

# Chapelford Village Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

★ Friday 23rd January ★



## Headteacher's Comment



Dear Families,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. It has been lovely to notice the mornings becoming a little lighter on our way to school and the evenings staying brighter for longer — before we know it, spring will be upon us!

As always, it has been a jam-packed week at school for all our children. You will have seen lots of photographs of learning taking place on our school Facebook page. If you do not already follow us, please do take a look, as it is a great way to see learning in action, as well as clubs and other activities, with regular updates from each year group.

Last week, we shared information via Facebook and the school website about our new *Reading Reward* initiative. This encourages children to read at home regularly and record their reading as they move along their class reading road. At different milestones, children earn rewards such as certificates, bookmarks, VIP library Time and a special golden coin to use in our fantastic book vending machines. We have received some lovely feedback about this initiative and are already seeing many children proudly earning their rewards. You will find some photographs of this further down the newsletter.

Another exciting development in our Chapelford curriculum is our focus on developing children's oracy skills. Research consistently shows that strong speech and language skills have a significant impact on educational attainment. Nationally, there is a picture of delayed speech and language development on entry to school, and in response, we have designed a bespoke and explicit oracy curriculum informed by research, Ofsted guidance and expertise from Voice 21 and the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF). This curriculum supports all aspects of speaking and listening, including retelling stories, role play, drama, debates, turn-taking and explanation. Each year group has clear termly outcomes linked to curriculum learning, demonstrating that oracy is a skill that can be developed progressively across subjects. We are passionate about building children's confidence in speaking and listening and have invested in high-quality resources, such as classroom sound charts, to further support this work. Please see pictures below for further information on how you can support your child with oracy at home.

I would also like to thank the parents who attended last night's Year 2 information evening, which focussed on how learning is supported in class and the strategies and vocabulary we use. I hope you found this helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you have any further questions.

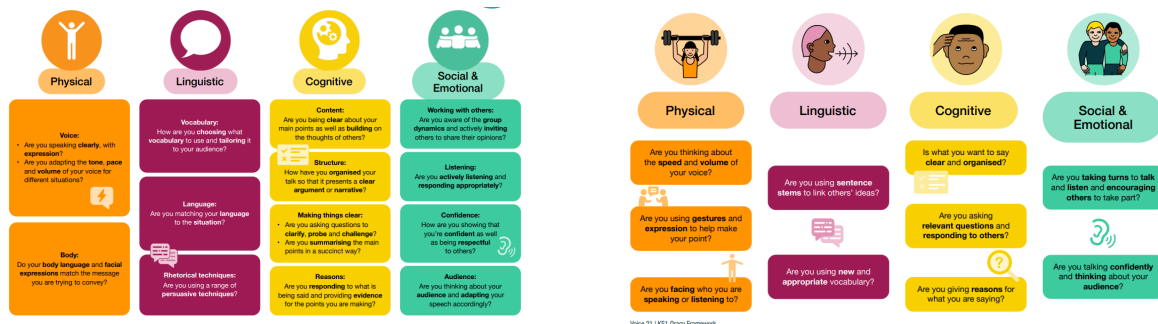
The remainder of this half term continues to be very busy, with NSPCC workshops, Number Day, Year 5 Bikeability, Children's Mental Health Week, and a Year 3 parents' information evening for the upcoming Tattenhall trip. Please check dates carefully and contact the school office if you need any further support.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Kind regards,

Mrs N Stewart

Acting Headteacher



# Year 3 Explore Plants, Wildlife, and the Wonders of Nature!

Year 3 had an exciting and action-packed week, full of hands-on learning about plants and the natural world! Last week, Classes 10 and 11 visited RHS Garden Bridgewater on Monday, with Class 12 following on Thursday, as part of their Science topic on plants, their life cycles and the different parts of a plant.

During the visit, the children participated in a series of engaging workshops. They began by learning all about seed dispersal, discovering the different ways seeds travel in nature. Each child had the opportunity to plant their own lettuce seed, which they will take home and care for, observing how it grows over time. The children also investigated an oak tree, considering how acorns are dispersed, particularly by squirrels, and thought carefully about how plants and animals interact in nature.

After the workshops, the children explored the beautiful gardens, using their observation skills to spot interesting and unusual plants. They created detailed sketches of the plants they found, demonstrating not only artistic skill but also their growing scientific knowledge. The day ended with a well-deserved break in the play area, giving everyone time to relax after a busy day. Throughout the visit, the children were a credit to Chapelford, fully engaging in the workshops, asking thoughtful questions and impressing staff with how much they could recall and apply from their Science lessons.

Year 3 have shown incredible curiosity, creativity, and enthusiasm this week, fully immersing themselves in learning about plants, wildlife, and the natural world. It has been wonderful to see them apply their classroom knowledge in a real-world setting and take such pride in their learning. Well done, Year 3!

## Eco Team in Action: Helping Nature at School

Back at school, the excitement continued with the work of our Eco Team, who met with Mrs Farrell to create eco-friendly bird feeders using apples and oranges. The children carefully prepared their feeders and then hung them around the school grounds, helping to attract a variety of birds to visit. This project links perfectly to their upcoming participation in the Big Birdwatch survey, encouraging the children to observe and learn all about local wildlife.

We are so proud to have such dedicated Eco Ambassadors in our school. They work hard to keep Chapelford eco-friendly, showing responsibility, care and leadership in helping protect our environment. Their enthusiasm and commitment set a brilliant example for the whole school community.

There are still spaces available for Tuesdays Eco After-School Club with Mrs Gibbons, where children can continue exploring environmental projects and nature-based activities. If you would like your child to join, please let us know!



Following the great success of National Careers Week last year, we are excited to be celebrating it again this year from 2nd-7th March. We would love to welcome as many volunteers as possible to help and inspire our children, raise their aspirations, broaden their understanding of the world or work, and show them the wide range of opportunities available to them.

If you would be happy to take part, you could speak to either a single class or a whole year group-which ever you feel most comfortable with. Talks can be relaxed, informal and age-appropriate, and we are more than happy to support you with ideas or structure if needed.

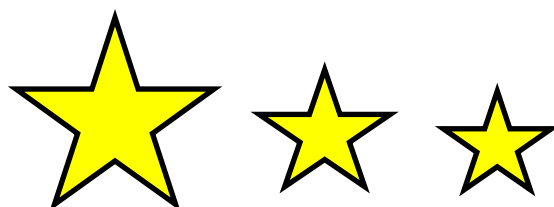
If you are interested in supporting us or would like more information, please contact Mrs Hackett via [h.hackett@cvps.omegamat.co.uk](mailto:h.hackett@cvps.omegamat.co.uk). We would be extremely grateful for your time and support.

## Celebrating Reading Success



A huge well done to Karina and Millie, who earned their special golden coin this week by reaching 60 reads! This is an incredible achievement for our youngest learners.

They were thrilled to use their coins at our special book vending machine to choose a book to keep; a well-deserved reward for their hard work and dedication to reading.



## High Performance Learning at Chapelford Village Primary School



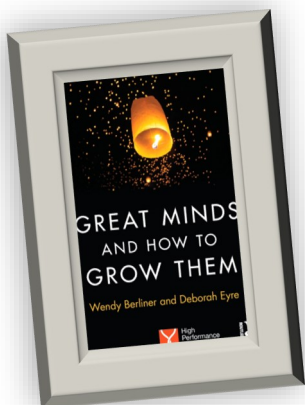
We are proud to be recognised as a **High Performance Learning (HPL)** school. At the heart of our approach is a belief that **all** children can achieve high levels of success. We encourage every pupil to **Learn, Achieve, and Respect** - both as learners in school and as future members of the wider community.

Value for this week is **RESPECT**



### Listening Award Winners

1	Rory	2	Sophie	3	Paighan	4	Sienna
5	Humza	6	Eve	7	Leanne	8	Jack
9	Ashley	10	Sara	11	Isaac	12	Rex
14	Hafsa	15	Ayse	16	Oliver	17	Seraya
18	Evelyn	19	Evie	20	Cobey	21	Lucas
22	Gavin	23	Heison	24	Thorsten		



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

1	Mason	14	Ezmai
2	Sophie	15	Jason
3	Anusheh	16	Kaden
4	Emory	17	Mia
5	Kiasha	18	Alvina
6	Kurtis	19	Thomas
7	Harry	20	Carter
8	Aiden	21	Daniel & Sophia
9	Olivia F	22	Elsie
10	Scarlett	23	Jack W
11	Emily G	24	Luca
12	Asztrid		

## Always Child

1	Kailen	14	Anvay
2	Poppy	15	Georgia
3	Arjun	16	Ayla
4	Kavan	17	Elvin
5	Ruby	18	Zina
6	Isla	19	Joshua
7	George	20	Jack L
8	Ruby	21	Mary
9	Kudzi	22	Hailey
10	Midhuna	23	Archie E-D
11	Ernie	24	Imogen
12	Isla		

## Dates for your diary

January 2026	
Wed 28th & Thur 29th	NSPCC workshops Year 2 and 5.
February 2026	
Mon 2nd to Fri 27th	Year 5 Bikeability.
Friday 6th	Number Day — whole school.
Mon 9th to Fri 13th	Children's Mental Health Week .
Tuesday 10th	Safer Internet Day — whole school.
Tuesday 10th	Skipping Ninjas Workshops to support Mental Health Week.
Wednesday 11th	Skipping Ninjas Workshops to support Mental Health Week.
Friday 13th	End of Autumn term.
Monday 23rd	Lunar New Year Celebration — whole school.
Monday 23rd	Back to school Spring 2.
Monday 23rd	Year 5 Safety Central Day Trip.
Friday 27th	St Davids Day. Children in St David's House are invited to wear their own yellow clothes.
Friday 27th	School Council visit to Warrington Town Hall.
March 2026	
Mon 2nd to Friday 6th	National Careers Week — Whole school.
Thursday 5th	World Book Day — whole school.
Mon 9th to Wed 11th	Year 3 — Tatton Hall Residential.
Wednesday 11th	School Nurse visit to year 5.
Tuesday 17th	St Patrick's Day. Children in St Patrick's house are invited to wear their own green clothes.
Thursday 19th	Eid al-Fitr Celebration Day—whole school.
Friday 20th to April 21st	PAN Art exhibition

# ATTENDANCE

EYFS	YEAR 1	Year 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
94%	94%	98%	97%	98%	98%	93%

## Health & Safety Reminders

- ♦ **Reminder vaping is prohibited on the school grounds. Please do not use your vape until you are on the outside of the school gates. Thank you for your co-operation.**
- ♦ May we ask for support with the safe use and enjoyment of all the playground equipment including the climbing frame and Sandpit by ensuring children do not use it before and after school.
- ♦ Could we please politely remind parents to take care driving around both front and rear car parks at school drop off and pick up times, paying particular attention to the crossings as there has previously been a few near misses. Thanks in advance for your support with this as we all work together to keep our children safe.
- ♦ Smart Watches are not to be worn for school.
- ♦ E-SCOOTERS. Please can we take care on arrival to school on e-scooters.
- ♦ Bikes and scooters must **NOT** be ridden until outside of the school grounds!
- ♦ All ballgames including football are not to be played on the school playgrounds during drop-off and pick-up.
- ♦ School Gym Equipment is for pupils during the school day only.
- ♦ Please remember that dogs except for assistance dogs are NOT permitted on school grounds under any circumstances.
- ♦ **Please ensure all children have adequate outerwear for break times.**

## Morning drop Off Times Reminder

The classroom doors open each morning at **8:40am** and close at **8:45am**. The school gates will also close at **8:45am**.

If you arrive after this time, please go directly to the school office, where a member of the office team will sign pupils in and arrange any necessary lunches orders with the kitchen.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Please could we remind you that children **should not bring toys into school**. If you feel your child requires a fidget toy, this must be discussed and agreed in advance with the class teacher and Mrs McDavid. Please don't hesitate to get in touch should you have any questions.

## 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 website](#)
- ◇ Email the school office: [office@chapelfordvillageprimary.co.uk](mailto: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.



### School menu for week beginning **Monday 26th January is Week 1**

Please be reminded that from October 1st 2025 Warrington Borough Council school meals have increased in price to £3.05 per meal.



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 £3.05 per person per day it is 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](mailto: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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