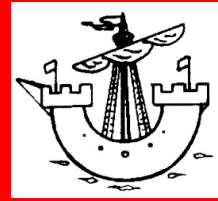


Cherbourg Primary School Newsletter

Monday 17th November 2025 Number 6



Dear Parents and Carers

This past month has flown by! Children are fully immersed in their topics across the school and I am always pleased to see children sharing their learning with me. There is some fabulous writing happening and children are showing positive learning behaviours in their classrooms.

Thank you for your continued support with the small events we are beginning to have in school to raise funds for Friends which ultimately supports our children. The response to the recent Funky Festive Hair day was incredible - so many creative families out there and some very kind donations. Thank you for supporting the school, your support is always gratefully received.

As an update to the playground project, we have received some suggestions from a couple of companies and these will be being discussed with our Young Governors and classes over the next few weeks.

The door entry security system is still being finalised and should be in action shortly.

Please keep communicating with us to let us know what we are doing well, but even more importantly to let us know if there is something we can improve. We will always listen to your feedback and concerns but if we don't know about it, we can't respond.

We are aware of the current cost of living climate so please do not feel under any obligation to buy gifts for our staff this Christmas. We appreciate your kindness but please make yourselves and your families your priority.

Wishing you a great weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Wendy Smith
Headteacher

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Safeguarding – Roblox

We have been made aware of a pop-up that is appearing on Roblox, encouraging children to download an app called pollybuzz (or pollyfuzz in some spelling cases). The app seems quite simple where children are asked questions, and it generates an Artificial Intelligence 'friend' – this starts off quite innocently but then begins to **show extreme content** (including suicide, self-harm and pornography).

Roblox has parental controls and instructions of how to put these on can be accessed via this link: [Parental Controls Overview – Roblox Support](#)

Parental controls will stop some pop-ups, but not all, so appropriate supervision is still required.

Attendance

Attendance Data for the period Monday 17th November – Wednesday 26th November

Whole school attendance – 93.1% 

Year R	93.1%	
Year 1	94%	
Year 2	95.2%	
Year 3	92.8%	
Year 4	90.8%	
Year 5	94.2%	
Year 6	92.1%	

**Lateness – 1096 minutes late
36 students**

- It is really important to contact the school if your child is off poorly. If we do not hear from you, this is a safeguarding concern.***
- Unauthorised absences can lead to penalty notices.***
- Please contact carla.fenna@cherbourg.org.uk if you would like to discuss attendance or would like help or support.***

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Thank you – Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you so much for your incredible support of our recent Scholastic Book Fair! We were thrilled to see so many of you visiting and purchasing books.

Your participation has made a significant impact on our school.

Thanks to your generosity, we sold a total of £759.14 during the week. So, the school raised an amazing amount of **£303.66** which will be used to purchase new books for our library and classrooms. This will help us expand our collection and provide more resources for our students to enjoy.

We are so grateful for your commitment to fostering a love of reading in our school community. It's truly rewarding to see the excitement surrounding books and the positive impact they have on our students.

We look forward to seeing you at future events and continuing to promote literacy within our school.

Next Scholastic book fair will be from **3rd to 8th of June 2026**.

Christmas Dinner

An email was sent home to all of our families earlier this week regarding ordering a Christmas dinner for your child. The information in that email was as follows:

All Christmas dinners must be ordered on Swift Kitchen by THIS FRIDAY (Friday 28th November) to allow the kitchen time to order the ingredients.

On your child's Christmas dinner day

Tuesday 9th December KS2 (Years 3,4, 5 and 6)

Wednesday 10th December KS1 (Year R, 1 and 2)

The only option available to order are

Meat - Turkey, chipolatas, roasties, mixed veg and gravy

Vegetarian - Roasted vegetable, cranberry and cheese puff, roasties, mixed veg and gravy.

If your child DOES NOT want the Christmas dinner on their designated day, you will need to provide a packed lunch for them.

There will be NO jacket potato or pasta options on either Tuesday or Wednesday. On the day your child's year group is not having Christmas lunch, the alternative options are on Swift kitchen.

Christmas lunch is always a highlight of the year, and we would encourage as many children as possible to try the meal with their peers.

If you have any queries, please get in touch with us.

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Sporting Activities

13th November - Well done to our Year 5/6 boys football team who took part in an ID event football tournament recently in Crofton. The boys did an amazing job and really thrived as the games went on, showing true Cherbourg resilience and strength. Well done to all involved. AJ had an outstanding performance in goal. Well done Team Cherbourg!



14th November - Well done to some of our younger boys who trialled for Chelsea Development Player Pathways and were successful. This is an amazing achievement for these boys and something they should be very proud of. Well done boys, we are super proud! Well done Team Cherbourg!



What a performance! Wow! Our year 5/6 team played in the 2nd round of the Hampshire Cup and put on a true Cherbourg performance against Fair Oak. The boys battled hard, worked hard and never gave up throughout the performance. We have a very young year 5/6 team but the boys played with so much resilience and teamwork above their age. By securing the win, the boys now progress through to the next round of the cup. Well done Team Cherbourg!



Well done to our Year 5/6 girls team who played in their league match against Knightwood. The girls have come on leaps and bounds since their first game, putting on a really determined and energetic display. What an improvement since their first game last match, with the girls working really hard and learning new tactics and understandings of the game. Well done Team Cherbourg!



15th November - Well done to the Cherbourg All Stars who took part in their first U12s basketball match with Portsmouth Force. The boys ended up playing 2 games and played brilliantly throughout. Well done to Trey and Toby who got MVP each game. An outstanding start to our basketball journey for the U12s. Go Team Cherbourg!



24th November - Well done to our Year 5/6 County Finals Table Tennis team. The team took part in the county finals stage in Basingstoke earlier this week, after gaining qualification by taking part in our @sgo_new qualifiers. The children played in the true spirit of the games, learned new skills and experienced so many different levels of table tennis which was amazing! The team then had an ice cream treat to celebrate their success and resilience! Well done Team Cherbourg!



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Christmas



Christmas is going to be upon us before we know it! Please pay particular attention to the separate Christmas dates and information page towards the end of this newsletter for our Christmas performances, dinners and party dates.

Cherbourg's Festive Fundraiser



Please join us for Cherbourg's Festive Fundraiser after school tomorrow, Friday 28th November from 3.30pm – 4.30pm in the main playground. There'll be lots of things going on, food, games, drinks, music, gifts, candy floss, tombola and crafts to celebrate the festive season.

Small change only please – No card payments. Thank you.

Big Sing Competition



Our wonderful choir entered a Big Sing Competition recently and the voting has gone live. It would be very much appreciated if you could click on the link <https://brackenwood.com/bigsingvoting/> to vote for them as we can win some extra pennies for school! Thank you for your continued support.

Instagram



Please follow us on Instagram at @cherbourgprimary for a lot of our sport and forest school updates.

Friends - Parent Teacher Association



Come along to Cherbourg's
Festive Friday
Friday 12th December 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Fun activities
Join us after school in the main playground



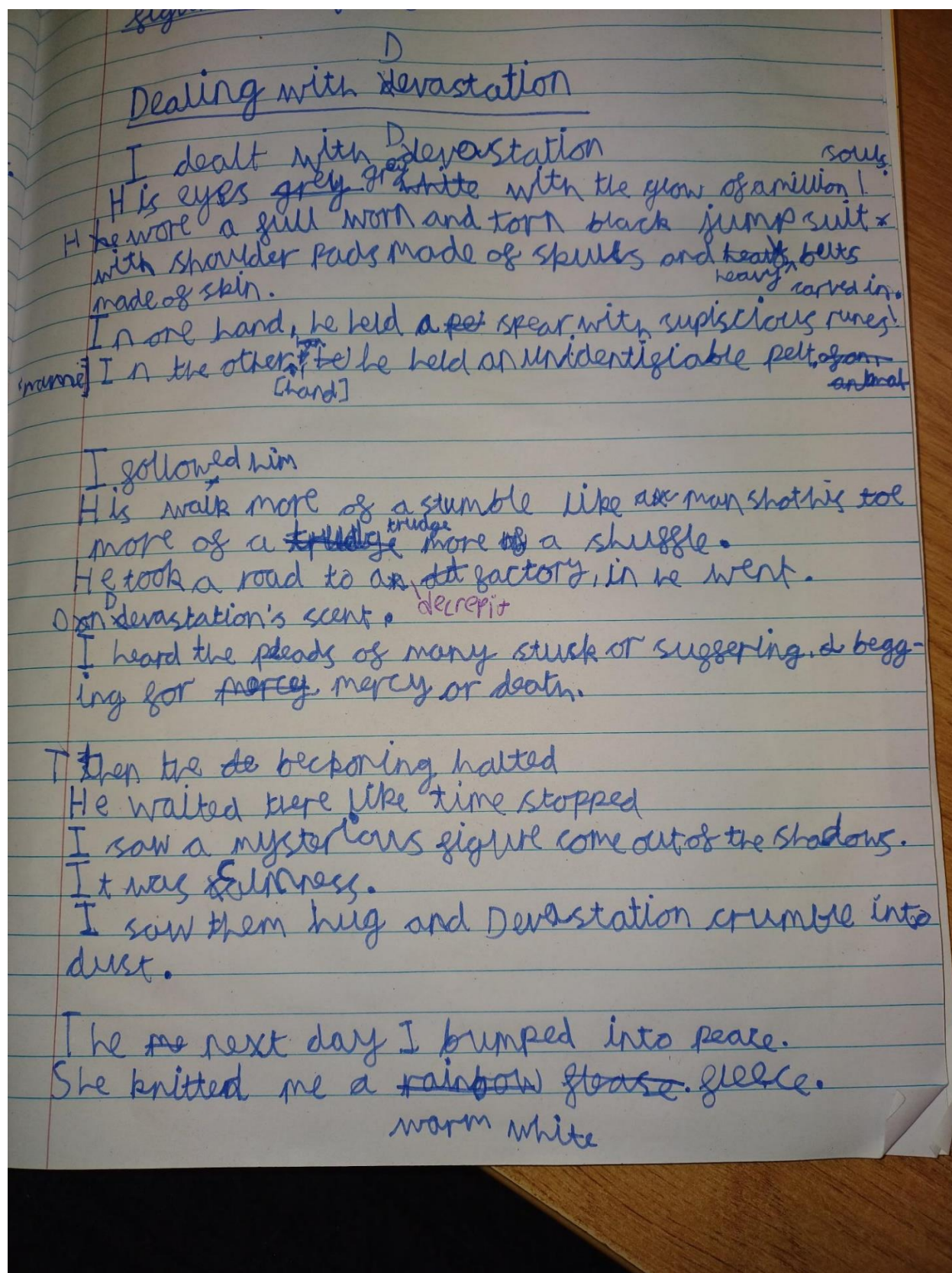
We are always keen to hear ideas of ways that we can fundraise for our school so if you have any inspiration or good ideas please contact Friends of Cherbourg by emailing them on friends.admin@cherbourg.org.uk

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

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Year 6 Writing

We are delighted to share with you two amazing examples of our Year 6 Writing.



Created by Freddie - Year 6

Friday 21st November 2025

21.11.25 LO: to mimic the style of a poet using figurative language

DANCING WITH DEATH

I met Death.

His eyes were illuminating, red and as deep as black holes.

He wore a ~~gutt~~^{ripped} length, black robe hooded over his face.

In one pocket, he carried with him loss and despair.

In the other he carried ~~an~~ hatred like an albatross on his knee.
^{carried}

I followed him,

His walk was more a ~~glow~~^{gleam}, more a drift in the wind

He took the road to the abandoned graveyard, down he went

~~On death's~~ ^{sent}

I heard the five letters ^{of} his name being chanted
When those ~~words~~^{voices} stopped,

He waited ~~there~~^{there}

I saw a soft silhouette watching by church

It was like as bright as a light

"Quick" Death said "Hurry Hurry"

I watched as they danced

Life laughed

They ~~twirled~~^{spun} and they twirled

and then I left

The next day I walked into war

he was ~~NO~~ a bore!

Created by Lauren - Year 6



Christmas Dates and Information



Tuesday 9th December 2025 - KS2 Christmas Dinner and parties
Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Wednesday 10th December 2025 - KS1 Christmas Dinner and parties
Years R, 1 & 2



Children can wear their festive or favourite jumper on Christmas dinner days



Monday 15th December 2025 - Year 5 & 6 Festive performance pm

Tuesday 16th December 2025 - Year 1 & 2 Festive performance pm

Wednesday 17th December 2025 - Year R Festive performance pm

Thursday 18th December 2025 - Year 3 & 4 Festive performance pm



Term Dates

IMPORTANT DATES

Inset Days

Friday 30th January 2026

Monday 1st June 2026

Friday 3rd July 2026

School Holiday Dates

Monday 22 nd December – Friday 2 nd January 2026	-	Christmas Holidays
<i>School finishes on Friday 19th December @ 12midday or 1pm if your child is staying for lunch</i>		
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

Festive Friday Fundraiser	-	Friday 28 th November 3.30pm – 4.30pm in the main playground (advertising poster sent by email earlier today)
Year 6 Calshot Residential	-	Weds 3 rd Dec – Fri 5 th Dec 2025
KS2 Christmas dinner and parties	-	Tuesday 9 th December 2025
KS1 Christmas dinner and parties	-	Wednesday 10 th December 2025
Festive performance Years 5 & 6	-	Monday 15 th December 2025
Festive performance Years 1 & 2	-	Tuesday 16 th December 2025
Festive performance Year R	-	Wednesday 17 th December 2025
Festive performance Years 3 & 4	-	Thursday 18 th December 2025
Flu Immunisation Day whole school (children only)	-	Thursday 11 th December 2025
Friends of Cherbourg Festive Friday after school	-	Friday 12 th December 2025 3.30 – 4.30pm
Choir Christmas Concert	-	Wednesday 17 th December 2025 at 6pm
Year 1 Tudor House Trip	-	Tuesday 13 th January 2026
Class 4P Beaulieu Residential	-	Mon 19 th Jan – Weds 21 st Jan 2026
Class 4M Beaulieu Residential	-	Mon 26 th Jan – Wes 28 th Jan 2026