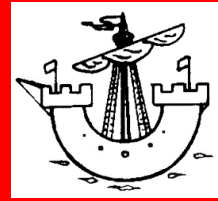


Cherbourg Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 23rd October 2025 Number 4



Dear Parents and Carers

What a fantastic week we have had at Cherbourg Primary School. There is lots of exciting learning happening across the school and our forest school programme is in full swing. Our new year R children are settling quickly into the routines of the day which is lovely to see. There is lots of super writing happening across the school which I hope you have enjoyed seeing at parents evening.

We are switching to a new lunch menu after half term. If your child is currently not having a school lunch, I would encourage you to have a look at the new menu. With the weather getting colder, having a hot lunch is a great option. If your child is in the infants and entitled to a free school meal, please give them a try.

Unfortunately, due to a reduction in the number of children attending wrap around care (Breakfast club and Bugs club), the current model is not sustainable financially. We are having to make some difficult decisions and some potential changes to our current offer to enable us to continue to provide this service. We will keep you informed and make sure we provide sufficient notice for any changes. If you are worried, please do come and chat to us.

We have carried out our first 'Keeping Safe' practice today in which the children were brilliant. The procedure was swift, calm and everyone followed adult instructions quickly and quietly.

I do hope you have a lovely half term break and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Tuesday 4th November - Monday is an INSET day.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Wendy Smith
Headteacher

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Safeguarding - Halloween

If you will be celebrating halloween some helpful tips to keep you all safe:

- wear high-visibility and well-fitting costumes,
- carry a torch, and stick to a planned route, always accompanied by an adult,
- When trick-or-treating, always go with an adult, cross roads carefully, never enter strangers' homes, only knock on homes of adults you know
- Keep costumes away from flames

Attendance

Attendance Data for the period Monday 13th October – Wednesday 22nd October

Whole school attendance – 94.7% 

Year R	93.5%	
Year 1	96.8%	
Year 2	94.3%	
Year 3	96.8%	
Year 4	93.1%	
Year 5	92.9%	
Year 6	94.6%	

**Lateness – 909 minutes late
32 students**

We appreciate you being honest with us as to the reasons for your child's lateness when signing them in, however due to the number of children who come in late we will be monitoring lateness closely and therefore you may receive a phonecall or letter inviting you in for a conversation with Mrs Smith. If we can help in anyway, please contact the school office or email carla.fenna@cherbourg.org.uk.

Monies!

If you have any monies outstanding for school trips, clubs etc and you haven't arranged a payment plan with Mrs Tiller, it would be appreciated if you could look at paying for these over the half term holiday. Thank you.

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Snacks

There have been a lot of unhealthy snacks coming into school. Please can you send your children with a healthy snack from the list below.

Fresh and easy

- **Fruits:** Apple, banana, orange, pear, grapes, and berries
- **Vegetables:** Carrot sticks, celery sticks, cucumber slices, and bell pepper strips
- **Dairy:** Yogurt cups or a string cheese, baby bel

Prepared and portable

- **Whole-grain options:** Crackers, pita bread, bread roll etc
- **Protein-packed:** Hard-boiled eggs, fridge raiders

Not suitable

Please **do not send chocolate, crisps or sweets**

Please remember we are **a nut free school, which also means products that may contain nuts**

Lego

The year R team are putting out a plea for any Lego bricks (not sets) for the children in year R to use. If anyone has any to donate, it would be greatly appreciated.

Harvest Donations

Thank you to those who have made food or toiletry donations for the Eastleigh Basics Bank's Harvest donation plea. It is very much appreciated.

Bugs Club

We have plenty of spaces available in Bugs Club and Breakfast Club. Please contact the school office for more information

Friends - parent teacher association

Come along to our
Freaky Fun Friday
Friday 24th October
Lucky dips
After school in the main playground

Friends are holding their annual Family Photograph morning on Saturday 8th November 9am – 12pm at school. There are still plenty of slots available so if you would like photos taken of your whole family, mum, dad, grandparents etc please book an appointment slot via the school office. They make excellent Christmas presents!

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Scholastic Book Fair

A reminder that the Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school on Wednesday 5th November until Monday 10th November after school from 3.30pm in the library. Purchases can be paid for by card or cash or pre-purchase voucher online at <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay>

Please see the attached flyer for more information



Celebrate reading and earn free books for your school with a Scholastic Book Fair!



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Term Dates

IMPORTANT DATES

Inset Days

Monday 3rd November 2025

Friday 30th January 2026

Monday 1st June 2026

Friday 3rd July 2026

School Holiday Dates

Monday 27 th October – 31 st October 2025	-	Half Term
Monday 22 nd December – Friday 2 nd January 2026	-	Christmas Holidays
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

Scholastic Book Fair in School	-	Wednesday 5 th November – Monday 10 th November 2025
Morning Chat with Citizens Advice	-	Thursday 6 th November 9am – 10am No appointment necessary
Friends of Cherbourg Family Photo Morning	-	Saturday 8 th November 9am – 12pm Appointments only
Year 4 Living Rainforest Trip	-	Wednesday 11 th November 2025
Year 6 Calshot Residential	-	Weds 3 rd Dec – Fri 5 th Dec 2026
Year 1 Tudor House Trip (Letters to follow after half term)	-	Tuesday 13 th January 2025
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