Capel-Le-Ferne Primary School

NEWSLETTER: Friday 9th October 2026

'Learning today for life tomorrow'

RESPECT	INDEPENDENCE	CONFIDENCE	CREATIVITY

WE'RE ON FACEBOOK!!

We're excited to announce the launch of our new school Facebook page! It's a great way for us to share school news, celebrate our pupils' achievements and keep our school community up to date with all the wonderful things happening at school. We'd love your support - so please follow and share our page with friends and family.



As always- thank you for your continued support!

https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61594636813179



THANK YOU!!

We would like to say a huge thank you to all our families, staff, PFA and our whole school community for your incredible support and generosity with our recent fundraising efforts. Thanks to everyone who has taken part, donated and helped to raise money - we are delighted to have been able to purchase a brand-new set of iPads for the school! These will be a fantastic resource for our children, supporting their learning within the classroom. We are incredibly grateful for your continued support and generosity.

BOUNCE BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

On 5th November, we will be taking part in Outdoor Classroom Day, where children will take their learning outside and embrace all that the outdoors has to offer. As part of the day, every child will have the opportunity take part in a sponsored bounce on a space hopper! This will take place during the school day, and any money raised will help us to fund new equipment and resources for our OPAL lunchtimes. Please see the poster attached. More information, including a sponsorship form, will follow shortly. We are looking forward to a fun-filled day of learning, exploring and bouncing outdoors!



PFA AGM MEETING

Our first PFA meeting of the year is Tuesday 13th October. Please come along to support the wonderful things our PFA does to raise funds and support our school. The meeting will be in school at 7.00pm. Hope to see you there!



THIS WEEKS' TIMES TABLE CHAMPIONS!

The class with the most children completing a studio game on TTRockstars to try and improve their rockstar status were…

LEOPARDS!!!!

Remember to use your heat map to help you know which facts you need to work on.
The more you practice, the more confident and quicker you will become.
Mr Stafford

STAR OF THE WEEK!



Honeybees
All the Honeybees! For a fantastic first Harvest show!

Year 1: Turtles
Ronny- for fantastic understanding and participation in maths when adding numbers to 10.

Year 2: Parrots
Felicity – for her fantastic reasoning and deeper thinking during Maths this week! Well done 😊

Year 3: Dolphins
Lloyd- for greater attitude towards his learning this week.

Year 4: Leopards
Henry B – for using his timer effectively, which has massively improved the quality of his work.

Year 5: Rhinos
Lola – for excellent effort and understanding in her Maths.

Year 6: Tigers
Elsie for great effort, determination and resilience in her learning.

FRIDAY 16th OCTOBER- AUTUMN DISCOS



Letters have been sent home with details of our Autumn Discos. Please see a reminder of information below. If you need a copy of the letter, please let us know.

Class name	Year group	Start and finish time
Turtles Parrots Dolphins	1 2 3	2.45pm – 3.45pm
Leopards Rhinos Tigers	4 5 6	4.00pm -5.15pm

Tickets for the disco are £5 per child and must be purchased in advance. The ticket price will include a tuck-shop-style sweet bag, containing a mixture of sweets suitable for all dietary requirements, as well as unlimited squash during the disco. Children will need to be collected by an adult at the end of the disco, from the main office entrance. Children are invited to wear their own clothes to school for a donation of £1.



HONEYBEES CLASS DISCO

Honeybees disco will take place, after lunch, within the normal school day, therefore, you do not need to purchase a ticket. Tuck Shop style sweet bags are available to purchase in advance for £2.50. Each sweet bag will include a mixture of sweets, as well as unlimited squash during the disco. Sweet bags can be paid for online via the School Gateway app or in cash at the school office. Children are invited to wear their own clothes to school for a donation of £1.

NEW RECEPTION INTAKE 2027

Please share with any friends or family that are looking for a school place for Reception 2027

Applications for transfer to primary school for reception year September 2027 will open on Friday 6th November 2026 and close on Thursday 15th January 2027. We warmly invite prospective parents/carers to one of our Open Mornings, which will be held on:

- **Wednesday 4th November at 9.15am**
- **Friday 27th November at 9.15am**
- **Saturday 5th December at 10.00am**

During the session, I'll talk about our school, our approach to education, and what your child's learning journey at Capel-le-Ferne could look like. This will then be followed by a school tour.

If you would like to attend one of our Open Mornings, please contact the school office to book a place.



We hope you'll be able to join us and look forward to welcoming you to Capel-le-Ferne Primary School.



MFL-LANGUAGE OF THE WEEK.

This week's language of the week has been **Italian,** so the children have been practicing '**Buongiorno'**- Good day and '**Per favore'**- Please, to answer the register and give their dinner choices.

We hope you enjoy exploring the languages of the world with us. Mrs Mclatchie ☺

ORACY AT HOME



To encourage oracy at home and in school we have launched an '**Oracy at home'** feature which includes a topic for discussion at home and at school.

This week's big question is-

Would you rather have super strength or be able to fly? Why?

Happy chatting! Mrs Mclatchie ☺



TIPS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS: Online Safety – Let's Talk About It! This week we are thinking about the pressure to fit in. Children may feel pressure to act, look, or behave a certain way online in order to fit in with peers. This can include following trends, posting certain types of content, or seeking likes and comments. Reassure your child that they do not need to change who they are to be accepted. Building confidence in their individuality can help them resist peer pressure online.

THIS WEEK'S SPELLING CHAMPIONS!

The class with the most sheets completed at home and returned to school this week was……..

Spelling Shed

RHINOS!!!!

New spelling sheets will be with you today for next week's competition. Good luck everyone!

Happy spelling! ☺
Mrs Howard

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Online applications for secondary school places for September 2027 are now open Online applications opened Tuesday 1 September 2026 and **will close on Monday 2 November 2026.** Applications can be made at www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions. If parents are unable to access the online site, an alternative format can be requested by emailing kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk.

OPAL GOLDEN SEAGULL AWARD



Arthur and Luke for wonderful imaginative play using a range of loose parts. The structure they created used tyres, a walking frame and a skipping rope and they were fully engrossed for their whole playtime. Wonderful work boys!

George F for working things out independently and investigating how things work. By the end of lunch George had realised he could push a tyre to make another tyre move. It was wonderful to see the learning taking place alongside his play. Super work George!

PYJAMARAMA



Friday 23rd October is Pyjamarama!

Children are invited to wear pyjamas to school as we spend our day celebrating the 'bedtime story', for a small of donation of £1. Any funds raised will be used to further improve our library.

Pupils will have lots of activities to look forward to on the day. They can expect to enjoy story time, story sharing, rhyme time and lots of other reading activities, helping them to get excited about the books they read and encouraging families to make sharing stories together a regular and long-lasting part of family life.

Here at Capel le Ferne Primary School we recognise how important it is to inspire children and get them excited about books and stories. Reading brings children enormous benefits, not only educationally but also for their wider development and wellbeing.

Thank you for your continued support.

We look forward to a fantastic day of reading fun in our pyjamas! ☺
Mrs Howard

PARENTS' EVENING

Letters have gone home with dates for Parent's Evening this term and to enable you to select a time preference. If you have not yet received a letter, please let the school office know and we can provide a copy. Please ensure any slips are returned before Tuesday 13th October.

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance at school is one of the most significant factors in helping children achieve their full potential. Research consistently shows a strong correlation between high attendance and academic success, with children making the best progress when they are in school every day and able to access the full curriculum.

At our school, we want the very best for every child. Ensuring pupils attend regularly gives them the greatest opportunity to succeed academically, develop socially and make the most of all that school life has to offer.

Families are reminded that leave of absence during term time can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. Any request for a leave of absence must be submitted to the school before the absence takes place, as requests cannot be considered retrospectively. Where appropriate, the school may request further information or supporting evidence to enable a fully informed decision to be made.

It is important to note that exceptional circumstances are, by their nature, uncommon and requests for leave during term time will only be authorised where the circumstances presented are truly exceptional. Parents and carers are encouraged to consider carefully the educational impact of any absence from school. Further information regarding attendance expectations and penalty notices can be found at the bottom of the newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY-

Friday 16th October - Autumn Discos
Tuesday 20th October - Parents' Evening
Wednesday 21st October - Parents' Evening
Wednesday 21st October - Individual school photos
Friday 23rd October - 'Pyjamarama'
Friday 23rd October - Last day of term
Monday 2nd November - **INSET DAY** (school closed to all pupils)
Tuesday 3rd November - First day of term
Thursday 5th November – 'Bounce Beyond the Classroom' Event
Wednesday 9th December - EYFS and KS1 Nativity at 1.30pm
Thursday 10th December - EYFS and KS1 Nativity 9.30pm
Tuesday 15th December - Whole school trip to the Pantomime (more details to follow)
Wednesday 16th December - Whole School Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 17th December - KS2 Christmas Production at 9.30am and 1.30pm

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Pyjama Rama

Capel-le-Ferne Primary School is set to host another PYJAMA DAY as pupils have fun reading whilst raising money to help improve our library.

We are asking children to come in wearing their PJs on **Friday 23rd October 2026**, to celebrate 'Pyjamarama'.

Pupils will have lots of activities to look forward to on the day. They can expect to enjoy story time, PE in their PJs (where relevant), story sharing, rhyme time and lots of other reading activities, helping them to get excited about the books they read and encouraging families to make sharing stories together a regular and long-lasting part of family life.

We are asking children to bring in a £1 donation to take part in 'Pyjamarama' and a named book from home to share with a friend during the day.

Here at Capel-le-Ferne Primary School we recognise how important it is to inspire children and get them excited about books and stories. Reading brings children enormous benefits, not only educationally but also for their wider development and wellbeing. We're so proud to be taking part in 'Pyjamarama' this year.

Diana Gerald, Chief Executive of BookTrust said:
"At BookTrust we know just how important it is to share stories with children as early as possible, and for families to continue reading together. Nurseries and schools play a critical role in getting children excited about books and stories while supporting them and their families to read together regularly and by choice".

We are looking forward to a fantastic day of reading fun in our pyjamas! ☺
Mrs Howard




CAPEL-LE-FERNE PRIMARY
OPEN MORNINGS
Wednesday 4th November 9.15am
Friday 27th November 9.15am
Saturday 5th December 10.00am
FOR FAMILIES LOOKING FOR A RECEPTION PLACE IN SEPTEMBER 2027
"Behaviour across the school is highly positive"
"Adults have strong relationships with pupils, showing high levels of care, respect and support"
OFSTED 2026
CAPEL-LE-FERNE PRIMARY
CAPEL STREET, FOLKESTONE, CT18 7HB
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Bounce Beyond the Classroom





Outdoor Classroom Day

Jump, play, explore and learn!

Celebrate learning outdoors and help us raise money for better playtimes

5th November 2026

Wet weather gear and wellies needed all day

Sponsored Bounce
Outdoor Lessons
Learning outside
New adventures

All money raised will help fund new equipment and resources for our OPAL lunchtimes

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School Attendance: A Guide for Parents & Carers

Kent County Council works closely with schools and other services to promote the regular attendance of children at school.

Attendance

Persistent and severe absence

Any child with attendance of 90% or below (regardless of the reason for any absences) is considered to be a persistent absentee by the government. This equates to missing ½ a day of school every week. A child with attendance of 50% or below is considered a severe absentee.

Do you know what your child's attendance percentage is?

If your child is persistently or severely absent, the school might organise a meeting to find out what could be causing the absences and what is needed to help make things better. This may result in the creation of an attendance contract or referrals to services such as Early Help and Preventative Services, who may be able to provide your family with additional support.

Advice for schools

The school might also contact the Kent PRU and Attendance Service at Kent County Council for advice and in cases of severe or persistent absence.

All the information covered in this leaflet is available at:

www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-attendance

There are 190 days in a school year, which leaves 175 days to spend on whatever you choose.



190 DAYS
100%
Very best chance of success

183 DAYS
96%
Off to a flying start

179 DAYS
94%
Less chance of success

175 DAYS
92%
Harder to make progress

MORE THAN 19 DAYS' ABSENCE LESS THAN 90%
Persistent absence, not good for your child

Your responsibility

You have a legal duty to ensure your child receives a regular education at school or otherwise, which will help give them the best possible chance of success in life.

If your child is of compulsory school age and registered at a school, but absent without good reason, the school may choose not to authorise any of those days. This could result in the council taking action against you for each child absent, including:

- **A fine (penalty notice)***
- **Attendance Prosecution through the Magistrates' Courts which could lead to a fine of up to £1,000 or a parenting order being issued.**
- **An Education Supervision Order (ESO) through the Family Courts.**

*** Your child's school may apply for the council to issue a penalty notice to you if:**

- Your child goes on holiday without the headteacher's permission.
- Your child is absent or late without a suitable explanation, or none is provided.

You may receive a penalty of **£160** for each child's absence if paid within **28 days**, reduced to **£80** if paid within **21 days**.

If a second penalty is issued in a 3 year rolling period the fine is **£160** with no option to pay the reduced rate.

A third penalty cannot be issued in a rolling 3 year period and therefore you may face prosecution in the Magistrates' Court which could result in a maximum fine of **£1,000**.

www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence/legal-action-to-enforce-school-attendance

Attendance matters

Too ill to attend school?

Children can attend school with minor ailments (toothache, headache, stomach ache, cold, sore throat). If you are unsure how long your child should be absent with an illness, ask your child's school, GP or pharmacist for advice.

Medical appointments

All routine appointments should be booked outside school hours. If your child is absent for medical reasons, your child's school may ask to see 'medical evidence' (e.g. copy of a prescription, medicine packaging with a label or appointment card). If you are unable to provide this, the school might not authorise the absence.

Absence during term time

Your child must not be absent from school:

- For day trips / birthdays / holidays
- If weather is bad or you are running late
- To care for other family members
- Due to the illness of a parent or sibling.

The school will only authorise an absence in very exceptional circumstances, such as in the event of a family emergency.

Reporting absences

It is a parent / carer's responsibility to notify school with the reason if their child will be absent.

www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/back-into-school/resources-for-families/

Every day counts

Punctuality

Arriving late to school is unsettling for your child and can be disruptive for their teacher and other children in the class. It is important your child arrives on time. If your child arrives late, this will be marked in the register. If your child arrives very late, this may be recorded as unauthorised absence for the whole morning. Be sure you know the times the school marks pupils as late.

Minutes late per day	Equals days-worth of teaching lost per year
5 minutes	3.4 days
10 minutes	6.9 days
15 minutes	10.3 days
20 minutes	13.8 days

Flood and Water Management

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28/09/2026

Drainage Works in Your Area. Lancaster Avenue, Capel Street, Capel-le-Ferne

Dear Sir/Madam,

Kent County Council will be carrying out essential drainage improvement works on Lancaster Avenue, Capel Le-Ferne, as part of the Capel Le-Ferne Flood Alleviation Scheme. These works will help improve the existing highway drainage system and reduce the risk of flooding in the area.

The works are currently scheduled to take place from Monday 12 October until Friday 30 October, with working operations taking place throughout the week.

To enable the works to be undertaken safely, a road closure will be required on sections of Lancaster Avenue. A signed diversion route will be in place throughout the duration of the works.

To facilitate the works, temporary parking restrictions may be in place within the work area. We kindly ask residents to avoid parking within signed work zones and to follow any temporary traffic management arrangements.

If you have any questions regarding the works, please contact: flood@kent.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

George Miles

Graduate Flood Risk Project Officer
Kent County Council