AUTUMN TERM 2026
NEWSLETTER
23rd October 2026

THIS WEEK'S STAR OF THE WEEK CERTIFICATES HAVE BEEN AWARDED TO:		
ANNICE RAWLINSON	C1	FOR SUPER EFFORT IN PHONICS!
ELSIE NELSON	C2	FOR SUPER WORK IN PHONICS!
ALFIE TAYLOR	C3	FOR INDEPENDENT RESEARCH IN HISTORY!
IMOGEN MCDOUGALL	C4	FOR GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND!
PE STAR: ULA GNIOT-SZCZEPANIK	C2	FOR HER CREATIVITY AND FOCUS IN DANCE!

EVENTS FOR W/C 2ND NOV

MONDAY

TUESDAY
PE Year 1 if not swimming
Swimming Y2,3 & 4

WEDNESDAY
PE Pre School, Class 1 and Class 4

THURSDAY
2.50pm—Celebration Assembly

FRIDAY
PE Class 1,2 3, 4
Forest Friday

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AUTUMN TERM 2

WEDNESDAY
Class 2 Gymnastics 3:20-4pm
Class 3 Gymnastics 4-5pm
Class 4 Gymnastics 5-6pm
Class 3 & 4 Football 3:20-4:30pm

FRIDAY
Class 3 & 4 Running & Fitness Club
3:20—4:30pm

Dear Parents,

We had a wonderful afternoon yesterday celebrating Mrs Knowles and all that she has done for the school in her 21 years. The children really enjoyed the tea party, which was a lovely event. There were games and a 'Mrs Knowles' quiz, which the children loved. Mrs Stones has been teaching the whole school a song to celebrate Mrs Knowles, which they preformed beautifully. Thank you so much for all of the wonderful cakes that you sent in for the children to enjoy.

Mrs Knowles deserved a really special day, which she certainly had, thanks to Mrs Bigland who organised the event so brilliantly and to all the staff for their support. Mrs Knowles has been a dedicated and skilled practitioner in all her years with us and has helped so many children in their formative years. Her kindness and her generosity of spirit has been appreciated by all her colleagues and we will all truly miss her. We wish her a long and happy retirement, but I can't help feeling she may not be able to resist popping in to see us all. We really hope she does!

REMINDER TO PARENTS REGARDING APPLICATION FOR PLACES
The closing date for applications our current year 6 children for places in Year 7 at their chosen secondary school is October 31st. Results of applications will be emailed on 1st March 2027.
Applications for places in Reception for September 2027 is 15th January 2027 . We will be holding our open morning for parents of children wishing to find out more about our Reception class and the wider school after half term on Thursday 5th of November. Parents are welcome to view the school from **9:10AM** when we have all our children settled into school until 9:45am. There will be an opportunity to see what happens in our Reception class as well as the opportunity to look around the school.

CHILDREN IN NEED—As part of raising money for children in need (13th November) we have decided to do a coin collection competition. Each house team will have a cylinder that they need to fill with spare change. The winning team with the most change will get 10 minutes extra break on the 13th November. Please help contribute to this good cause. Please send in coins only, no notes. The competition will start on 2nd November.
Thank you,
School council
Felicity, Lucy C, Parker and Willow

THIS WEEK'S HEADTEACHER'S AWARD HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO:
Oscar Leigh for showing kindness to others

SWIMMING-I wanted to mention how lucky we are to be able to offer our children really great quality swimming lessons. Lorna, who runs the sessions at Capenwray pool, is an amazing teacher. We would not be able to do this, however, without contributions from parents towards the cost of the coach each week. Thank you to those parents that have contributed already, if you can contribute please do so we can continue to offer these lessons. You can make a payment in the Arbor app in the Upcoming Trips section.

WRAPAROUND CARE—This is a polite reminder to parents that all bookings need to be completed in Arbor and in advance please for Breakfast and After School Club. This is really important for ensuring we have the correct pupil/adults ratios.

ROCKSTAR DAY—On Monday 23rd November, the children are invited to dress up as rockstars to celebrate this years 're-launch' of the Times Table Rockstars programme. During the day we will have an assembly, where the children will be able to model their costumes and there will be prizes for the best ones. Class4 will be helping the younger children to get themselves set up on the programme. There will also be a 'Battle of the Bands' competition where the whole school will compete in their house teams.
We look forward to seeing them all in their wigs, glitter, denim leather and bandannas!

SCHOOL NATIVITY—Please note the following dates for your diary:
Dress Rehearsal—Friday 4th December
Daytime Performances—Monday 7th and Wed 9th December at 2PM
Evening Performance—Thursday 10th December at 6PM

SCHOOL GRID-A polite reminder about ensuring school dinner pre-orders are done by 9am on the day at the very latest, but the earlier the better please.

SWIMMING FOR YEAR 1-Year 1 children will be assessed in small groups by Lorna after half term with a view to starting weekly lessons in the spring term from Tuesday 12th January. A list was sent to year 1 parents today by email so please note which date your child will be assessed so they have their swimming things in school on that day. Those not swimming will be doing PE as normal in school. Please note there is no session for Year 1 on 8th December.

GARDENING AND GROUNDS DAY-We'd love your help! Join us on **Saturday 7th November, from 10am-1pm**, for a gardening and grounds day as we get our outdoor spaces ready for the winter months.

We'd be so grateful to anyone who can spare a little time to help us tidy up and make our outdoor areas more welcoming and usable for the children.
Please bring along any gardening tools you can and come prepared for some good old-fashioned autumnal weather!
Sausage buns and tea will be provided as a little thank you for your help.
We hope to see lots of you there—every helping hand makes a difference!

PRE-LOVED SCHOOL UNIFORM-Do you have any school uniform at home that your child has outgrown? We would be very grateful for donations of **good-quality, pre-loved school uniform with the school logo** to add to our pre-loved uniform rail.
The rail is located just inside the school office area, so please pop into the office if you would like to browse the available items.
Thank you for helping us give uniform a second life and supporting our school community!

A LITTLE CHRISTMAS CLEAR-OUT?
Are you planning a toy clear-out over the half-term break as you get ready for Christmas? If so, we'd be very grateful if you could keep our Early Years area in mind!
We are looking for donations of the following good-quality, pre-loved items:

- A small world farm set
- A toy garage
- Children's umbrellas
- Children's first pedal bikes, balance bikes or scooters

If you have any of these items that are no longer needed at home, we would love to give them a new lease of life in school for our youngest children to enjoy.
Thank you for your generosity and for helping us make our learning spaces fun and engaging for everyone!

CLASS 4 CASTLE HEAD TRIP-Class 4 had a great day at Castle Head Field Studies Centre. Here is what the children had to say... ***'I loved the Castle Head visit especially when we made dens in teams. We learnt all about carl Linnaeus and plants. My favourite part was sitting around the campfire and eating bread. It was fantastic!' Harry***

'I enjoyed cooking the sweet bread over the campfire. We used willow branches to do this as they are non-toxic. It was such a good day' Theo

Kind regards,
S Edmondson
Head Teacher

GOODBYE MRS KNOWLES, WE WILL MISS YOU!