

Cherbourg Primary School Newsletter

Monday 17th November 2025 Number 5



Dear Parents and Carers

We are definitely moving into the colder and wetter weather, please make sure your children are coming into school with a coat, hat and gloves. We are also gathering a huge pile of lost property on a weekly basis. Please label jumpers and coats as we are quickly able to return them to their owners and save staff having to fold and tidy the huge pile of jumpers and coats which are accumulating.

Last week was anti-bullying week and throughout the week children had the opportunity to focus on learning more about what bullying is and what they can do to prevent it or deal with it, but also what bullying is not. We do stress to the children that anti-bullying is not a 'one week' event but that it is a priority all year round. One of the activities the children engaged in was designing new posters for us to display around the school. I have the difficult task of choosing a winner from each class; the winning children will be invited to a hot chocolate and biscuit date with myself.

We ended the week by supporting Children in Need on Friday. We raised £135.61 for this cause and your generosity is appreciated. Our lucky winner of the signed Pudsey bear toy was Jasper H from 1C.

Values time on Friday has started off brilliantly. Children are enjoying the range of enrichment activities on offer and the atmosphere across the school is amazing. Thank you for your support in sharing the activities at home and signing your children up with their choices.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Wendy Smith
Headteacher

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Safeguarding - Smartphones

I feel it's important to share a growing concern we're facing in school.

The use of smartphones among children is starting younger and younger, and we're increasingly dealing with issues related to this – from children viewing inappropriate content to arguments happening over WhatsApp and other messaging apps. These online interactions are spilling into school life, causing friendship problems and making it harder for children to move on and heal after falling out.

Disagreements are a natural part of growing up. But when children continue messaging each other outside of school, the conflict doesn't end – it escalates.

I've been working closely with all Eastleigh primary headteachers, and together we're offering parents an opportunity to attend an online talk from [Smartphone Free Childhood](#). This session will help families make more informed choices around smartphone use. I've attended the training myself and was genuinely shocked by some of the things children have been exposed to.

You'll also have the option, should you wish to, to [Sign the Parent Pact](#), a supportive initiative from Smartphone Free Childhood, which helps families delay smartphone use and connect with others doing the same.

As a school, our aim is to work towards only allowing children to have basic mobile phones on site in the future.

This change is about protecting childhood, supporting wellbeing, and helping our pupils grow up with space to breathe. I know some parents will disagree with this message and please be assured it is written without judgement, however I can see the impact on some of our pupils and felt that it is important to raise it.

Safeguarding - New door entry system

Within our regular review of safeguarding practices in school, we will be fitting a door code entry system to the main entrance to the school foyer in the next week. This will mean that should you wish to enter the school, you will need to first press the buzzer and speak to a member of our admin team who will then release the door to allow you access.

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.



Christmas dinners are available to order via Swift kitchen.

No Nuts!

A reminder that we are a No Nuts School. Please do not send your child in with any products that may contain nuts. Please always read the label on any packaging. Thank you.

Friends - Parent Teacher Association

Come along to Friends of Cherbourg's

Festive Friday

Friday 12th December 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Fun activities

Join us after school in the main playground

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Support for families - ADHD/ASD

The Southampton Family Trust are hosting two free online seminars for parents / carers:



Introduction to Parenting Children with ADHD



Monday 17th November 2025 – (*separate email sent to parents/carers this morning*)



12.30 to 14.00



Introduction to Parenting Children with Autism



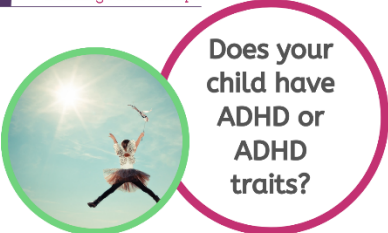
Monday 24th November 2025



12.30 to 14.00

Details are below with Zoom links and full details - no need to book in advance!





FREE ONLINE SEMINAR

“An Introduction to Parenting Children with ADHD”

Insights and strategies for families

Monday 17th November 2025, 12.30–14.00

No booking required!

Simply join the seminar by scanning the QR code or use the Zoom details below:

Meeting ID: 881 0383 0231
Passcode: 705280

If you prefer, feel free to email us at info@sftrust.org.uk for the Zoom link.

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Attendance

Attendance Data for the period Thursday 23rd October – Friday 14th November

Whole school attendance – 93.7%



RC	92.1%		3V	92.4%	
RK	95.4%		3D	97.1%	
1C	93.7%		4P	90.5%	
1H	96.7%		4M	94%	
2B	90.8%		5S	85.7%	
2E	99%		5K	93.8%	
			6M	96.6%	
			6RA	94.4%	

**Lateness – 1430 minutes late
38 students**

As we are now in the months of temperatures dropping and the coughs and cold season, we appreciate that it can sometimes be difficult to know when and if to send your child into school when they have common coughs and colds.

Please click on the link <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> for more information.

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

Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February 2026 - Half Term
Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April 2026 - Easter Holidays

Monday 4th May 2026 - Bank Holiday (May Day)
Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2026 - Half Term

Thursday 23rd July 2026 - Start of the school summer holidays

Diary Dates

Funky Festive Hair Day	-	Friday 21 st November (separate letter with information will be sent by separate email shortly)
Choir visit to Fleming House	-	Tuesday 25 th November (separate letter for choir to be sent home on Weds after choir)
Festive Friday Fundraiser	-	Friday 28 th November 3.30pm- - 4.30pm in the main playground
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
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