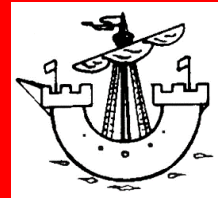


Cherbourg Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 12th February 2026 Number 10



Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you were able to get out at the weekend and enjoy some drier days. Fingers crossed for half term week.

We have now received our feedback from our annual visit from the Local Authority's Leadership and Learning team which I am pleased to share with you. The feedback outlined that the school over the past three years has demonstrated a consistently improving picture in relation to Key Stage 2 outcomes and our disadvantaged pupils are attaining higher than disadvantaged pupils across Hampshire. We are pleased that our provision for pupils with SEND was recognised as ambitious, well thought through and results in improving progress and that our resource provision also supports pupils well to integrate into classrooms and to learn alongside their peers. Our Early Years provision across both classrooms and the quality of adult-child interactions is providing a solid foundation for children. We continue to focus on improving outcomes further so we are inline or close to National averages.

Teachers are busy writing mid-year reports and these will be sent to you later next half term. There will then be an opportunity for you to chat to the teachers about your child's progress at our parents evening which will be held in the first week back after the Easter break. Further details to follow. If there is a reason why you are not attending, please get in touch. We want to have 100% of our parents attending as it is important that you too are part of your child's learning journey.

I do wish you all a lovely half term break and we look forward to welcoming you all back in a week's time.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Smith
Headteacher

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Half Term 16th February – 20th February

Attendance

Thursday 29th January – Wednesday 11th February

Whole School – 93.6% 😞

Year R - 91.7% 😞

Year 1 - 94.4% 😬

Year 2 - 94.4% 😬

Year 3 - 94.8% 😬

Year 4 - 93.1% 😞

Year 5 - 93.5% 😞

Year 6 - 93.2% 😞



Lateness – 34 children = 1236 minutes total

Safeguarding - Online safety

The Government are launching a new website on 16 February 2026 to support families and encourage regular conversations about what they're seeing online, asking simple questions, like "who shared this" and "why?". Based on parents' main concerns and needs, it provides:

- tips for parents' conversations with their children
- actions to support each stage of their child's life
- parental controls information

The website will continue to grow throughout the year. Please do check out the link below as there is already lots of useful information to support you as a parent.

<https://kidsonlinesafety.campaign.gov.uk/keeping-your-child-safe-online-how-to-get-started/>

Resources to support parents

Please find attached QR codes which you can scan to watch short informative videos offering advice/information about:

Emotionally based school avoidance, ADHD and sleep concerns.

Year R Play Equipment

A request from Year R staff - Please can we ask that children **DO NOT** play on the Year R play equipment at drop off and pick up times of the day. Thank you.

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World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

We are joining in with World Book Day on Thursday 5th March and children can come to school dressed as a character from a book of their choice. Children are welcome to wear full dress up costume or just wear accessories.

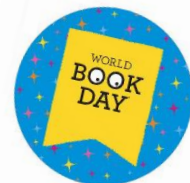


We would like to invite you to come into school to spend some time **reading with your child**. The reading session will take place from **2.40pm til 3.20pm**. You are welcome to bring along a favourite book from home, or your child can choose a book from the classroom.

We hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us for this special event. Reading together plays a vital role in developing a love of books, and it will mean a great deal to the children to have you there.

Here's some links with a few outfit ideas to help you out.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/resources/dressing-up-ideas-for-parents-and-carers/>



<https://www.worldbookday.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/World-Book-Day-2026-Dressing-up-resource-pack.pdf>

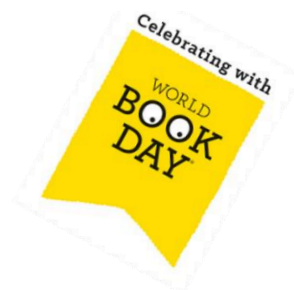
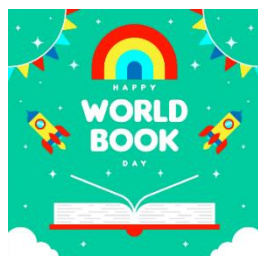
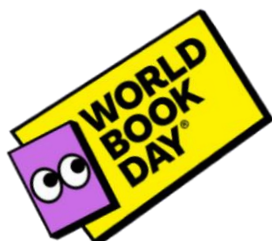
<https://blog.busythings.co.uk/10-easy-last-minute-world-book-day-costume-ideas/>

Quick DIY Costumes

- [Stick Man](#): Brown clothes with twigs and leaves attached.
- [Diary of a Wimpy Kid](#): White t-shirt, black shorts, and a backpack..
- [Mr. Bump \(Mr. Men\)](#): Bandages wrapped around a blue outfit.
- [The Cat in the Hat](#): Black outfit, white face paint, and a DIY tall hat.
- [Little Miss Sunshine](#): Yellow t-shirt, yellow felt, and cardboard.
- [Charlie Bucket \(Charlie and the Chocolate Factory\)](#): Regular clothes with a handmade golden ticket.
- [Gangsta Granny](#): Grey wig, skirt, and a stick.

Easy Character Ideas

- [Fantastic Mr. Fox](#): Brown blazer/outfit with fox ears.
- [Alice in Wonderland](#): Blue dress and a white apron.
- [SuperTato](#): Green outfit, yellow cape, and a mask.
- [Witch \(Room on the Broom\)](#): Dress, tights, hat, and a broom.
- [Dr. Seuss Character](#): Red and white stripes.



Friends - Parent Teacher Association

Friends of Cherbourg would like to say thank you to our families for your continued support. They are planning some exciting events but these need to be agreed and finalised before we share any further updates.

We are always keen to hear ideas of ways that we can fundraise for our school so if you have any inspiration or good ideas, please contact Friends of Cherbourg by emailing them on friends.admin@cherbourg.org.uk

Please also contact Friends on the above email if you would like to join the PTA. Thank you.

Debts owed to school

There is a substantial amount of debt still owed to the school, totalling a staggering **£6,268.93**.

A breakdown of the debt is below:

Breakfast & Bugs Club **£2,885.43**

Past residential which include last years' Calshot residential and the last 3 years Beaulieu
residential **£2,236.50**

Current year after-school clubs for Autumn and Spring Terms **£818**

Music and choir **£329**

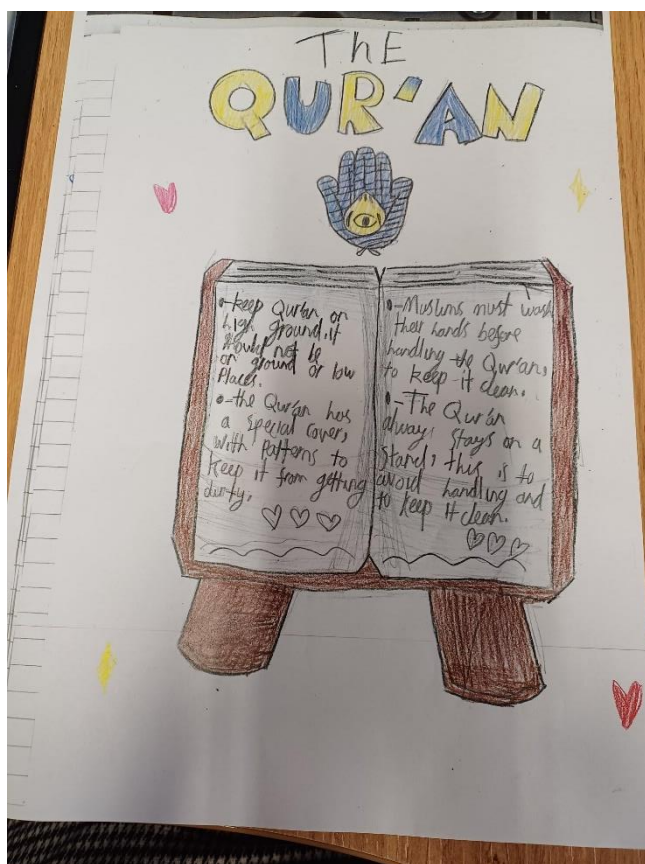
As we approach the end of the financial year in March, we are asking all families to look at their SCO pay accounts and clear any outstanding amounts. (Please note: This does not apply for the December 2026 Calshot Residential).

If you would like to discuss any outstanding balances owed, please contact Caroline Tiller at caroline.tiller@cherbourg.org.uk or give school a ring on 023 80612557.

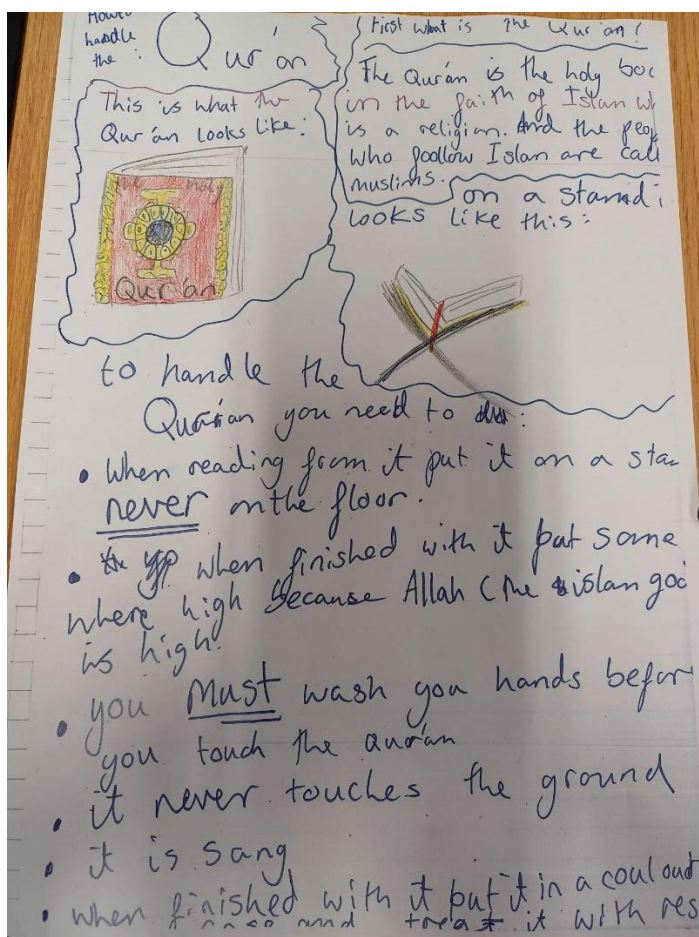
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Class 5RA11 Writing about their learning of The Qur'an

We are delighted to share with you two amazing examples of Class 5RA11 writing about The Qur'an.



Created by Cheyenne - Class 5RA11



Created by Eva - Class 5RA11

IMPORTANT DATES

Inset Days

Monday 1st June 2026

Friday 3rd July 2026

School Holiday Dates

Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February 2026	-	Half Term
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

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