



CAPENHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

6th October 2025

*'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

*Christian Value - Community Service*



Last week we all enjoyed a lovely 'Mark the Day' celebration worship in church with members of the school community, the trust and our wider community of Capenhurst. Thank you to those parents who were able to join us. The children spoke well and sang beautifully. It was a lovely celebration of the day. Back at school, we all enjoyed cake to mark the occasion. Everyone has also made a jigsaw piece celebrating the gift they bring to school and the trust.

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](mailto:contact@capenhurstcep.cheshire.sch.uk)

Mrs Green

## Dates and events - a few things for the calendar!

### **Thursday 9th Oct - Y6 Orienteering at Chester Zoo**

Thursday 16th Oct - Harvest Service; please bring in harvest donations (tinned goods) from Monday 13th October

Thursday 16th Oct - Class 2 Farm Visit

Thursday 23rd Oct - Class 1 Farm Visit

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

Monday 3rd Nov - Sammy's Clothing Collection - donations may be brought at drop-off (details and bags to follow)

Wednesday 5th Nov - Bright Bites (oral hygiene) workshop for all children

### **Weds 5th and Thurs 6th Nov - Parents' Evenings (please look out for ParentMail booking instructions this week)**

Friday 7th Nov - Pep the Poet poetry workshop - please see letter sent via ParentMail if you would like to order a book

Wednesday 12th Nov - Class 4 Farm Visit

Thursday 13th Nov - Class 1 Farm Visit

Thursday 20th Nov - Class 2 Farm Visit

Thursday 27th Nov - Class 3 Farm Visit

Thursday 4th Dec - Class 4 Farm Visit

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

Wednesday 17th Dec - Pantomime at the Floral Pavilion - details will follow nearer the time

Friday 19th Dec - School closes at 1.30pm for the Christmas holidays

Monday 5th Jan - School closed to pupils (INSET Day)

Tuesday 6th Jan - School reopens to pupils for the Spring Term

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.

## Farm Visits

Our class visits to Church Farm will resume next week for our forest school activities, starting with Class 2; the dates for each class trip to the farm for the autumn term are on the diary dates above. The local visit consent form that you recently completed on ParentMail covers these trips.

A reminder that Class 2 children should wear their PE kit next Thursday for their visit to the farm. Please ensure that dark, plain joggers/leggings are worn (not shorts) due to the long grass. Please bring **wellies** (ideally) or old trainers to change into. Spare socks would be useful in case of wet feet. Please apply insect spray (if required) to your child before school and remember to bring a **coat**, regardless of the weather.

## School Photograph Orders

Photo proofs will be sent home today. The deadline for ordering school photographs is Monday 13th October at 9am. Please ensure that you return your orders by Monday. You can also order online; the same deadline applies. Thank you.

## School Admissions 2026

### Applying for high school places

Parents with children in Year 6 are reminded that you are able to apply for Year 7 high school places online via the Council's website at [Secondary admissions | Cheshire West and Chester Council](#)

The deadline for high school applications is **Friday 31st October 2025**.

### Reception Admissions

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 **Thursday 15th January 2026**.

In worship this week...

...we have been joining with our small family of school to share worship together using the book "Heroes of Hope" as inspiration. The book shares the stories of people from all countries and cultures who, with their shared Christian faith, made a difference in their communities. Some worked tirelessly to provide equality of opportunity, others access to medical care and others instigated changes in law to ensure equity for everyone. Their faith sustained them through the challenges they faced. The children in all schools were asked how they would bring hope to others and make a difference to their community. This focus adds to our current focus on the value of community and the bible reference we are using to remind us of this. **'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.

Nut-free school

Another 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.

Cutlery

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

Parents' Evenings - 5th & 6th November

Details on how to book a time slot to meet with your child's class teacher for parents' evening will be sent home by ParentMail this week.

Please complete the form on ParentMail, when it appears, indicating your availability; forms should be completed by Friday 17th October at the latest so that appointments can be sent home before the half term break.

Notifying School of an Absence

Just a general reminder, and for our new families who may not be aware of the procedure, absence from school due to illness should be reported to us by phone on 0151 832 3750 by leaving a message on the absence line, or via email to [contact@capenhurstcep.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:contact@capenhurstcep.cheshire.sch.uk). Please let us know the reason for the absence, rather than a general 'unwell' message, so that we are able to better track germs circulating in school. Please do not use the absence facility in ParentMail as this cannot be accessed by all staff. Thank you for your understanding.

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. Sometimes, the requests are submitted with only a few days notice which puts pressure on our already busy school office to complete the response required from school so that we can comply with our obligations around attendance and holiday requests. There may be times when a holiday is booked at short notice, but I am sure this is the exception rather than the norm. 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](#).

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 **long life milk, tinned potatoes, instant mash pasta in sauce and tinned meat**.

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: (6th - 12th Oct)

Thomas

Mia-Rose

X (Twitter)

Follow us on X (Twitter) for class news and updates @CapenhurstCEPS

