

# Chapelford Village Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

★ Friday 26th September ★



## Headteacher's Comment



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you've all had a lovely week. The temperature is beginning to drop and the first signs of autumn are slowly starting to appear. That said, it's been lovely to have a relatively dry week with some sunshine still hanging on!

Today is National Teaching Assistant Day, and it feels fitting to begin this newsletter by recognising and celebrating the incredible work of our teaching assistants. Teaching assistants are one of the most valuable resources a school can have and we are incredibly fortunate to have such dedicated, passionate, and hardworking individuals on our team.

Every day, they make a real difference to the lives of our children by providing support, encouragement and care. I know many parents often comment on how much their child's teaching assistant means to them and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for everything they do. Chapelford is a better place because of them.

It has been another busy week in school! Our Year 5 children officially began their brass lessons this week. We were so impressed to hear them playing their instruments already and even attempting to play in harmony! We're already looking forward to welcoming parents in later this year for a small performance to celebrate their progress.

This afternoon's Macmillan Bake Sale is also shaping up to be a fantastic success. Thank you so much to everyone who kindly donated cakes or contributed in any way. This is a charity that is very close to many people's hearts and your generosity and support are, as always, very much appreciated. Events like this really highlight what a caring and supportive school community we have.

On Thursday, we were delighted to welcome EYFS parents into school for their first ever information evening on early reading and phonics. These sessions are an important part of building strong school-home partnerships and giving practical advice on how to support learning at home. If you were unable to attend, please don't worry because all resources from the evening are available on our school website.

Looking ahead, we will be holding our first Parents' Evenings of the academic year on Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd October. Letters with further details will be sent out next week, but please add these dates to your diary.

Finally, I'd like to thank those parents and members of the wider community who have taken the time to share concerns and suggestions regarding parking and traffic around school. We are aware of the ongoing issues and I would like to reassure you that we take the health and safety of our families extremely seriously. I am currently in discussions with our local PCSOs and we hope to work together to put some actions in place to improve the situation as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs N Stewart

Acting Headteacher



## Celebrating European Day of Languages; Languages Open Hearts and Minds at Chapelford

On Friday 26th September, Chapelford Village Primary School was filled with excitement and colour as we celebrated European Day of Languages 2025. This year's theme, *"Languages open hearts and minds"*, encouraged our pupils to embrace the rich diversity of languages spoken both in our school and around the world.

To begin the day, each class completed a special language survey to find out which languages are spoken by children in their class. Many pupils shared that they speak more than one language at home, which sparked great conversations and pride in their heritage. The results were presented in charts, graphs or tallies and this fantastic work will soon be displayed on our school website.

Throughout the afternoon, children from EYFS to Year 6 took part in exciting, language-focused lessons and cultural activities. EYFS and Key Stage 1 focused on French, practising simple greetings like *"Bonjour"* and *"merci"*, counting in French and decorating flags and paper dolls in French colours and phrases.

In Key Stage 2, each year group explored a different language and culture. Year 3 learnt all about Spanish, including simple vocabulary and traditional playground games. Year 4 focused on Cantonese, with children learning how to write their names in Chinese characters and comparing school life in Hong Kong and England. Year 5 discovered German, researching interesting facts, learning phrases and writing their own fact files. Year 6 explored Polish, practising spoken and written Polish and creating fact files about Poland's culture, food and geography.

Children who speak these languages at home were proud to share their knowledge with the class. It was a wonderful opportunity for everyone to become a language ambassador, helping others learn something new and developing confidence in speaking about their own cultural backgrounds.

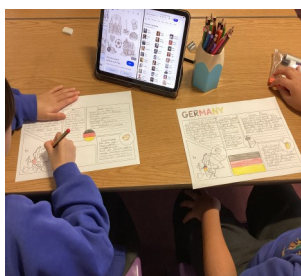
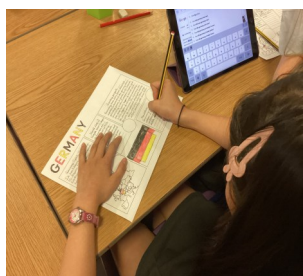
Across the school, children also engaged in a range of cross-curricular activities. They played traditional playground games from other countries, sang songs in different languages, and even answered the register in French, German or Spanish! Some classes also used world maps to explore where their focus language is spoken, and many linked their activities to subjects like geography, PE, music and maths.

The whole day aimed to show children how language learning is not only fun but also an important skill that helps us understand others and become more global citizens. As one Year 5 pupil said, *"I didn't know that so many countries speak German – now I want to visit Austria and Switzerland!"* Another child in Year 4 shared, *"I loved learning Cantonese – it was hard but fun! My friend helped me say 'good morning' the right way."*

The intent of the day was to give children meaningful cultural experiences, promote a love of languages and encourage them to welcome and celebrate differences in the world. Based on the enthusiasm across classrooms and playgrounds, it's clear this goal was met with great success.

We'd like to thank all our staff and pupils for embracing the theme with such energy and creativity. Don't forget to check our Facebook page and school website to see photos, videos and examples of the amazing work produced on the day.

At Chapelford, we believe that learning languages really does open hearts and minds and we look forward to continuing this journey together.



### 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!



- Brass lessons have started in Year 5
- Hula Hula Fun club started and the children loved it!
- We have hosted a MacMillan bake sale
- 26th September: National TA Day & European Day of Languages was celebrated

# 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.

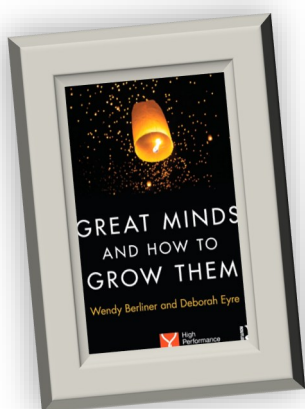
In addition to focusing on our values, we also discuss thinking strategies with the children known as ACPs (Advanced Cognitive Performance Characteristics). This half term, our focus is on 'Realising' which is the ability to work at speed and carry out tasks automatically. To support your child with 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 is **RESPECT**

## Helpful Award Winners



4	Lumi	5	Freya	6	Lily	7	Arlo
8	Jenson	9	Olivia F	10	Scarlett	11	Jack
12	Kate	14	Isla	15	Eva	16	Ella
17	Elvin	18	Daniel	19	Paige	20	Olivia
21	Mary	22	Jesse	23	Eva P	24	Lily



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	Alice	16	Joey
5	Cooper	17	Sheldon
6	Isla	18	Sanet
7	Cynthia	19	Teddy
8	Avery	20	Manna
9	Ashley	21	Henry
10	Sara	22	Dahat
11	Inaaya	23	Eleanor
12	Pippa	24	Billy
14	Alfie C		
15	Leo		

## Always Child

4	Harwish	16	Jordon
5	Mason	17	Leo
6	Eve	18	Rachel
7	Alex	19	Saphir
8	Rosie	20	Farrah
9	Eden	21	Jordan
10	Jack	22	Samar
11	Kyrylo	23	Amaya
12	Theo	24	Oscar
14	Jordon		
15	Amelia		

# ATTENDANCE

EYFS	YEAR 1	Year 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
96%	97%	98%	97%	96%	97%	91%

## Dates for your diary

October 2025	
Wednesday 1st	Year 5 Swimming Lessons continue
Wednesday 1st	Year 3 after- school Athletics competition
Thursday 2nd	Year 1 Parent Meeting @ 4:30pm - Reading and Phonics
Monday 6th	Harvest Festival
Wednesday 8th	Open Evening for potential new starters
Friday 10th	World Mental Health Day
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 - 3:30pm-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



EYFS are collecting some natural resources for their mud kitchen such as conkers, pinecones and acorns.  
If anyone can support and bring some in for us it would be much appreciated!

If anyone has any old children's underwear they no longer need that can be donated to school please can this be dropped off at the school office.  
Thank you in advance.



Please be reminded that the school photographers will be on site

**Monday 17th November.**

Individual photographs will be being taken throughout the school day.

## 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.

School menu for week beginning **Monday 29th September is Week 2**

## 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](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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