Capel-Le-Ferne Primary School

NEWSLETTER: Friday 16th 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

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our school photographer will be visiting on Wednesday 21st October to take individual school photographs. Please ensure that all children come to school wearing their full school uniform. Many thanks.

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!



PARENTS' EVENING

Parents' Evening time slots have now been sent home to those who returned their slips. If you haven't received a time and would still like an appointment, please speak to your child's class teacher. Thank you!

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
George F- For excellent effort writing his name this week!

Year 1: Turtles
Tyler- for writing some amazing instructions on How to make Pumpkin Soup.

Year 2: Parrots
Millie - for her fantastic lead-ins when writing this week. Keep it going superstar! 😊

Year 3: Dolphins
Ella- for always putting 100% into all of her learning.

Year 4: Leopards
Harry – for an excellent diary entry, which was a huge improvement from his last big write! Super work!

Year 5: Rhinos
Jesse – for being an outstanding contributor to classroom discussions!

Year 6: Tigers

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 **German,** so the children have been practicing **'Guten Tag'**- Good day and '**Bitte'**- 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-

Should screen time for children be limited to 30 minutes per day?

Happy chatting! Mrs Mclatchie ☺



TIPS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS: Online Safety – Let's Talk About It! This week we are thinking about encouraging positive interactions. It is important to promote the importance of kindness and respect in all online interactions. Encourage your child to use positive language, support others, and think before they post or comment. Discuss how their words and actions can affect others, just as others' behaviour can affect them. Creating a positive online environment benefits everyone.

Arthur for his focus and determination to solve calculation with long division.

THIS WEEK'S SPELLING CHAMPIONS!

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

Turtles!!!!

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



Max for being such a massive help with all the balls we use during play. He makes sure they are out and taken back when they need to be, he spends time making sure they are pumped up and ready for use. He often uses his own break and lunchtimes to make sure this happens and I am very grateful for his help. Well done Max!



Archie for showing kindness to a friend and ensuring they could both play and enjoy their lunchtime together. Archie took it upon himself to check what the other child wanted first to enable the same game to be played too. Wonderful work Archie!

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. Please see the social story below if it is needed.

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

PARENTS' EVENING

Timeslots for Parents' Evening should have now been sent home. If you have not received a slot and would like one, please speak to your child's class teacher. Many thanks

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY-

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

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.

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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".

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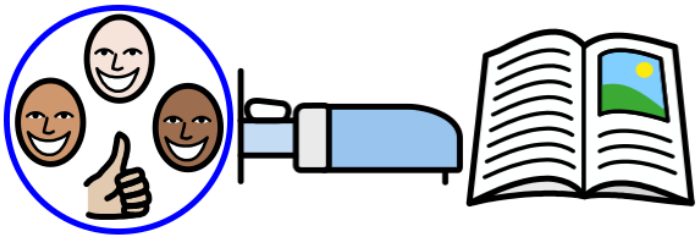


A Pyjamarama Social Story

On the last day of term, you can wear your pyjamas to school. You can still wear your uniform if you want to but lots of people will wear pyjamas, including the teachers. It is your choice.



This is to celebrate the bedtime story and encourage us to read and enjoy books and rhymes. The day is called Pyjamarama and lots of other schools do this too.



We will still have normal lessons, but we will also do lots of activities with stories, books and rhymes.



We might spend time sharing stories with other children, designing book covers or creating new characters.



It will be a different day, but a fun day to enjoy stories.




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
WWW.CAPELLEFERNEPRIMARY.CO.UK
01303 251353
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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

CALLING ALL CHILDREN OF CAPEL-LE-FERNE PRIMARY SCHOOL!



JOIN THIS YEAR'S SCARECROW TRAIL!

Trek around the village to find all **33** scarecrows!

RAISING MONEY FOR THE **BATTLE OF BRITAIN MEMORIAL**

BATTLE OF BRITAIN MEMORIAL



MAPS ARE £5



COMPETITIONS INCLUDE:

- Find all 33 scarecrows and complete the poem
- Vote for your favourite scarecrows!

HOW TO GET YOUR MAP:

Follow this link to purchase your map:

https://payhip.com/b/EpWuj

OR

Ask your parents to join the Capel Scarecrow Trail Facebook page for details.

OR

Email capelscarecrowfestival@yahoo.com

SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER – SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2026

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU TREKKERS! ♥