



CAPENHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

8th September 2025

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Christian Value - Community Service



Welcome back! I hope that everyone has had a good summer.

Starting a new school year brings mixed emotions with excitement tempered by trepidation especially when faced with something new. It can also be same when things may not be new. Feeling this way affects children and adults in similar and different ways. Being open and honest about these feelings can help people to better understand each other. I hope that at Capenhurst we have built a school that enables everyone to feel they can share their thoughts and feelings without judgement. Doing so will help give everyone the chance to have their voice heard and build supportive working relationships with each other.

The start of a new year is tricky for everyone; please give each other time and space to settle into the routine and rhythm of school life at Capenhurst.

As usual, if you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to raise them at school - it is easiest to send them via email to contact@capenhurstcep.cheshire.sch.uk

Mrs Green

Dates and events - a few things for the calendar!

Tuesday 9th Sept - Swimming lessons start for children in Class 4 - please complete consent form and make first payment if you have not already done so

Monday 15th Sept - After-school clubs will start this week - look out for a booking form on ParentMail which will be sent shortly

Thursday 18th Sept - Non-uniform day in exchange for a bottle for our tombola

Friday 19th Sept - Welcome Back BBQ from 3.30pm

Wednesday 24th - Friday 26th Sept - Bikeability training for Year 6 pupils - check ParentMail for registration link

Friday 26th Sept - School photos (individual and siblings)

Thursday 2nd Oct - Flu immunisations - details were sent home today; action required

Monday 27th Oct - Friday 31st Oct - School closed for half term holiday

Weds 5th and Thurs 6th Nov - Parents' Evenings (arrangements to be emailed nearer the time)

Thursday 11th Dec - Class 1 & 2 Nativity at 1.30pm & 6pm - further details will follow nearer the time

Tuesday 16th Dec - KS2 Carol Service at Holy Trinity, 6pm - further details will follow nearer the time

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.

School Dinners & Snacks

As we start the new academic year, please can I remind you that school dinners and snacks should be paid for **in advance**.

Menu Update

The new menu for this half term was sent home last week, but is also available on the school website [here](#).

School Meal Price Increase

With effect from 1st September 2025, the price of a school meal will increase to **£3.20** if your child is not in receipt of a universal free school meals or benefit-related free school meals.

If your financial situation has changed and you think your child may be eligible to claim free school meals, please complete the online form at [Free school meals | Cheshire West and Chester Council](#)

Snack Price Increase

Edsential, our school meal provider, has also increased their snack prices with effect from 1st September. A bacon butty (Fridays only) will cost **£1.15** and slice of toast or half a bagel will cost **40p**.

Reminder

Snacks, drinks and lunchboxes need to be named to avoid any confusion. Please note we are a **nut-free school**.

School BBQ - Friday 19th September

We are putting together plans for our annual start-of-year BBQ where families and staff can get together to celebrate the start of the new school year and we can all welcome new families to our school community. It is a ticketed event and more information about has been sent home separately using ParentMail. 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

We will be having a bottle tombola at the BBQ and ask that each child donates a bottle of something on Thursday 18th September, in exchange for wearing non-uniform. Football kits are not permitted. Please dress sensibly for a school day.

In worship this week...

...we have been thinking about what makes a school. The word school can be used in different ways, such is the joy of the English language with many words having many meanings. Ask yourself, what does 'school' mean to you? Your answers are probably different now you are a parent than when you were a child. Capenhurst school is a community - that's what it means to me and that's what we work hard to build. A community that shares, supports, guides and challenges its members to be the very best version of themselves. A community that cares and very much lives out the Bible reference from Ecclesiastes that is our focus this term. ***'Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labour. If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.'*** Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

Swimming Lessons for Class 4

Swimming lessons start for children in Class 4 on Tuesday 9th 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.

Payment should be made via Parentmail as soon as possible, £38.50 by Tuesday 9th September and the remaining £38.50 on or before Tuesday 4th November. Thank you.

Celebrations!

Our first Celebration Worship will take place on Friday 12th September in the village hall. It will start at 2.30pm. Families are invited to join us. Please be mindful that we are growing in terms of pupil numbers so space may be more limited than in previous years. Families will continue to receive notifications during Friday if their child is receiving a school award in Celebration Worship.

If your child took part in the Summer Reading Challenge, they are welcome to bring their certificate.

Bikeability - action required!

Please can parents/carers of those children currently in Year 6, check their emails on ParentMail regarding Bikeability. You need to sign your child up for the free training as a matter of urgency if you have not done so already. The training is for those children who can already ride a bike unaided. It is fully funded, but school will be charged for those children who sign up and do not subsequently take part.

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.

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 over the next few days 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 **instant pasta, tinned meat, tinned veg/ tinned tomatoes, custard and chocolate.**

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.

The group provides fundraising updates and general school reminders.

Birthday Celebrations

The following children celebrated a birthday last week or will do so this week: (1st - 14th Sept)

Albie R

Harvey C

Finley

X (Twitter)

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