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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 26th June, 2026

Dear Families,

School News!

Well.... it's been a very warm week! Many thanks to all the children and staff who have coped remarkably well in difficult conditions! Despite the heat, the children have been safe, sensible and hardworking and the adults have done all they can to keep everyone comfortable, safe and well. As we race towards the end of the summer term, there are lots of things going on in school. Please don't forget that it's the PFA Summer Fayre next Friday – do come and enjoy the fun. If you'd like to lend a hand, you can contact the PFA members via the school office.

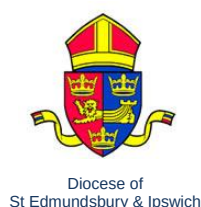
Many thanks!

Speaking of the heat, I'd like to say a huge thank you to Mr Clarke for donating a number of electric fans to the school this week! It was both very generous and very helpful! It's gestures like this and the positive comments received that show what a lovely school community we have at Capel – many thanks!

Another thank-you must go to Mr Stockdale, who gave up his time to coach a Unit 2 football team to help them prepare for a match against another school next week. Once again, many thanks for your support!

Unit 3 Girls Cricket Team

Well done to our Unit 3 girls cricket team, who all performed really well at a recent tournament. They all developed massively throughout the afternoon and worked brilliantly as a team. As ever, they were outstanding representatives of our school.



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Julia Grainger – Interim Assistant Director for
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Water Safety During Hot Weather Periods

The Department for Education has asked used to highlight the increased risk of children and young people drowning in open water during periods of hot weather. You may want to share the [water safety code](#) with your children if you're planning on swimming in open water. Here's some more information from [the British Red Cross - staying safe around water: first aid for drowning](#). Here are a couple of videos you might find useful from the Met Office, RNLI and HM Coastguard: [water activity](#) and [at the beach](#).

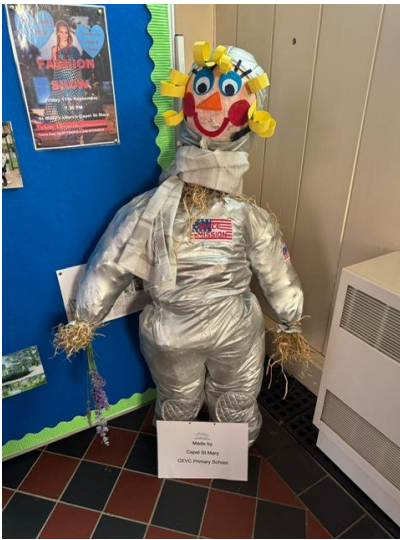
Super Skater!

Well done to one of our superstar pupils from Unit 3! She travelled to Pula in Croatia for an international competition, alongside lots of young people from a range of countries, including the UK, Italy, Ukraine and Croatia. This was only her second ever tournament and her first abroad. The practice the day before was really hot because they had to wear long sleeves but our super star persevered! On the day, her solo performance was scored by judges for technical excellence – they looked at landings, arm positions and rotations. It was, "...scary," competing against friends who had performed well in front of an audience. However, she excelled and came fourth overall and was the best from the UK in her category – what an achievement! She told me that she felt proud of her score because it was, "...better than last time," showing her commitment to keep on improving. What a wonderful experience and we're all really proud!



Scarecrow Trail

Thank you to Mrs Rawthorn and Mrs Nixon for creating a wonderful scarecrow with some help from the children. The trail is happening in the village this weekend. The event is organised by 'The Friends of St. Mary's church and entry forms are available at the Co-op shop, the library or the garden centre.



Headteacher Awards!

Well done to Logan from Year 2 for getting a Headteacher's Award for his wonderful writing. Keep it up, Logan!

Picture News

We continue to use Picture News, which is linked to current affairs, during class assemblies in school to broaden children's horizons and start discussions. This week, the children used Picture News to find out about one of the world's biggest counting projects ever – the census in India, where there are more than 1.4 billion people. You may wish to follow this up at home with the 'Take Home' sheet copied into the newsletter.

Capel Parish Nurses

Recently, the School Council organised a cake sale to raise money. They wanted to support a local charity and chose Capel Parish Nurses because of how the nurses help people in our community. Altogether they raised £129 for this worthy cause! You can find out more about their work here:

<https://capelparishnurses.org.uk/>

Tracey from the Parish Nurse team came into school to see the children in Collective Worship, where the Unit 3 School Council members presented her with a cheque for the amount raised. Many thanks to everyone in the Capel Parish Nurse team for all you do to support our community.



RSHE Survey

RSHE stands for Relationships, Sex and Health Education. It is a mandatory statutory subject taught in schools across England, designed to help young people build healthy relationships, understand their physical and mental health, and make informed decisions about their bodies and lives. There are some changes to government guidance coming soon. In advance of these changes, we would like to gather the views of parents and carers. Please look out for an email from Welbee with a link to the survey. The link is unique to you, so it can't be shared and you can only respond once; however, the responses are completely anonymous and we will not be able to identify who has responded. So, please look out for a link from the Welbee platform shortly – if you see an email from them, please be reassured that it is a trusted source. You do not have to respond to the survey but it would be good for us to gather as many views as possible. Many thanks in advance!

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.

Date	Name of Event
29 th June 2026	Whole School Transition afternoon
30 th June 2026	Key stage 2 Sports Day (Morning)
1 st July 2026	Group Class Photos / Year 6 Leavers Photo (Morning)
1 st July 2026	Outdoor learning session PM - Foxes
3rd July 2026	PFA – Summer Fayre 3.30pm 5.30pm
3 rd July 2026	Dress Down Day – Fundraiser for Unit 2 Sensory Area
7th July 2026	Royal Opera House Live event - Units 2 & 3 to arrive at school for 8.45am
7 th July 2026	Summer Celebration event – parents and carers are invited to join us at 2pm
8 th July 2026	Outdoor Learning session AM – Hedgehogs (revised date)
8 th July 2026	Outdoor Learning session PM - Polecats
8 th July 2026	'Open Classroom Session' 3.30pm
10 th July 2026	Rocksteady Concert – 2.30pm
13th July 2026	Annual reports out to parents
15 th July 2026	EYFS Trip to Hollowtrees Farm

TAKEHOME

22nd - 28th June
2026

In the news this week

India has started one of the world's biggest counting projects, its national census. People across the country will be asked questions about their homes and communities to help build a picture of life in India today. The information collected will help leaders make decisions about services and support for more than 1.4 billion people.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Why do you think governments count people?
- > What information might be important to know about a town or place? Why?
- > A census counts people using numbers. What are some ways people count that cannot be measured by numbers?



How does every person count?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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