

Chapelford Village Primary School

NEWSLETTER

★ Friday 12th September ★



Headteacher's Comment

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this message finds you well. It has certainly been a strange week weather-wise with a few unexpected downpours at lunchtime, we have had to take cover indoors more than once! Despite the rain, it has been a fantastic and busy first week back, filled with fun and engaging learning across the school.

It has been especially lovely to see our EYFS children continuing to settle well into full-time school life here at Chapelford. They have been learning to come in independently, self-register by finding their picture, and start the day with some cheerful nursery rhymes. Over the coming weeks, they will begin exploring how they have changed since they were babies and identifying the important people in their lives by looking at photographs from different life stages. This is always a heartwarming topic and a wonderful way for our teachers to get to know the children even better.

We would like to kindly remind all parents to avoid allowing children to play with the outdoor equipment before school. While we know it is tempting, this is important for both health and safety and to maintain the high-quality provision for use during the school day. Thank you for your support with this.

Elsewhere in school, there has been lots happening. We have had a flurry of excitement as children gave their speeches and then voted to elect our new School Council representatives. More details and photographs will be shared in a news story on our school Facebook page, so please do keep an eye out.

A few general reminders:

- After-school clubs (Years 1–6) are now live to sign up for via ParentPay. Spaces are limited, so please sign up as soon as possible.
- Swimming begins next week for Years 5 and 6. Relevant information has been shared with the children involved.
- Letters regarding the Year 2 Gulliver's World and Year 4 Llandudno residentials have gone home. Please respond with permission and deposits by the deadlines stated.
- The EYFS parent meeting is scheduled for Thursday 25th September at 4:30pm. A letter has been sent out with full details.

If you are not receiving information via ParentMail, please speak to the school office so we can ensure you are added to the system.



This half term is shaping up to be a busy and exciting one, with many different events taking place across school. Please check diary dates regularly to ensure you do not miss anything.

Key Dates & Reminders: W/B Monday 15th September	
W/C Monday 15th September	Year 6 Head Boy & Head Girl elections
W/C Monday 15th September	Swimming for Year 5 & 6 commences (letter sent to those participating in autumn term)
W/C Monday 15th September	Clubs commence (except Hula Hula Fun)

As always, if you have any questions or need support, please do not hesitate to contact the school office; we are always happy to help.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs N Stewart

Acting Headteacher

Democracy in Action at Chapelford: Your Voice, Your School, Your Council!

This week marked a powerful moment in pupil voice at Chapelford Village Primary as we elected and announced our brand new 2025-2026 School Council.

After a busy week filled with thoughtful speeches, passionate campaigning and democratic voting, pupils from Years 2 to 6 cast their votes and made their voices heard. Now, we're proud to announce that the new council is ready to represent the views of all children across the school!

But first, we want to say a massive WELL DONE to every pupil who stood up and put themselves forward. It's easy to speak in front of your peers but so many of you demonstrated fearlessness, confidence and a commitment to making your school even better. You should be incredibly proud.

So... What *Is* the School Council?

If you're new to school council, or just want a refresher, here's what it's all about.

The School Council is here to:

- Represent YOUR voice.
- Bring YOUR ideas to life.
- Help make Chapelford the best it can be for EVERYONE.

Each class from Year 2 to Year 6 has voted for a representative who will attend regular meetings with Mrs Astley. During these sessions, they'll:

- Share ideas and concerns from classmates.
- Decide on projects or improvements.
- Help lead exciting initiatives — from fundraising to school events and beyond!

The Role of a School Council Member

Our new council members will step into an exciting and important role that includes:

1. Leadership

- Be a role model for the school.

Represent Chapelford in and beyond the classroom.

2. Communication

- Speak confidently to your class and the wider school.
- Gather and share feedback clearly.

3. Representation

- Make sure every pupil feels heard and valued.

4. Supporting School Events

- Help plan and run key school activities like charity days and open evenings.

5. Building Community

- Promote kindness, respect, and school spirit.

6. Decision-Making

- Be part of discussions that shape our school experience.

School Council vs. School Ambassadors: What's the Difference?

- **School Council** members are *elected by pupils* to represent children's voices.
- **School Ambassadors** are *chosen by teachers* to represent the school at events and in the community.

Both roles are vital and both show how incredible our Chapelford pupils truly are.

Meet Your 2025–2026 School Council!

A huge congratulations to the following pupils who were elected to represent their classmates:

Year 2: Mannat, Isla & Ada

Year 3: Thea, Kyrlyo & Sienna

Year 4: Mason, Iris & Sophia

Year 5: Leo, Arthur, Bella & Ophelia

Year 6: Emily, Jesse, Max & Ben

We know you'll each bring your unique ideas, enthusiasm and leadership to the role. We can't wait to see what you accomplish this year!

Next Up: Head Boy & Head Girl Elections!


Democratic voting continues next week as our Year 6 pupils cast their votes for Head Boy and Head Girl. Good luck to all candidates!

INSIDE CHAPELFORD

Your weekly peek into school life

- ✦ Highlights from the week
- 👤 Learning in action
- 🎉 Special events & celebrations
- ★ Pupils making us proud
- 📷 Photo moments from across the school

📅 Every week – keeping parents, carers and pupils in the loop!



- Football trials took place across school and boys' teams have been picked
- New ambassadors have been announced
- First Celebration Assemblies of the year were held

High Performance Learning at Chapelford Village Primary School



As a school, we have adopted the High Performance Learning philosophy and framework, which is a unique teaching and learning framework to support us in establishing an ambitious school culture. We continue to embed our school values of Chapelford and our ethos to Learn, Achieve and Respect through weekly assemblies, classrooms discussions and through our reward system, including dojos, house points and certificates.

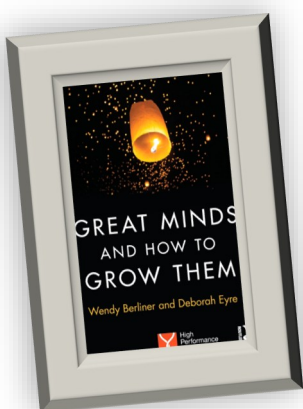
In addition to focusing on our values, we also discuss thinking strategies with the children known as ACPs (Advanced Cognitive Performance Characteristics). This half term, our focus is on 'Realising' which is the ability to work at speed and carry out tasks automatically. To support your child with developing their knowledge of realising at home, please encourage them to carry out tasks at pace and encourage practice of the same tasks to increase the ease of these.

Value for this week was **Achieve**



Aspiration Award

4	Frankie	5	Jacob	6	Elliot	7	Phoebe
8	Liliana	9	Ada	10	Ohana	11	Scarlett
12	David	14	Mason	15	Eliza	16	Harri
17	Meadow	18	Lottie	19	Elvin	20	Joshua
21	Marlea	22	Theo	23	Tom	24	Zara



As part of the school's ambitious journey to becoming a High Performance Learning school, we encourage you to purchase and read this book which shows how you can grow the minds of your children and guide them to success both in school and in life.

We currently have copies of this book that as a parent you can loan from the school, please ask at the school office.

Star Learners

4	Finn	16	Ewan
5	Kenzo	17	Finley
6	Edith	18	Azaan
7	Billie May	19	Maisie
8	Myles	20	Victoria
9	Thivyen	21	Frankie
10	Isabel	22	Japjot
11	Harry	23	Imogen
12	Presley	24	Dylan
14	Anvay		
15	Ayse		

Always Child

4	Ava	16	Minerva
5	Oliver	17	Harriet
6	Izzy	18	Adwaith
7	Sehaj	19	Georgie
8	Skyla	20	Hannah
9	Wan	21	Eva
10	Rosie	22	Sienna
11	Ernie	23	Jack
12	Holly	24	Lucy
14	Aria		
15	Hattie		

Dates for your diary

September 2025	
Wednesday 17th	Y5 and Y6 Girls Football Trials
Wednesday 17th	Y5 and Y6 Swimming lessons commence
Thursday 25th	EYFS Parent Meeting @ 4:30pm - Early Reading and Phonics
Friday 26th	MacMillan Bake Sale @ 3:15pm
October 2025	
Thursday 2nd	Year 1 Parent Meeting @ 4:30pm - Reading and Phonics
Monday 6th	Harvest Festival
Mon 13th - Mon 20th	Mini First Aid Training
Thursday 16th	Year 5 Parent Meeting @ 4:30pm - Robinwood Residential
Monday 20th	Diwali Celebration Day
Tuesday 21st	Parents Evening - 3:30-7pm
Wednesday 22nd	Flu Immunisations - Whole school
Thursday 23rd	Parents Evening - 3:30-7pm
Friday 24th	End of Autumn 1 Term
November 2025	
Monday 3rd	Back to School - Autumn 2
Mon 10th - Fri 14th	Anti-Bullying Week - Whole School
Tuesday 11th	Remembrance Day - Whole School

After School Clubs

Clubs are starting next week and the corridors have been busy with excited children ready to make new friends and learn new things. Pick up can be an extremely busy time with the number of clubs we run after-school. All information regarding picking up your child from their club was communicated on the club overview. Please ensure you check the information carefully to know which pick-up point you are heading to. This will be confirmed via ParentMail. Thank you for your support.

Please see below a list of availability as of Friday 12th September.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Gardening Club (Y1,2,3)	Sip N Splash (Y4,5,6)	Pocket Rockets (Y1,2,3)	Girls Football (Y4,5,6)
Board Games (Y1,2)	Artist Club(Y1,2,3)	Gardening Club (Y4,5,6)	Sign Language (Y4,5,6)
Artist Study (Y4,5,6)	Stage Craft (Y1-6)	Mixed Football (Y1,2)	Dance Club (Y3,4,5,6)
Playground Games (Y3,4,5)	Hula Hula (Y3,4,5,6)		
Netball (Y3,4,5,6)			
Yoga (Y4,5,6)			
Sign Language (Y1,2,3)			

Booking is required for these clubs and can be booked via the ParentMail system.

REMINDER

Swimming lessons will commence for year 5 w/b Monday 15th September.

Letter have been sent home to those pupils taking part. Please can you ensure that you bring the required kit for the swimming lessons.



Lost Property

We now have **Lost Property Buckets** placed in the **school foyers**. These will be available for pupils and parents to check **every Friday after school**.

Please take a moment to look through them regularly to reclaim any lost items.



Health & Safety Reminders

Sandpit and the playground equipment

We know that our new sandpit and the exciting playground equipment can be incredibly tempting to utilise during the drop off and pick up times. However, due to health and safety concerns please can we ask that you refrain from using these. Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

Parental concerns and issues

We take all concerns and issues seriously.

- ◇ If you have any worries, please contact the school and/or class teachers directly via the following methods: Email the class teacher: All class teachers have a direct email – these can be found on the [school web-site](#)
- ◇ Email the school office: office@chapelfordvillageprimary.co.uk.
- ◇ Call the school: 01925 712554



School Meals

Please be aware that we are a **NUT FREE** school.

We have children in school with severe nut allergies, please do not send your child into school with any nut related products.

Thank you in advance.



In line with the Governments Healthy School incitive parents are requested to only send healthy snacks for their children for break and lunch time. Please ensure these items are low in fat and/or sugar. Thank you for your co-operation.

ParentPay

Can we request that children's ParentPay accounts are regularly topped up, to make sure the children continue to receive their school lunches and snacks.

Free School Meals end for pupils at the end of Year 2. School lunch is £2.80 per person per day it to be paid via Parentpay.

If you require more help please don't hesitate to contact the school office on **01925 712554** or email us on office@chapelfordvillageprimary.co.uk

Reminder - Once money has been put onto your child's account this needs to be allocation to school meals.





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