



CAPENHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

14th September 2026

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

Proverbs 18:15

Christian Value - Curiosity



As we reach Week 3 of the school year, the green shoots of learning are already beginning to appear across our classrooms. It has been a delight to see the warm smiles, happiness and enthusiasm our children bring each day, helping to create such a positive and nurturing environment. As the seasons begin to change and autumn approaches, it is also a timely reminder to pause and think about those who may be in need. Through kindness, compassion and looking out for one another, we continue to grow not only as learners, but as a caring school community. 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 – Neco for trying really hard with his writing.
- C2 – Jake for wonderful presentation in his writing.
- C3 – Bea for beautiful writing and super sensible behaviour.
- C4 – Henrietta for producing a lovely independent write.

Infant cup - Alexandra for being a superb role model to all of the other children in Class 2.

Junior cup - Evelyn for settling into school really well.

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



Dates and events - a few things for the calendar!

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

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

Thursday 24th September - Class 3 Farm Visit

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

Thursday 1st October - Class 4 Farm Visit

Thursday 15th October - Class 2 Farm Visit

Thursday 22nd October - Class 1 Farm Visit

Friday 23rd October - INSET Day (school closed to pupils)

Monday 26th - Friday 30th October - School closed for the half term break

Monday 2nd November - School reopens to pupils at 8.40am

Wednesday 4th November - Parents' Evening, 4-7pm

Thursday 5th November - Parents' Evening, 4-7pm

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.

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](#)

Swimming Lessons for Class 4

Swimming lessons continue 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.



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. We have shared the bible story of Zacchaeus - His curiosity led to him climbing a tree to get a better view of Jesus. When Jesus passed by, He called Zacchaeus by name and chose to visit his house. Deeply moved, Zacchaeus repented of his wrongdoing, promised to give half of his possessions to the poor, and repay anyone he had cheated four times over. The story teaches that Jesus offers forgiveness and transformation to everyone, and that genuine faith leads to changed actions. (Luke 19:1-10)

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 - Friday 25th September

Academy Photography will be here to take individual and sibling photographs on Friday next week. If you would like photos taken of your child with a younger sibling who is not yet of school age, please head to the village hall at 8.15am. This should allow sufficient time for photographs and to arrive at school on time at 8.40am when the gate opens.

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.

Back to School BBQ - Friday 25th September

Our back to school BBQ is a ticketed event; please complete the form in ParentMail by **Wednesday 16th September** at the latest, so that we can place our food order. Tickets are £3.50 per person; each ticket will include a burger or sausage in a bun and a selection of salads. All food must be paid for in advance via ParentMail (you will be invoiced shortly after receipt of your form) and **payment MUST be received by Wednesday 23rd September**. Unpaid bills will not be catered for.

Hot and cold drinks will be available on the day - 50p each, cash only.

As well as a BBQ, there will be stalls and games organised by pupils in class 4 and members of Friends of Capenhurst. It is an informal, social occasion with some fundraising and it is held on the school playground. We aim to start about 3.30pm and it is typically finished before 5pm. We hope many of you are able to come along and join us, even if only for a short time, before heading off for the weekend.

Bottle Tombola

Friends of Capenhurst (our Parents' Association) will be having a bottle tombola at the BBQ and ask that each child donates a bottle of something on Thursday 24th September, in exchange for wearing non-uniform. Football kits are not permitted. Please dress sensibly for a school day. If your child's class is visiting the farm on Thursday, they should dress appropriately.

Friends of Capenhurst would welcome parental help on the morning of Thursday 24th September for no more than an hour at school drop off, to label up the bottles with raffle tickets. A few volunteers to set up and run the stall on the Friday afternoon at the BBQ would also be appreciated. Please let Mrs Tranter know if you are able to help. Thank 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:
(14th - 20th September)

Alice RJ

