

★ Friday 29th November ★

As we approach the festive season, we are excited to share the plans for activities and celebrations here at Chapelford Village Primary School. We know this can be a very busy time for our families, especially with children in different year groups, so we wanted to support this by communicating all the key dates and events in one newsletter. December is a time full of anticipation and joy for both the children and families and we want to ensure that while we celebrate, we also maintain the routine and structure that is so important for our pupils' learning. In this attached newsletter sent home today via Parentmail, the key dates are highlighted followed by an overview of the different events happening across school in the lead-up to the holidays.

## When Owls Came to Chapelford...

Last Wednesday, Year 2 had a fantastic visit from Cheshire Falconry, which has been a wonderful addition to their learning this term!

Cheshire Falconry is home to over 70 raptors, varying in species of owls, hawks, eagles and falcons and, most importantly, they commit to the conservation of birds of prey by raising awareness and educating future generations. The session was very engaging and the children were thrilled to have the opportunity to get up close to some incredible birds of prey: owls. The children were introduced to four owls ranging in type and age. The children loved finding out their names, which included Nova and Samantha.

This hands-on experience was the perfect way to enrich the Year 2 class text 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark', as it directly supported the children's preparation for the upcoming non-chronological reports they are writing as their final outcome of this half term. They had the chance to observe the birds' behaviour, learn about their unique features, and even ask expert falconers questions. This knowledge will support children with the vocabulary and understanding needed to write an effective, informative report. The children were particularly

captivated by the owls' silent flight, sharp talons, and the fascinating facts shared by the falconers, who were amazing with the children. Each child got to stroke an owl, and the session consisted of the owls around our main hall! The owls even perched on our piano and the PE apparatus.

By engaging with these magnificent creatures, the children have gained valuable firsthand knowledge that will help them write detailed, informative, and creative reports. They are now well-prepared to showcase their newfound understanding of owls in their non-chronological reports, which we are sure will be full of impressive facts and observations.



To link to the audience of their writing, the children will be publishing their reports, and we are looking to send them to the centre for their visitors to read and build knowledge on owls. As well as supporting their English and Science knowledge, it gave lots of the children an opportunity to demonstrate their fearlessness as they stroked the creatures.



Some of the children have commented on the experience and we would love to share some quotes with you:

“I had never seen owls in real life before, it was amazing!”

“My favourite Owl was the Barn Owl called Samantha.”

“The owls flew over our heads and over our teachers.”

“My favourite fact is that some owls are nocturnal, and some are diurnal which means they come out in the day.”

“I saw two baby owls and they were really fluffy.”

“We had to be really quiet, so we didn’t scare the birds. I got to touch an owl, and it was friendly.”

We would like to thank Cheshire Falconry for making this experience so memorable for our Year 2 classes. We can’t wait to see the children put everything they’ve learned into their reports!

## Dates for your diary

<b>December 2024</b>	
<b>Wednesday 4th</b>	Warrington Guardian in to picture EYFS
<b>Monday 9th</b>	ChaPTA Local Snowman Hunt
<b>Tuesday 10th</b>	Year 5 Festive Greetings at 2:45pm
<b>Wednesday 11th</b>	Year 6 Festive Greetings at 2:45pm
<b>Wednesday 11th</b>	Christingle assemblies across the school
<b>Thursday 12th</b>	Year 4 Festive Greetings at 2:45pm
<b>Thursday 12th</b>	Flu Immunisation mop-up
<b>Friday 13th</b>	Year 3 Festive Greetings at 2:45pm
<b>Monday 16th</b>	Year 2 Festive Greetings at 2:45pm
<b>Monday 16th</b>	EYFS Christmas Play
<b>Tuesday 17th</b>	EYFS Christmas Play
<b>Tuesday 17th</b>	Year 1 Festive Greetings at 2:45pm
<b>Wednesday 18th</b>	Year 1 Panto at the Brindley
<b>Wednesday 18th</b>	Christmas Dinner Day
<b>Wednesday 18th</b>	ChaPTA Discos for EYFS (4:15-5:15pm) and Year 3 and 4 (5:30-6:30pm)
<b>Thursday 19th</b>	ChaPTA Discos for Year 1 and 2 (4:15-5:15pm) and Year 5 and 6 (5:30-6:30pm)
<b>Friday 20th</b>	End of Term
<b>January 2025</b>	
<b>Tuesday 7th</b>	Back to School—Spring 1

## High Performance Learning at Chapelford Village Primary School



As a school, we have embarked upon a journey of adopting a High Performance Learning philosophy and framework with the aim of becoming a High Performance Learning School. This is a unique teaching and learning framework to support us in establishing an ambitious school culture. As part of this framework, we have strengthened the children's understanding of our school ethos to Learn, Achieve and Respect.

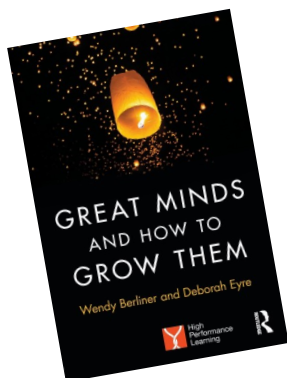
For this half term in Autumn 2, we will be focusing on what it means to Achieve, which is to be Perseverance, Resilience and Aspiration. Each week, we will explore a different value and how all children can demonstrate this to be a high performer.

Value for Autumn 2 is **ACHIEVE**



### Aspiration Award Winners

4	Isla	5	Jesse	6	Harry	7	Aria
8	Jacob	9	Sienna	10	Ewen	11	Leo
12	Poppy	13	Skye	14	Willow	15	Maisie
16	Jack	17	Cheryl	18	Heison	19	Ollie
20	Kiki	21	Zoe	22	Gracie	23	Baden
24	Elise						



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	13	Harriet
2	Noah	14	Esther
3	Noah	15	Luke
4	Minsa	16	Emma
5	Ashley	17	Lincoln
6	Lola	18	Archie
7	Isaac	19	Olivia
8	Aria	20	Oscar & Cyrus
9	David	21	Ayman
10	Jacob	22	Michael
11	Ellie	23	Ana
12	Jack	24	Archie

## Always Child

1	Millie	13	Scarlett
2	Elliot	14	James
3	Ava	15	Bella
4	Dolly	16	Hannah
5	Lyra	17	Maya
6	Alex	18	Eva
7	Harper	19	Mantas
8	Ira	20	Ben
9	Divisha	21	Archie-Joe
10	Jeremiah	22	Max
11	Hattie	23	Sam
12	Emily	24	Scott

## Weekly Attendance

C1	98%	C6	96%	C11	94%	C16	99%	C21	95%
C2	94%	C7	97%	C12	98%	C17	96%	C22	97%
C3	96%	C8	96%	C13	94%	C18	97%	C23	93%
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C5	95%	C10	99%	C15	98%	C20	92%		

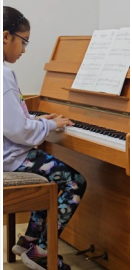
## Health & Safety

- ◆ **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 the climbing frame 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 have been a few near misses this week. 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.
- ◆ **With Autumn upon us all children must have adequate outerwear for break times.**

# Out of School Achievements

Congratulations and well done to....

**Isla** from class 12 and her cheer team placed 3rd at the Future Cheer competition yesterday placing 3rd out of 7 in the Under 12 section.



**Anvi** from class 16 has put in lot of hard work preparing for the exam and she has successfully achieved Merit in Paino ABRSM Grade 1 exam.

**Emily** from class 7 has achieved her Bronze Medal Team Award in her Hip Hop Dance Class, through Felicia Burns Dance School and The Allied Dancing Association.



**Eleanor** from Class 2 has had a fantastic weekend! She passed her posy 2 dance examination and competed in her very first gymnastics competition achieving 2nd place in both the floor and vault. Her family are incredibly proud of her!

**Kai** from class 10, recently passed his karate grading and obtained his purple belt. Great job Kai!



**Zak** from class 10 has read his 1st Harry Potter book at 7 years old, Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. He's already onto the next one, Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets.

**Ella** from 10 has been asked to join the Cheshire County Training Camp with the LTA (tennis) after a successful trial.



Well done to you all.

## OPAL Play Times

Members of our School Council team, alongside OPAL ambassadors and other children across school, have been reflecting on the OPAL play times and what we could do to make them even better.

It has been almost a year since we launched OPAL and we couldn't have done it without the generous donations from lots of our families.

We are kindly requesting for any donations of the following items:

- scooters
- trikes
- clothes pegs and materials (for den building)
- dressing up clothes (real clothes, luggage, bags, hats etc)
- microphones (they don't need to work)

These items will ensure we can maintain some of our most popular OPAL zones and keep the children busy! We know lots of people have a clear out in the run up until Christmas so if you find yourself with anything we could use, please send it in with your child.

Thank you!



### Local Snowman Hunt

ChaPTA have organised a fun, festive-themed event for all the family to take part in around the local area. Families will be challenged with finding different snowmen hidden around Chapelford for a chance to be entered into a raffle to win a prize. This is a great chance to wrap up warm, get active and spend some time with friends and family.

More details will be shared by ChaPTA soon.



Chapelford are now working with Roberts Recycling—a specialist clothing bank company to raise funds for school. These clothes are collected up and redistributed around the world to places in need. This reduces the amount of clothes that go into landfill and ChaPTA receives money for every kilo donated for our children.

The clothing bank is located outside of the Chapelford Nursey gates, o the Sainsburys car park side of our school.

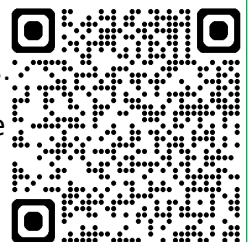


Thank you for all your kind donations for Children in Need 2024.  
As a school we managed to raised £2029.54 to go towards this wonderful cause.



### Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools

Don't forget to sign up for the Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools. Further information can be found via the QR code Download the Asda Rewards app via the App Store or Google Play.



## 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.



## School Meals



School menu for week beginning Monday 2nd December is week 2

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.

## 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





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