

Capel-Le-Ferne Primary School

NEWSLETTER: Friday 9th January 2026

'Learning today for life tomorrow'



RESPECT

INDEPENDENCE

CONFIDENCE

CREATIVITY

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and happy New Year to you all. I hope you had a restful and enjoyable break with your families.

Reading continues to be a strong focus for us this term, alongside the importance of oracy – helping children to develop confidence in speaking, listening and expressing their ideas clearly. These skills are central to learning across the curriculum and to children's wider development. Please read with your child and read to them as often as possible (or ask siblings to read together), as this will have real benefits, both academically and for encouraging good habits for good wellbeing. On the note of reading, now that Christmas has passed, we would warmly welcome any donations of books in good condition to help refresh and extend our school library, if you are now having a bit of a post-Christmas sort out. Thank you for all donations received.

We are also continuing our work on keeping children safe, both in and out of school. As part of this, children will be taking part in first aid training on Friday 13th February, helping them to develop valuable life skills and an understanding of how to respond in an emergency. To support funding this day, we are inviting all children to come in on Friday 6th February in their own clothes and give a donation of £1. We are also asking for donations of cakes and will be having a cake sale at the end of the day.

Please note some key dates this term, as outlined below. Due to a few factors we have made a change to parent meetings with new dates and times confirmed as Tuesday 24th February and Wednesday 24th February.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Have a great weekend.

Anthony Richards,
Headteacher

Reception: Honeybees
Florence and Tyler- For fantastic work in phonics this week recalling their letter sounds and tricky words!

Year 1: Turtles
Georgia and Dudley- For super effort and progress in phonics and reading.

Year 2: Parrots
Vinnie – for working hard on his reading skills both at home and at school.
Jaxon – for his fantastic focus and attitude to learning across all subjects.

Year 3: Dolphins
Mia- for making good predictions for our class text.
Jack- for seeing connections between calculations in Maths.

Year 4: Leopards
Kiyan – For excellent participation in our talk for writing lessons.
Arthur – For excellent understanding of multiplying and dividing by 1 and 0.

Year 5: Rhinos
Frankie and Fleur for excellent effort multiplying using the area method.

KENT FIRE VISIT

This week at school we welcomed Kent Fire Service. All classes took part in an informative session, learning important fire safety messages. The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit. A big thank you to Kent Fire Service for taking the time to visit us!



CENSUS DAY AND MENU CHANGE

Next Thursday the 15th January, is our Census Day at school. This day is used to calculate our funding for the following year. One measure used to calculate this, is the total number of school dinners taken by Reception and infant children on this day.



There will be a special menu for this day of hot dogs, sautéed potatoes and baked beans/sweetcorn, with chocolate shortbread/fresh fruit for dessert. As usual, there will also be the vegetarian/vegan option available. The rest of the week remains the same.

School meals are free for all children up to the end of Year 2. We would like all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to try a school meal this day. If you do not think your child will eat the school meal available, please send a packed lunch as a backup. However, we would like to encourage as many children as possible to try a school lunch, so will make one available to every Reception and infant child that day.

We'd like to thank you in advance for your support. The more pupils that have a school dinner on this day, the greater the funding for the school.

Year 6: Tigers

Lusinda – for superb recollection of grammar concepts.

Arthur M – for excellent progress in Maths this week.

ONLINE PARENT WORKSHOPS- EMOTIONAL WELLBEING

Please find a poster attached with details of the Emotional Wellbeing Team's online parent workshops, which are free to attend. These virtual sessions will run between January and March and cover important topics such as:

- Understanding your child's behaviour
- Supporting your child with worries and fears
- Sleep and autism
- Understanding neurodiversity

If you are interested, please register using the QR codes on the poster below.



TIPS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS: Online Safety – Let's Talk About It!

This week we are thinking about understanding Personal Information. As children explore the online world, it's important to help them understand what counts as

personal information. Personal information includes things like full names, addresses, school names, phone numbers, and even photos. Parents can start conversations with their children about why keeping these details private matters. Encourage your child to ask before sharing anything online and explain that some information is safe to share, like a nickname or favourite hobby, but sensitive details should stay private.

EASY FUNDRAISING

Please support us with Easy fundraising

Our PFA has signed up to **easy fundraising** – a simple way to raise money for our school at no extra cost to you. When you shop online, retailers donate a percentage to the PFA.

Please sign up and support us by scanning the **QR code on the poster below** – thank you for your support!



MRS CATHREW

Mrs Cathrew has made the difficult decision to leave the school after 7 years of dedicated service. Mrs Cathrew has provided invaluable support across a range of areas, including PE and the school's sporting provision. She has played a key role in enabling pupils to participate in events such as cross country and tag rugby.

Throughout her time at the school, Mrs Cathrew has been an important and valued member of the team, most recently working one day per week, in a variety of classes and supporting many different children. She is now moving on to work with children and young adults in the local area across a number of schools.

We are pleased to say that the children will still see Mrs Cathrew again, as we are hoping to continue working with her on an exciting new project, and we will share more details soon. In the meantime, we wish her every success and happiness for the future.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY-

Monday 5th January- First day of term 3

Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th February- Parents' Evening (AMENDED DATES- more details will follow)

Honours List: Celebrating children who have shown our school values this week

Honeybees	Turtles	Parrots	Dolphins	Leopards	Rhinos	Tigers
Elora	Theo	Liberty	Effie	Isabel	Florence	Arthur H
Elijah	Eden	Lola	Grace	Parker	Sophie	Andy

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North East London
NHS Foundation Trust

Online Parent Workshops

Aimed at parents of children in
Primary school



Understanding your Child's Behaviour

19/01/2026 10:30 -12:30pm

[Understanding Your Child's Behaviour | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)



Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears 02/02/2026 10:30 -12:30pm

[Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)



Autism and Sleep

09/03/2026 12:30 – 13:30pm

[Autism and Sleep | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)

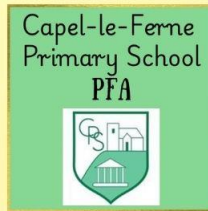


Understanding Neurodiversity

24/03/2026 10:30 -12:30pm

[Understanding Neurodiversity | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)





EASY FUNDRAISING



The PFA have set up a #easyfundraising account, which means over 7500 brands will donate for FREE every time you use easy fundraising to shop with them. These donations will help so much. It only takes a few minutes to sign up and is completely free! The more signs ups, the more money raised for the school.

Please use the QR code to sign up or search 'Capel-le-Ferne Primary easyfundraising' to find our page .

Thank you all for your continued support.