



NEWSLETTER

*Weekly Newsletter – 4th
September 2026*



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. It has been a real joy to hear the school full of voices again this week, and to see so many children return brimming with news about their summer. I hope you have all had a restful and happy break.

A particularly warm welcome to our new Wrens and to their families. Starting school is a big moment for a child and for a household, and we do not take lightly the trust you have placed in us. Please know that you are joining a community that will look out for your child, and for you. Our door is open, and there is no question too small to ask.

I am genuinely excited to begin this year with you and to continue the journey we started together. Everything we do is rooted in our vision, "do everything in love" (1 Corinthians 16:14), and that is the spirit in which I want us to work alongside one another this year.

Our Four Areas of Focus This Year

I believe in being open with you about where we are directing our energy. Following our self-evaluation since I've arrived, we have identified four areas where we want to improve even further this year:

- **Writing** – raising the quality, confidence and stamina of our children's writing across the school.
- **The Quality of Our Curriculum** – making sure what we teach is ambitious, well sequenced and rich in knowledge.
- **The Quality of Our Teaching and Learning** – investing in our staff so that every lesson is as strong as it can be.
- **Information Technology** – improving both our infrastructure and the way technology supports learning.

You will hear more about each of these as the year unfolds and I will keep you updated on the difference they are making for the children.

Forest School and Outdoor Education

This focus on the quality of our teaching brings me neatly to Forest School. I am delighted to say that we have a real wealth of expertise within our staff team. Mrs Miles has only a certain number of hours available to teach Forest School directly, so I have taken the decision to use her expertise, alongside that of other members of staff, to develop the knowledge and confidence of all our teachers. As part of our staff development programme, there will be regular opportunities for training and professional development around outdoor learning and Forest School.

My ambition is simple: rather than outdoor learning being something that happens to one class on one afternoon, I want it to become part of culture and how we teach right across the school. This will be discussed further in our Meet the Teacher sessions.

Christmas Pantomime – We Need Your View

We are exploring the possibility of a Christmas pantomime this year, and before we go any further I would really value your opinion. Please take a moment to complete the short [Microsoft Forms survey](#). It takes less than a minute, and your responses will genuinely shape what we decide.

Behaviour Policy

I am pleased to inform you that our Behaviour Policy has now been agreed by both staff and governors. It will be live on our website next week under Key Information and Policies. I would encourage you to read it – it sets out clearly the relationships, expectations and support that underpin the way we work with our children, and it works best when school and home are pulling in the same direction.

Meet the Teacher Evenings

Just to confirm, our Meet the Teacher evenings are as follows:

Date	Class
Friday 4th September	Year 2 – Doves
Monday 7th September	Year 6 – Owls
Tuesday 8th September	Year 5 – Kestrels
Thursday 10th September	Year 4 – Kingfishers
Friday 11th September	Year 3 – Nightingales

Technology Donations – A Reminder

As part of our work on Information Technology, we are still very grateful for donations of older technology that you no longer need: laptops, tablets and similar equipment. If you have something you think we could use, please do get in touch with the school office. What is surplus in one home can make a real difference in a classroom.

Volunteer Readers and Helping Across the School

We are always delighted to welcome parents, carers, grandparents and friends of the school who can spare a little time to hear children read. It is one of the simplest and most powerful ways to support a child's progress, and the children love it.

We would also warmly welcome any other support you are able to offer across the school – helping with trips, sharing a skill or talent, lending a hand at events (especially our Sports Day- need a minimum of 10 adults to help this year). If you are interested, please contact the school office and we will talk you through the next steps, including the necessary safeguarding checks.

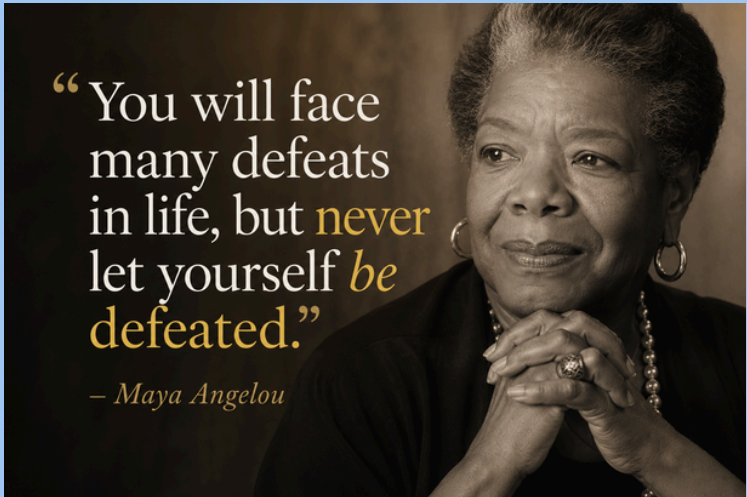
In the parable of the Good Samaritan, we are reminded that community is built by those who stop and give their time. We are very fortunate to have a community that does exactly that.

Our Open Door

We hold an open door policy at Cheapside. If there is something you would like to discuss – a worry, a question, or simply something you would like us to know about your child – please do get in touch by emailing school.office@cheapsideschool.org.uk or by phoning 01344 621112. The office is open from 08:30 to 16:00.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Here is to a wonderful year ahead.

With every good wish,
Mr C Martucci

A portrait of Maya Angelou, an African American woman with short grey hair, wearing a dark top, a pearl necklace, and large hoop earrings. She has her hands clasped in front of her.

“You will face
many defeats
in life, but **never**
let yourself **be**
defeated.”

– Maya Angelou

CHEAPSIDE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

HOUSE POINTS!



WORKING TOGETHER, ACHIEVING TOGETHER, SHINING FOR OTHERS



Notices

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- Scooters, bikes etc. not to be used on site
- Please do not use the adventure trail or school play equipment before or after school
- Please check lost property for missing items
- Dogs must be in arms if entering the school site
- Please can we remind you to park considerately, being mindful of both our neighbours and the safety of children
- Summer uniform can be worn until half term only
- Please pre-order lunches on ScoPay



Swimming this half term - Year 5

Next half term - Year 4

Safeguarding concern?

Do you know who to talk to should you have a safeguarding concern?

Safeguarding Lead - Mr Martucci

Deputy Safeguarding Lead - Mrs Read

Safeguarding governor - Ms Kerr

We have an open door policy - don't hesitate to ask at the office if you would like to meet with a teacher or governor.

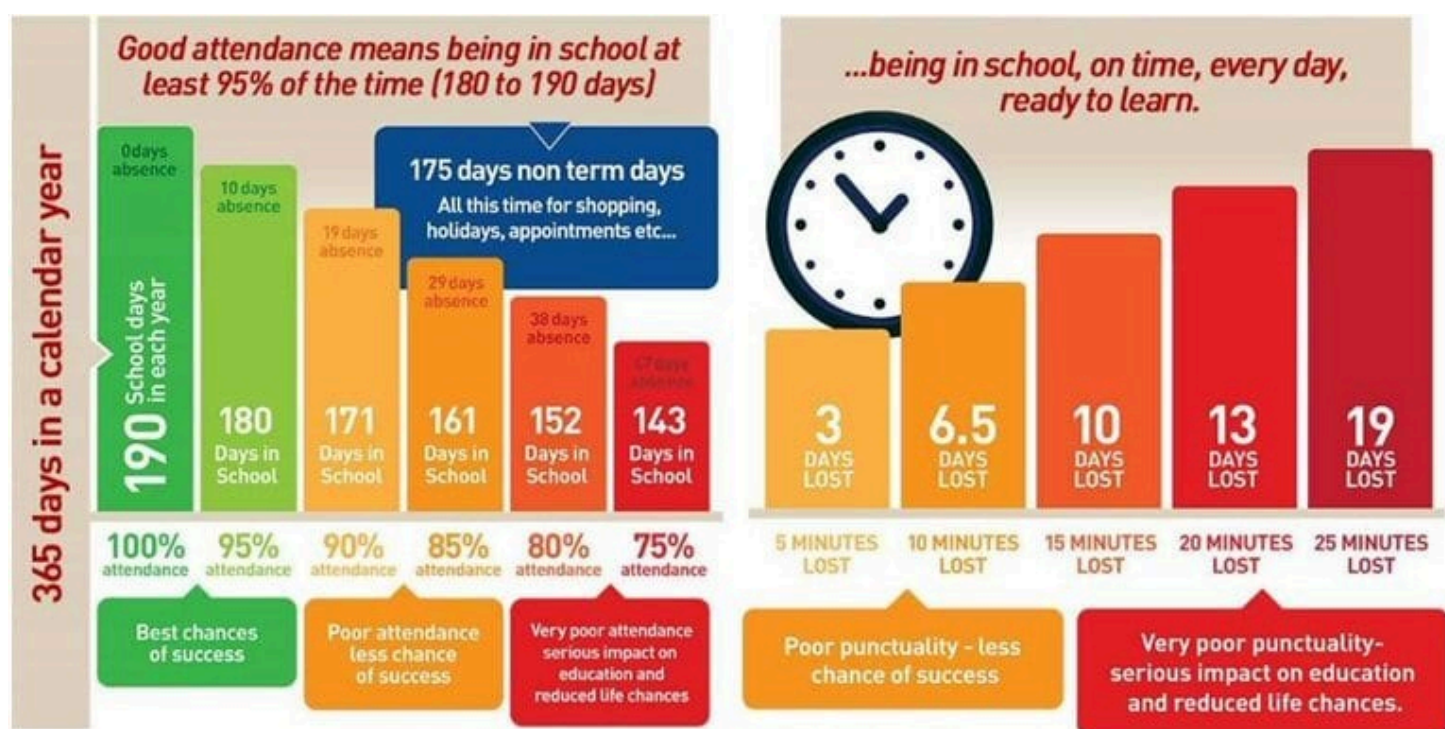
Attendance & Lateness

May we remind you that our school day starts at 08.40am for Reception – Year 2 & 08.50am for Years 3–6.

Children arriving after 08.50am are marked as late for registration which impacts their attendance record. Attendance is monitored by the Educational Welfare Officer from RBWM.

The table below demonstrates the impact of this lost learning to the children.

School gates are open for drop off at 08.30am.



DID YOU KNOW? A two week holiday in term time means that the highest attendance you can achieve is **94.7%**

DID YOU KNOW? If you are 15 minutes late each day you will have missed a full 2 weeks of school in one year?



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.



Dates for the diary - 2026



3 rd September 2026	Year 1 meet the teacher & curriculum talk
4 th September 2026	Year 2 meet the teacher & curriculum talk
7 th September 2026	Year 6 meet the teacher & curriculum talk
8 th September 2026	Year 5 meet the teacher & curriculum talk
9 th September 2026	Year 5 commence swimming lessons this term
10 th September 2026	Year 4 meet the teacher & curriculum talk
10 th September 2026	Whole school flu immunisations
11 th September 2026	Year 3 meet the teacher & curriculum talk
5th - 9th October 2026	Y4 & 6 Bikeability - details to follow
19 th October 2026	Harvest festival at church 10am - details to follow
23 rd October 2026	School photo day
26th-30 th October 2026	Half term
10 th & 11 th November 2026	Parents evening's
16 th December 2026	10am christmas church service

Quick Links to Class Pages:

Reception- Wrens
Year 1- Robins
Year 2- Doves
Year 3- Nightingales
Year 4- Kingfishers
Year 5- Kestrels
Year 6- Owls

Facebook
Instagram
Youtube

Term Dates 2026 - 2027

The term dates are available on the school website for your information.

[click here for term dates](#)

Keep up to date with what's going on and follow our school social media
<https://app.classlist.com/start/#/parentgeta>

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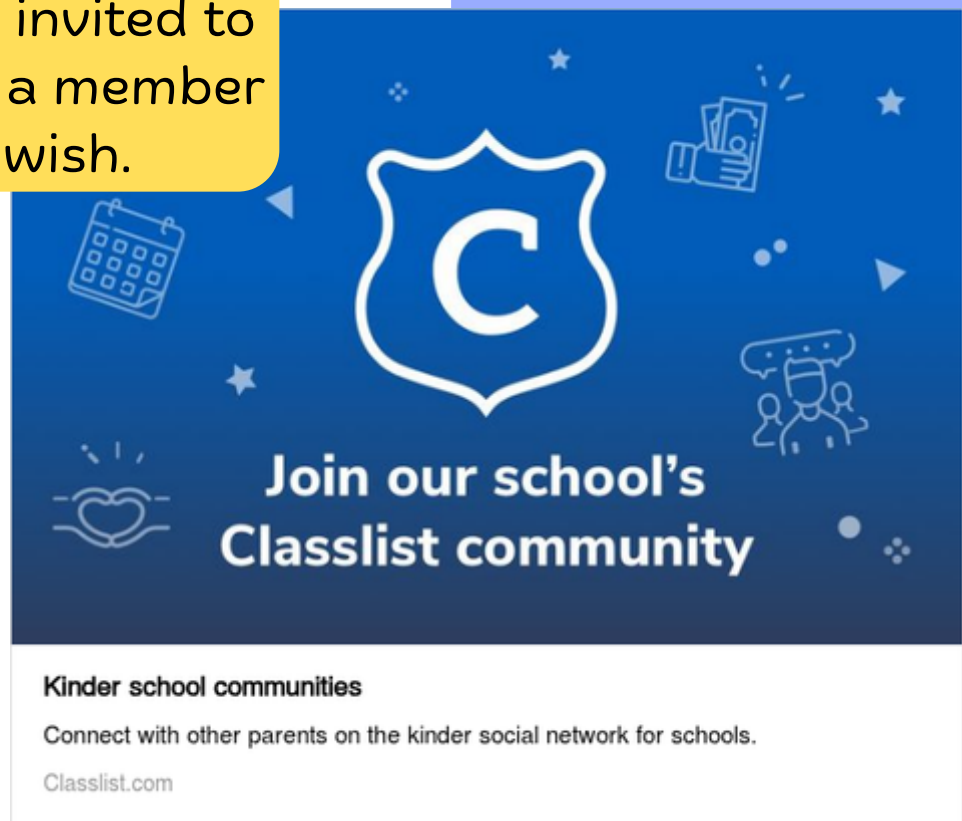
Parent Teacher Association - PTA

Welcome to the PTA!

As parents and carers at Cheapside you are automatically a member of the PTA, and you are invited to be as active a member as you wish.

Class List

Remember to sign up to class list to enable bookings of PTA events such as fairs, discos and much much more!



AGM

A date for the AGM will be shared with you shortly...



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at Edgerraw Sports Centre
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Trials Available

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<https://washinditrampoline.wixsite.com/washindi>

Want to give it a go?
Call on 07711 280 573
or send an email to washinditrampolineclub@gmail.com

Out & About

TAPLOW UNITED FC

Calling all Girls U8 & U10 Players!

We're starting our very first youth girls teams and we need YOU

- *Who*:** School Years 2, 3, 4 & 5 from Sept 2026
- *Training*:** Tuesdays 6:00pm - 7:00pm
- *Matches*:** Saturdays
- *Where*:** TUFC ground

Be part of something new and join our growing community!

Interested? Message us at taplow.utd.fc@gmail.com

All abilities welcome
Together, we are Taplow United.

ASCOT
BRITISH CHAMPIONS DAY
QATAR RACING

THE ULTIMATE SHOWDOWN

CELEBRATING OUR CHAMPIONS

SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER

£10 TICKET FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS USE CODE 'BCD SCHOOLS 26'

THE ULTIMATE FAMILY RACEDAY

Qatar Racing British Champions Day is the ultimate raceday for families at Ascot Racecourse. Our FREE Family Zone is action-packed with fun-filled family entertainment and educational activities.

£10 QUEEN ANNE TICKET FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS TO QATAR RACING BRITISH CHAMPIONS DAY 'BCD SCHOOLS26'

TICKETS ARE £10 PER ADULT AND UNDER 16S RACE FREE

BOOK AT: ASCOT.COM
TEL: 0344 346 3000

SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER

ARTS & CRAFTS
FACE PAINTING
VIRTUAL REALITY EXPERIENCES
FAMILY FRIENDLY ENTERTAINMENT
HOCKEY SIGNINGS
MEET A RACE HORSE

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