

Capel St. Mary Church of England VC Primary School

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"A Place to Learn and Achieve"



With faith as small as a mustard seed, you can move mountains. – Matthew 13 verses 31- 35

Friday 10th October, 2025

Dear Families,

School News!

The weeks do fly by at school. I can't believe we're already well into October and looking forward to events like our Harvest assembly and autumn disco!

Early Years 'Stay and Play' dates

The Early Years children are delighted to be welcoming their adults into school to share their learning. The Early Years environment is a lovely place to learn and full of fun – we look forward to sharing it with you. A poster with more information is at the end of the newsletter. The sessions will take place on:

Wednesday 15th October 1.45pm – 3.15pm

Friday 17th October 9.15am – 10.45am

Capel Pumpkin Trail

Registration for the Capel Pumpkin Trail is now open! The trail will take place from 29th October to 2nd November in support of Capel St Mary Scouts. To register, please send your name, address and your pumpkin clue and answer to 1stcapel@wolseyscouts.org.uk.

Early Years Open Days

If you have a child who will be starting in Reception in September 2026, the closing date for applications is 15th January 2026. Applications should be made online through Suffolk County Council via their admissions page:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-places>

For any parents who would like to see what we offer at Capel St Mary, we are holding open mornings on:

Friday 7th November 9.30am – 11.30am

Thursday 20th November 9.30am – 11.30am

Friday 21st November 9.30am – 11.30am

Please contact the school office if you would like to book in for a visit.

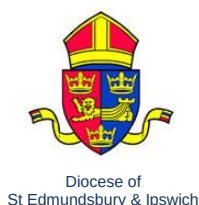
Times Tables Rock Stars

Lots of the children really enjoy using Times Tables Rock Stars online to help improve their maths. The children at Capel have been using TTRS so well over the last three years that TTRS have awarded us with a special badge:



I spoke to some members of the School Council about how TTRS has helped them.

Reuben: *"I got 25/25 in my times tables test and TTRS really helped me get there. It can be a competition if you want it to be, which can be exciting."*



Suffolk County Council

Julia Grainger – Interim Assistant Director for
Education Skills and Learning

Eliza: "At first I was not scoring many in practices but then I started using TTRS and got 24/25. Doing it over and over helps you remember."

Oakley: "I like doing different activities on TTRS – there's lots to choose from. You can play against people from round the world."

Seren: "TTRS helped me get faster and better."

Max: "I like doing the 'sound check' – you only have 6 seconds to answer the questions and it makes me faster."

Lots of children enjoy the games and activities but it also helps them learn and become more fluent with their times tables. We encourage all the children with a log in to try it at home!

Travelling Panto

We are delighted to let you know that a travelling pantomime company will be coming to school on 17th December to perform 'Dick Whittington' for the Early Years and Unit 1 children. Look out for further information in a separate letter. Great fun, just before Christmas!

Headteacher Awards!

As always, it's been a joy to celebrate the children's lovely work and super effort. Well done to the following children, who have been given a Headteacher's Award since the last newsletter:

Pearl – writing (Year 3)

Finley – writing (Year 2)

Isaiah – maths (Year 2)

Art in Unit 3

Children in Unit 3 have been learning about the art work of Friedrich Hundertwasser, who was from Austria. Who was an artistic pioneer, whose art and architecture was well known for his ecological ideas, bright colours and curving, spiral designs.



This is Dotty's painting. She was inspired by Hundertwasser's 'lollipop trees.' She wanted to use pastel shades and enjoyed mixing the colours she needed. Lovely work Dotty!

Eliza wanted to include a house inspired by one of Hundertwasser's paintings. She particularly liked the eye inside the building. She decided to do some upside-down house because Hundertwasser's art wasn't realistic – his work was very different, so she wanted to do something different too. Very creative, Eliza!



Haircut for Charity!

Jessica from Owls Class is growing her hair in order to donate some of it to a charity that makes wigs for people with Cancer or Alopecia. She is hoping to have her hair cut in December, giving it a few more months to grow. If you would like to donate, there is a 'Just Giving' page online:

www.justgiving.com/page/jessicashair

Well done to Jessica for finding a way to help others!

Jessica's Hair Donation

Please help me raise funds to make wigs for people with Cancer or Alopecia.



www.justgiving.com/page/jessicashair

Autumn Fun - Stay and Play!

We welcome you to come and join our sessions so that your child can share their learning environment with you.

The times will be:

Wednesday 15th October 1.45 – 3.15

or

Friday 17th October 9.15 – 10.45

There will be a sign - up sheet on the garden blackboard (at pick up time) from tomorrow.

Unfortunately, we can only accommodate one adult per child with a maximum of 30 adults in each session.

Upstix Support

What a wonderful and supportive community Capel is! I'm delighted to share with you that Upstix estate agency has offered to help the school financially by making a donation to the school for each house they sell. They would really like to help the children at the school and their support is much appreciated and very valued! Such care in our community is amazing to see! Many thanks to Sarah, Hannah, Danny and everyone at Upstix!

[upstix](https://www.upstix.co.uk)



Dates for Your Diary:

We have agreed dates for a number of events over the course of the year, which are listed below for your convenience. Any new dates on the list have been **highlighted**. Further details about individual events will be shared closer to the time. Also, look out for communication from your child's class teacher about 'Stay & Play' or 'Stay & Learn' sessions in November, when you'll be invited to join in the lessons and get involved in the activities to support children's learning.

Date	Name of Event
15 th October 2025	Early Years 'Stay and Play' 1.45pm – 3.15pm
17 th October 2025	Early Years 'Stay and Play' 9.15am – 10.45am
23 rd October 2025	Harvest service
23 rd October 2025	PFA – Disco
24 th October 2025	Professional Development Day for staff (no children in school)
W/B 27 th October 2025	Half Term week
29 th October 2025	Creation Station holiday activity club in school
7 th November 2025	Early Years open morning 9.30am – 11.30am
11 th November 2025	Flu vaccinations Reception – Year 6
14 th November 2025	Children in Need Day
18 th November 2025	Individual photos of children
19 th November 2025	Open Classrooms – an informal opportunity to visit your child's class after school
20 th November 2025	Parent Forum – a chance to meet myself and Governors to discuss school
20 th November 2025	Early Years open morning 9.30am – 11.30am
21 st November 2025	Early Years open morning 9.30am – 11.30am
2 nd December 2025	PFA – Christmas Fayre after school
2 nd December 2026	PFA – Christmas present wrapping activity – at the christmas Fayre
3 rd December 2025	Units 2 & 3 – Christmas pantomime trip
9 th & 10 th December 2025	Early Years Christmas Nativity performances
9 th & 11 th December 2025	Parent consultations
11 th December 2025	Christmas lunch day – more information to follow
12 th December 2025	Rocksteady Concert
W/B 15 th December	Christmas class parties
16 th December 2025	Christmas carols on the playground – parents and carers are invited to join us
17 th December 2025	Early Years and Unit 1 Travelling Panto coming to school!
19 th December 2025	Christmas Service
19 th December 2025	Last day of term – break up for Christmas
5 th January 2026	Professional Development Day for staff (no children in school)
6 th January 2026	Children return to school
13 th February 2026	PFA – Disco
W/B 16 th February 2026	Half Term week
9 th March 2026	PFA – Mother's Day present wrapping activity
17 th & 19 th March 2026	Parent consultations
W/B 23 rd March 2026	PGL residential trip – Year 6
27 th March 2026	Last day of term – break up for Easter
13 th April 2026	Back to school after Easter
W/B 11 th May 2026	Year 6 SATs week
W/B 25 th May 2026	Half Term week
W/B 1 st June 2026	2 week window for Year 4 Multiplication Check
W/B 8 th June 2026	Year 1 Phonics Screen week
9 th June 2026	Key Stage 2 Sports Day
15 th June 2026	PFA – Father's Day present wrapping activity
17 th June 2026	Early Years / Key Stage 1 Sports Day
3 rd July 2026	PFA – Summer Fayre
7 th July 2026	Summer Celebration event – parents and carers are invited to join us
13 th July 2026	Annual reports out to parents