

CAPENHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

2nd November 2026

'This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.'

Psalm 118:24

Christian Value - Celebration



Welcome back everyone! I hope you have all enjoyed a lovely half-term break and are feeling ready for the exciting seven weeks ahead. We have lots to look forward to as we begin our journey towards Christmas, with plenty of exciting learning opportunities, events and experiences planned along the way. It promises to be a busy and rewarding half term, with lots to achieve, celebrate and enjoy together. As always, we want to make every moment count, encouraging our children to be curious, compassionate and resilient as they continue to learn, grow and flourish. I am really looking forward to all that lies ahead and to sharing another wonderful half term with you all! Thank you those families who have followed our **new Instagram page, @CapenhurstCEPrimarySchool**, we will continue to share more of the wonderful things happening in school over this half term. As always, thank you for your continued support, if you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to send them via email to: contact@capenhurstcep.cheshire.sch.uk .
Many thanks, Mr Lambe

Dates and events - a few things for the calendar!

Monday 2nd November - School reopens to pupils at 8.40am (no clubs this week)
Monday 2nd November - Diwali workshop for children in Rec - Year 4
Monday 2nd November - Bonfire Safety talk for Y2-Y6 with PCSO Chris Hogan
Tuesday 3rd November - Class 4 Swimming
Wednesday 4th November - Remembrance Afternoon Tea at Urenco for selected Ethos Group children
Wednesday 4th November - Parents' Evening, 4-7pm
Thursday 5th November - Parents' Evening, 4-7pm
Friday 6th November - Class 3 mini bible exhibition
Wednesday 11th November - Year 6 Family Lunch
Thursday 12th November - Class 1 Farm Visit (rescheduled date)
Friday 13th November - Escape to Safety visit from the Fire Service for Class 4
Tuesday 17th November - Class 1 visit to Buckhurst Plant Hire (details to follow in due course)
Wednesday 18th November - Big Maths for Year 6 at Neston High School (details to follow in due course)
Thursday 19th November - Class 4 Farm Visit (rescheduled date)
Friday 20th November - Please send in yout Secret Santa gift donations and unwanted wrapping paper for PTA
Tuesday 24th November - Cyber Security visit for infants
Wednesday 25th November - Year 5 Family Lunch
Thursday 26th November - Class 3 Farm Visit (rescheduled date)
Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th December - Bikeability Learn to Ride for Year 3 & 4 children
Thursday 3rd December - Class 1 Farm Visit (rescheduled date)
Friday 4th December - Secret Santa (organised by Friends of Capenhurst - details to follow)
Thursday 10th December - Infant Nativity - performances at 1.30pm and 6.00pm (details to follow in due course)
Friday 11th December - Christmas Bible Exhibition
Tuesday 15th December - KS2 Carol Service at Holy Trinity Church at 2pm
Wednesday 16th December - Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 17th December - Whole school panto trip
Friday 18th December - School closes at 1.30pm for the Christmas holidays
Monday 4th January - School closed for INSET Day
Tuesday 5th January - School reopens to pupils at 8.40am for the Spring Term
Tuesday 5th January - Class 3 Swimming (coach leaves promptly at 9am)
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.

Swimming Lessons for Class 4

Swimming lessons resume for children in Class 4 tomorrow. 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, goggles if they have them, and a snack from home if needed, as they may miss morning school break.
Payment should be made via Parentmail as soon as possible; **final payment in full is due on or before Tuesday 3rd November**. Thank you.

Poppies

Year 6 will be selling poppies and other items in aid the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal this week. If your child would like an item, please bring in a minimum donation of 50p for a poppy or £1 for a snap bracelet/wristband.
Thank you.

In worship this week… '*This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.' Psalm 118:24*

Our worship before half term provided a wonderful opportunity to come together and celebrate Harvest. Thank you to all of our families for your incredibly generous contributions, which will make a real difference to others in our community. As we begin this new half term, our worship will encourage us to pause and appreciate the beauty of the world around us, recognising the many blessings we can sometimes take for granted. Even as the days become shorter and the evenings darker, there is still so much beauty to notice and be thankful for. As we move towards Advent, we will begin to explore the theme of Celebration, preparing our hearts for the special season of Christmas.

Christmas Shoeboxes

Just before the half term break, Doreen visited us from Teams 4 U to tell us all about the Christmas shoeboxes that T4U deliver to children in Eastern Europe. The children were all given a leaflet to take home explaining how they can get involved. If you would like to fill a shoebox to help those less fortunate, please send it in to school by **Monday 9th November**. If you would like to take part, but filling a whole shoebox is too much, we will be happy to take donations of crayons, small (new) cuddly toys, toothbrushes, toothpaste etc, to add together to make more boxes. Additional leaflets are available from the school office.

Conway Centre residential payment overdue

The next KS2 residential payment was due yesterday on Sunday 1st November. **If you have not yet made payment, please do so ASAP.** The final balance payment is due by Friday 15th January 2027. Please contact Mrs Auld in the office if you have any problems paying on time.

Class 1 Farm Visit - Thursday 12th November

Class 1's farm visit was cancelled before the half term break due to bad weather. The children in Reception and Year 1 will take part in their first visit of the academic year on Thursday 12th November instead. (Class 3 & 4's next visits have been rescheduled as a result—please see dates overleaf).

Your child will need to come to school in their PE kit, ensuring that he/she wears long bottoms eg. tracksuit or leggings (not shorts), due to the hay and long grass. Your child should wear a pair of trainers to school and bring a pair of **wellies** (preferable) or old trainers for the morning trip in a separate named bag. Your child will also need their school jumper/cardigan and a **coat**. An **extra/spare pair of socks** would be a good idea in case feet get wet!

If your child needs insect spray, please administer this at home prior to school. Please do not send any insect spray into school as it will be a distraction and the children should not be carrying medication with them in their coats or bags.

If your child suffers from hayfever, it would be helpful if you could give a dose of antihistamine in the morning before school and email school at contact@capenhurstcep.cheshire.sch.uk to let us know that you have done so.

Nut-free school

A reminder to all that snacks and packed lunches should be **NUT FREE** as there are members of our school community with nut allergies. Please pay particular attention to cereal bars and avoid pesto, Nutella, peanut butter and other nut butters.

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Please provide your child with a spoon or fork from home if this is required to eat their packed lunch. Thank you.

Reception Admissions 2027

Parents with preschool children due to start school next September are reminded that you need to apply for a reception place online via the Council's website at Making an application | Cheshire West and Chester Council

The deadline for primary school applications is **Friday 15th January 2027**.

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.

Birthday Celebrations



The following children celebrate a birthday this week or during the half term break:
(2nd - 8th Nov)

Lyla

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.