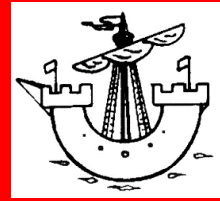


Cherbourg Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 29th January 2026 Number 9



Dear Parents and Carers

What a wet few weeks we are having and always at drop off and pick up time! Hopefully, drier weather will be coming our way soon!

We have had our annual visit from the Local Authority's Leadership and Learning team. We participated in a range of activities including a learning walk across the school. The children's learning behaviours were great and children were engaged in their learning and participating well in a range of lessons. I look forward to sharing more details with you when we receive their report.

We welcome back our second group of children who have experienced a residential at Beaulieu this week. They have all enjoyed their trip away and thanks go to all the staff too who have made this possible.

Well done to all of year 6 this week for engaging well and showing grit and determination in their Mock SATs week.

I hope you enjoy your weekend and look forward to seeing you next week. Remember Friday is an INSET day!

Yours sincerely

Mrs Wendy Smith
Headteacher

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Attendance

Monday 12th January – Wednesday 28th January

Whole School – 93.7%

Year R - 96.7%

Year 1 - 93%

Year 2 - 92%

Year 3 - 95.2%

Year 4 - 92.3%

Year 5 - 92.9%

Year 6 - 94%



Lateness – 52 children = 2010 minutes total

Please click on the link for the NHS advice – ‘Is My Child Too Ill for School’?

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Safeguarding - Use of technology

It is internet safety day on 10th February and we will be continuing to educate children around using technology safety. The focus this year is ‘Exploring the safe use of AI’.



Please have a look at the following article for some top tips.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/about-us/news-opinion/2025/artificial-intelligence-safety-tips-for-parents/>

Spotlight on our school value: Resilience

We encourage children to have a voice in school and to air any worries they might have. We also encourage children to talk through possible solutions which enables them to develop their own problem solving skills. Children are also developing their resilience through trying new activities especially during values time.

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Values Time

Children are enjoying their weekly values time and are even continuing with new skills they have learned at home. Crochet has been a huge success! We have two pupils who have been enjoying being creative at home.



Phones

I wrote in a previous newsletter about current research around the potential harm to children's well-being through using smart phones all the time.



The Secretary of State for Education this week issued guidance that mobile phones have no place in schools. Although we only have a few mobile phones brought to school and these are secured in the school office, I would continue to recommend that phones you choose to purchase for your children are not smart phones.

Playground update

Cherbourg young governors met to look at some playground plans for new play and exercise equipment. They have discussed the positives and negatives and are going to pass on their thoughts to Mrs Smith before she makes a decision.

Year of the Reading

This year is the 'Year of Reading', a UK-wide campaign launched by the Department for Education and the National Literacy Trust to boost reading for pleasure by connecting it with people's existing passions, using the slogan "Go All In!".

Mrs Stevens (Year 1 class teacher and Learning Champion) is our Reading leader in school and will be planning a range of activities throughout the year to promote reading for pleasure further. If there are any budding authors out there or you have some great ideas for promoting reading, please come and let us know.

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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.

School Dinners – Swift Kitchen

A little nudge to remind parents/carers to please remember to sign your child up for their school dinner before 8.30am on the day and also to remember to check out to complete the order. Thank you.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Inset Days

Friday 30th January 2026

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 11 th February 2026	-	Year 5 Calshot parents meeting 2.45pm – 3.15pm Letter going home today
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

