



CAPENHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

7th September 2026

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

Proverbs 18:15

Christian Value - Curiosity



As I complete my first week as Headteacher, I would like to thank our pupils, staff, families and community for the warm welcome that I have received. It has been a pleasure getting to know the children and seeing the enthusiasm, kindness and curiosity that make our school so special. I am proud to be part of the Capenhurst family and look forward to working closely with you to help every child flourish academically, socially and spiritually. Together, we will build on the school's strengths and ensure that every child has the opportunity to thrive. Thank you for your continued support, and I am excited about the journey ahead. 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, Mr Lambe

Celebrations!

Stars of the week

C1 – Niamh for her super hardworking approach to Year 1.

C2 – Amber for settling well into Year 2 and demonstrating a thirst for learning.

C3 – Jessica for showing patience and kindness to new members of the class.

C4 – Harvey J for making a positive start to Year 6.

Infant cup - Albie R for being super helpful in the classroom.

Junior cup - Thomas for continuing to show what a reliable and hardworking member of the class he is.

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 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](#)



In worship this week...

We have continued to reflect on 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. This verse reminds us to keep positive attributes at the heart of all we do. We aspire for our children to be naturally curious learners who share their sense of wonder with one another. We are very fortunate to have children who demonstrate courage, resilience and positivity, while listening carefully to the advice and guidance of their peers and adults across the wider school community. I invite families to join us on this journey of curiosity, encouraging children to live out these positive attributes not only in school but also at home.

Swimming Lessons for Class 4

Swimming lessons start for children in Class 4 tomorrow, **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.

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](#).

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:
(7th - 13th September)



Albie R

Harvey C

Millie G