



★ Friday 31st January ★

This week, our school was filled with excitement and energy as we celebrated Lunar New Year across all year groups. It has been an incredible week of learning, fun, and cultural exchange, with every child having the opportunity to take part in various activities.



One of the highlights was the Chinese Dragon Dance Workshop. Every child, from EYFS to Year 6, had the chance to collaborate with their classmates to manoeuvre the magnificent dragon through the hall. They worked together to bring the dragon to life, performing a beautiful, choreographed dance with the help of brightly coloured props. It was wonderful to see children of all ages working together, learning new skills, and having so much fun in the process.

In addition to the dragon dance, all year groups engaged in arts and crafts activities linked to traditional Chinese decorations. They made snakes, lanterns, and red envelopes – each symbolizing good fortune and new beginnings. Some year groups even had the opportunity to practice writing in Cantonese, further immersing themselves in the culture and traditions surrounding Lunar New Year.

We were also incredibly fortunate to have some of our wonderful parents volunteer their time to speak with the children about the significance of the Lunar New Year. Our parents shared their personal experiences of celebrating this festive time, explaining the traditions of wearing new clothes, cleaning the house to welcome blessings, and putting up red and gold decorations to ward off bad spirits. The children also learned about the custom of giving red envelopes filled with money to wish others prosperity.

A huge thank you to all the parents who took the time to come into school and support our children's learning. Your contributions truly enriched our celebration!

## EYFS Lunar New Year Activities

The children in EYFS had a fantastic afternoon learning all about Lunar New Year. They started by listening to the story of the Great Race, which explains how the Chinese zodiac came to be. Afterward, the children had a fun activity where they moved like the animals in the story, allowing their friends to guess which animal they were.

The EYFS children also made their own Chinese decorations, practiced using chopsticks, and even had a go at writing some numbers. They have finished their week of learning and festivities by taking part in a Chinese Dance workshop.

It has been such a special week, and we're so proud of how the children have embraced the Lunar New Year celebrations.

Gung Hei Fat Choy! Happy Year of the Snake!



# High Performance Learning at Chapelford Village Primary School



As a school, we have adopted the 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 values and how to behave under the framework of 'CHAPELFORD' and we continue to embed our school ethos to Learn, Achieve and Respect. For this half term in Spring 1, we will be focusing on what it means to show Respect, including to be Collaborative, Helpful and to Listen. Each week, we explore a different value through a school assembly, embed this within our classrooms through discussion and celebrate this with a weekly values award.

In addition to focusing on our values as part of our learning around how to behave, we are also introducing ACPs to the children to support them in understanding how we think. In Autumn, we focused on Metathinking: thinking about thinking and in Spring, we are looking at Linking: connecting new learning with our existing knowledge and thinking outside the box.

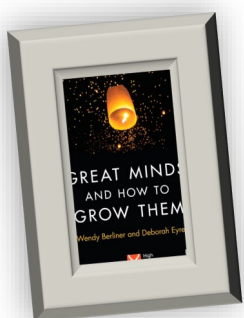
To support your child with developing their knowledge of linking at home, always be looking for patterns and consider whether you can create more links if you approximate by discussing with your child 'this is not exactly the same but it's a bit like....'

Value for Spring 1 is **RESPECT**

## Collaborative Award Winners



4	Stephanie	5	Ruben	6	Cynthia	7	Aurora
8	Jack	9	Salma	10	Minerva	11	Jude
12	Jayvion	13	Harriet	14	Victoria	15	Callan
16	Daniel	17	Emily	18	Max	19	Evie
20	Sam	21	Sanjula	22	Millie	23	Sophie
24	Rawan						



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.

'Crucially, you have to convince the child to persevere when the learning gets tough - everyone does hit problems - but the key is to feel empowered by difficulty, not helpless because of it.'

## Star Learners

1	Reegan	13	Alex
2	Edith	14	Eli
3	Harry	15	Maisie
4	Evie	16	Kaitlyn
5	Theo	17	Mary
6	Aayrah	18	Jack
7	Heidi	19	Darsh
8	Grace	20	Oscar
9	Huldah	21	Faris
10	Aria	22	Gracie
11	Harry	23	Esmee
12	Roby	24	Archie

## Always Child

1	Freya	13	Elvin
2	Chester	14	Esther
3	Alenya	15	Lila
4	Noah	16	Natalie
5	Olivia	17	Ariana
6	Harry	18	Archie
7	Scarlett	19	Athena
8	Midhuna	20	Kiki
9	Alice	21	Jasmine
10	Ayla	22	Tim
11	Oli	23	Kian
12	Alfie	24	Sky

# ATTENDANCE

EYFS	YEAR 1	Year 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
95%	95%	97%	96%	95%	96%	96%

## Dates for your diary

<b>February 2025</b>	
<b>Mon 3rd - Fri 7th</b>	Children's Mental Health Week
<b>Monday 3rd</b>	Year 3 visit to St. James' Church
<b>Tuesday 4th</b>	Neil Armstrong Workshop Class 4 and 5
<b>Wednesday 5th</b>	Neil Armstrong workshop Class 6
<b>Thursday 6th</b>	ChaPTA Family Auction Night
<b>Thursday 6th</b>	Year 3 Parent Meeting
<b>Monday 10th</b>	Year 5 Safety Central Trip
<b>Tuesday 11th</b>	Year 5 Safety Central Trip
<b>Tuesday 11th</b>	Parents Evening to include our Book fair
<b>Tuesday 11th</b>	Safer Internet Day
<b>Wednesday 12th</b>	Year 2 Safety Central Trip
<b>Thursday 13th</b>	Year 2 Safety Central Trip
<b>Thursday 13th</b>	Parents Evening to include our Book Fair
<b>Friday 14th</b>	ChaPTA Donut Delivery
<b>Friday 14th</b>	End of half term

## Trainer of the Week

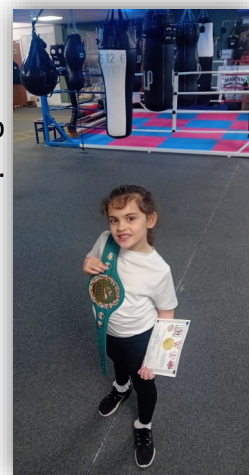
This week, Isla has won the Trainer of the Week award in our after-school netball club! We are so proud of the incredible progress she has made and the hard work she's put in. Keep it up, Isla – you're doing amazing!



## Out of School Achievements

Congratulations and well done to....

**Hattie** from class 11 won the belt and a certificate this week at her boxing club for challenging herself.



**Harper** of Class 7 received the Coaches player of the match on Sunday. Harper scored two amazing goals but showed great team skills by opting to pass to another player to score, instead of going for a hat-trick. Well done, Harper!

**Emily** from class 13 competed in South Shields in the Zonal Schools Trampoline Competition on Saturday representing Chapelford. She finished 1st place in her category so has now qualified to National Schools Championships in March.

On Sunday she competed in the Northwest Regional DMT and Tumbling Competition where she placed 2nd in DMT and 3rd in Tumbling.



Well done to you all.

## 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](mailto:office@chapelfordvillageprimary.co.uk)

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



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.



## Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools

A huge thank you to all our parents who contributed to the Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools! Together, we raised a whopping £932.21, which will go a long way in providing valuable resources and opportunities for our pupils. Your generosity is truly appreciated!





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6.30pm-7.45pm

**EVERY THURSDAY**

**Free Entry**

Any questions contact  
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Years 3-6

All welcome

