



CAPENHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

2nd September 2026

'An intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.'

Proverbs 18:15

Christian Value - Curiosity



Welcome back! I hope everyone had a good summer and has returned rested and ready for the new year! This week is a week of transition as the children and staff all adjust to their new classes and routines. It is also a transition for me as I get ready to move on to my secondment at two other small schools. Mr Phill Lambe is in this week as we work together to make the transition as smooth as possible for everyone. From Monday, Mr Lambe will be acting headteacher for the remainder of the autumn term. I know you will make him feel welcome.

As usual, if you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to them via email to

contact@capenhurstcep.cheshire.sch.uk

Many thanks, Mrs Green

Dates and events - a few things for the calendar!

Tuesday 1st September - INSET Day - School closed to pupils

Wednesday 2nd September - School opens to pupils at 8.40am for the new academic year

Tuesday 8th September - Swimming lessons start for Class 4 children (details sent via ParentMail)

Monday 14th September - Whole School Flu Vaccinations (nasal spray)

Thursday 17th & Friday 18th September - Year 6 Bikeability

Friday 25th September - School photographs (individuals)

Friday 25th September - Welcome back BBQ! (Details will follow in due course)

Wednesday 30th September - Cyber Security visit from Cheshire Police

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.

Behaviour expectations and routines

During the summer term, there was a review of the behaviour policy and routines in school. A copy of the new policy, expectations and routines will be sent home to each family before the end of this week. The expectations and routines will be explained to all the children this week and throughout their time in school.

Each family is asked to make time to read the policy and associated documents carefully so school and home can work together to support each child in school.

If you have any questions, please send them to school using contact@capenhurstcep.cheshire.sch.uk

School Meal Update

We are pleased to let you know that we have secured a new catering contract for September with Chartwells and Helen remains our school cook. The price of a school meal for children in Years 3 - 6 has reduced to £3.00. Adults will still be charged at £3.35 (for staff and visitors joining us for family lunch). Snacks will remain at the same price of 40p for a slice of toast or half a bagel, and £1.15 for a bacon butty (Fridays only).

Menu

Our new menu can be found on our school website under the Parents tab—School Dinners and is available [here](#).

Free School Meals

Many families in the borough are struggling to afford the basics, but lots of children who are eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) are not yet receiving them. Following amendments to Free School Meal (FSM) criteria which will apply from September 2026, the assessment service within the Council's Benefits Team are currently undertaking work to develop processes that will ensure this is successfully applied. From the start of the 2026/27 school year, **all children from households in receipt of Universal Credit will be entitled to receive a free school meal.**

Further details are available on the Council's website and applications can be made here: [Free school meals | Cheshire West and Chester Council](#)

Term-time 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](#).



In worship this week...

...we have looked at the meaning of our Bible quote linked to our value of curiosity - '**An intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.**' *Proverbs 18:15*. It reminds us that learning is a lifelong activity and how intelligence is not defined by how much we already know, but by how hungry we are to keep learning. Wise people don't just wait for information to come to them. They actively listen to others, ask thoughtful questions, and seek out mentors, correction, and new perspectives. We encourage all our children to be wise learners, led by their heart as well as their minds, to be open to and ready for new learning opportunities, seeking out answers rather than passively sitting back. Families are invited to join us on this journey of curiosity.

Swimming Lessons for Class 4

Swimming lessons start for children in Class 4 on **Tuesday 8th September**. 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.

Please ensure that you have completed the consent form on ParentMail. Payment should be made via Parentmail as soon as possible, £45.50 by Tuesday 8th September and the remaining £45.50 on or before Tuesday 3rd November. Thank you.

PE Kit

A reminder that our PE kit is a plain **red** round-necked t-shirt and plain, **black or navy** jogging bottoms/leggings, or shorts. Thank you.

School Photographs - Uniform

School photos will take place on Friday 25th September. Friday is PE day - your child should wear their **white school polo shirt** (not red PE t-shirt) **and red jumper/cardigan**, with their **PE joggers and trainers**. Please ensure that long hair is tied back as usual.

If you require a separate proof for each parent (where parents do not live together), please let the school office know before 3pm on Wednesday 23rd September, so that we can arrange this for you.

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 during the summer holidays:
(1st - 6th September)



None