



CAPENHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

30th 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 to all families who sponsored children for Friday's bunny hop. It was wonderful to see all of the children joined together for such a fantastic cause. Thank you to everyone who supported children and those who came to cheer them on.

A special thank you to the Capenhurst PTA who manned the basket stops. Children were delighted with their sweet treats from the baskets and I am sure they all enjoyed eating them! I was approached by representatives of Friends of Capenhurst who commented on the exemplary manners of pupils when children collected their treats from the baskets. They were respectful and all said thank you without being prompted.

As we approach the Easter break, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a peaceful Easter. School will reopen for pupils on Monday 20th April.

As ever, if you have any queries or questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch at [contact@capenhurstcep.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:contact@capenhurstcep.cheshire.sch.uk)  
Mrs Flanders

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

**Tuesday 31st March - Class 3 final swimming - coach leaves school at 9am!**

**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 have been notified today**)

**Thursday 23rd April - Class 1 Farm Visit**

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)

**Thursday 30th April - Class 2 Farm Visit**

Monday 4th May - School closed (bank holiday)

**Thursday 7th May - Class 3 Farm Visit**

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!**

**Thursday 21st May - Class 4 Farm Visit**

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 (which supplies holiday grocery vouchers for free school meal families) ends 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.

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

If your child receives income-related free school meals, you will now need to apply for holiday grocery support directly with the Council by clicking on the link above and clicking on 'School Holiday food support' - the first hyperlink on the page. You then need to scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the orange button "Apply for Support". You are encouraged to do this ASAP.

School will no longer issue holiday support grocery vouchers.

Families on low incomes who do not qualify for free school meals may also be able to apply for help from 1 April 2026.

In worship this week...

...we have been talking about forgiveness. Over recent weeks we have discussed forgiving ourselves when we make mistakes. Last Monday, we talked about how doing the right thing makes us feel inside. We explored the Capenhurst golden rules and thought about how it can make us feel happy and proud if we know we have worked hard to do a good job of keeping to them. Over the week, we have celebrated so many times that children have followed the rules and shown kindness towards each other.

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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 celebrate a birthday this week or will do so over the holidays:  
(30th Mar - 19th Apr)



Maxx Nora Eris Arlo

Ethan Frankie Paige Archie

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