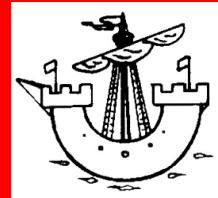


Cherbourg Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 5th March 2026 Number 11



Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all managing to enjoy some of this lovely sunshine we keep getting - hopefully it will continue.

Thank you for your contributions to our survey regarding our new school vision. With your feedback and comments also from children, staff and governors, we have finalised our new vision and I am delighted to share it with you.

“We’re here to learn.”

A culture of belonging is at the heart of Cherbourg. We want everyone to feel empowered to be the best version of themselves without limitations.

We believe everyone should have strong roots to grow as individuals, and be given the skills and knowledge to learn, reflect and flourish as they navigate the world.

Together we are educating minds and shaping a brighter future where we are confident, compassionate and courageous at every step.

Learning is our doorway to success!

This is a very short half term and there is lots happening so please keep your eye on the school calendar of events and any communication which will be sent out.

Today we have celebrated World Book Day and it has been lovely seeing the children in their outfits and accessories. Thank you to everyone who has come into school to join in with reading activities with your children.

We will be practising a further ‘keeping safe’ (lockdown) procedure this half term. The school will be in normal mode when this is happening this time. Staff will be talking to the children about where they would go to keep safe if they were not in their classroom. Children will be well supported before and after the practise.

Parents evening appointments will be going live on Monday 16th March at 6pm. Please keep the dates free - they are listed at the bottom of this newsletter. We are doing things slightly differently this year. You will have parents evening first where you can find out from the class teacher how well your child is achieving both academically and socially. The mid-year report will follow a couple of weeks later so you have the chance to read in more detail what the teacher has shared with you.

I hope you are able to get out in the sunshine this weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Smith
Headteacher

Attendance

Attendance Data for the period Thursday 12th February – Wednesday 4th March

Whole school attendance – 94.1%



RC	95.2%		3V	94.2%	
RK	97.8%		3D	98.7%	
1C	94.4%		4P	91.7%	
1H	93.6%		4M	93.7%	
2B	92%		5S	87.9%	
2E	96.8%		5K	96.6%	
			6M	94.8%	
			6RA	91.8%	

**Lateness – 1261 minutes late
30 students**



Please can we ask that if your child has a medical appointment during the school day that you provide us with proof of the appointment. Please email it to admin@cherbourg.hants.sch.uk or show it at the school office. Thank you.

A reminder that a '*Request to authorise absence from school due to exceptional circumstances*' form is required to be completed for **ALL LEAVE REQUESTS** (ie funeral, holidays, other appointments etc). These are available from the school office.

A reminder that Easter Holidays are Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April 2026

Safeguarding - When is the right time for children to have a phone?

Please do take the time to read the article below about guiding parents as to when to allow your child to have a phone and how to make sure they are safe.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/children-phones-online-safety/>

Looking after your teeth



Getting good teeth cleaning habits started when your children are young is very important for their oral health. There is lots of useful guidance on the following website.

<https://startingreception.co.uk/toothbrushing/>

Friends - Parent Teacher Association

Please see details below of Friends of Cherbourg's upcoming events:

Friday Fun Days
from 3.20pm
in the main playground

27th March
24th April
22nd May

Please come along for treats, drinks and games

Friends will also be arranging KS1, KS2 and SEND
Discos in June - more details to follow

Friends are delighted to confirm we will be raising money this year for the refurbishment of the Kickabout! This will include resurfacing and installing lights giving everyone an opportunity to maximise this great space. More details to follow around upgrades and our target.

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Food Bank Celebration Invitation

Eastleigh Basics Bank would like to invite Cherbourg staff, pupils and families to their 'Be that one' Community Celebration. Please find below a poster with all the details.

This year marks a huge achievement as a community, having worked together to not only set-up but run a local food bank for the 15 years. Made even more special by the fact it is entirely run by local volunteers, primarily funded and fed by the generosity of local people and over those years has demonstrated love and compassion to thousands of lives.



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University of Southampton Festival – Science and Engineering Day

Discover something extraordinary at Science and Engineering Day this March!

The University of Southampton's annual Science and Engineering Festival (SOTSEF) returns this March, offering an exciting chance to explore the world of STEAM—Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics. Running alongside British Science Week, the festival's flagship event, **Science and Engineering Day**, takes place on **Saturday 14 March**.

This free, family-friendly day invites visitors to enjoy more than 140 activities, including inspiring talks, interactive shows, hands-on workshops, and behind-the-scenes laboratory tours across the state-of-the-art Highfield and Boldrewood campuses. No previous knowledge is needed—just curiosity!

Free tickets are available via the festival website: www.sotsef.co.uk

Please click on the link <https://youtu.be/Evod5rQi2k0> to see a short video showing past year's highlights to give families a taster of what to expect.

A promotional poster for the University of Southampton Science and Engineering Day. The background is a solid light blue. On the left, the University of Southampton crest and name are in the top left corner. Below them, the words "DISCOVER" and "THE AMAZING" are written in large, bold, sans-serif font, with "DISCOVER" in purple and "THE AMAZING" in dark blue. In the center, a young girl with blonde hair is wearing a purple puffer jacket and a VR headset, looking upwards. She is holding a VR controller in her right hand. To the right of the girl, there is a magnifying glass icon. Further right, the text "SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING DAY" is in bold purple, followed by "Saturday 14th March 2026" in a smaller font. Below this, the locations "Highfield Campus and Boldrewood Innovation Campus, Southampton" are listed. At the bottom right, there is a purple rectangular button with a white arrow icon and the text "Book your FREE tickets www.sotsef.co.uk". Below the button, there are social media icons for Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, and X, followed by the hashtag "#SOTSEF".

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IMPORTANT DATES

Inset Days

Monday 1st June 2026

Friday 3rd July 2026

School Holiday Dates

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| Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April 2026 | - | Easter Holidays |
| Monday 4 th May 2026 | - | Bank Holiday (May Day) |
| Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May 2026 | - | Half Term |
| Thursday 23 rd July 2026 | - | Start of the school summer holidays |

Diary Dates

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| Wednesday 15 th April 2026 | - | Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6.50pm |
| Thursday 16 th April 2026 | - | Parents Evening 3.30pm – 5.20pm |
| Thursday 16 th April 2026 | - | School Photographer – class groups
& Year 6 portraits |
| Monday 11 th May – Thursday 14 th May 2026 | - | KS2 SATs week |