increases in food costs, Edsential (our school meal provider) have advised us that the cost of a school meal will increase in April. A school meal will increase from £3.20 to **£3.35 on 1st April 2026**.

School has recently gone out to tender with other schools in our trust, for a catering provider for the upcoming academic year, to ensure that we are getting best value for money. We will keep you informed of the outcome of this process.

A reminder that every child in Class 1 and 2 is eligible for a universal free school meal.

If your financial situation has changed, you may be able to claim an income-related free school meal for your child. Please apply online [here](#). If this is the case, school can also offer financial support towards to cost of school trips. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you require any further information.

Parent drop-in with Early Help Navigators

On Thursday 23rd April, Rachel from Early Help Navigators will be holding a parent drop-in session in the outdoor classroom from 8.30 to 9.30am. This is an opportunity for any parent to have a chat to Rachel to find out what support is out there for you, your children and family.

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 **crackers, juice, pasta in sauce (microwave), tinned meats and curry sauce**.



Holiday requests

Thank you to those families who have followed our attendance policy and completed holiday request forms when taking their child out of school for a holiday. It is much appreciated and helps with record keeping and knowing where children are when they are not in school. Please ensure you submit your request form as soon as possible after booking a holiday so that school can respond in a timely manner. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Our school Attendance Policy can be found on our website [here](#).

A reminder that KS2 SATs week takes place from Monday 11th May to Friday 15th May 2026 and all Year 6 children are expected to be in school as usual that week.

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 celebrated a birthday during half term or will do so this week: (23rd - 29th Mar)

Lucia



X (Twitter)

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