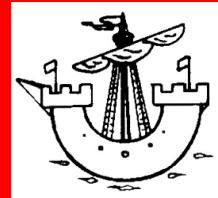


Cherbourg Primary School Newsletter

Monday 13th October 2025 Number 3



Dear Parents and Carers

We will be starting our tours of the school for any prospective parents of children who will be starting school next year. I have completed some learning walks over the last few weeks and have been impressed with how well the children are focused in their lessons. The school has been calm; children have been friendly and welcoming and there has been lots of exciting learning to see the children enthusiastically engaging with. If you know of anyone who will be starting school next year, we still have some tours taking place over the next few weeks.

Please remember to make your parents evening appointments for next week. This is an important time for you to talk to your child's class teacher about the progress they are making and the individual targets that they are working towards. It is also an opportunity for you to look at your child's books and see the learning they have been completing in class and how you can support them at home. I would encourage you to make an appointment. If you would like to be supported during these meetings by a member of school staff, please get in touch so that we can make sure that all our families are able to attend.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Wendy Smith
Headteacher

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Safeguarding - Road Safety

After the clocks go back at the end of half term week, the evenings will be getting darker. If your child is walking home alone, please make sure that you are regularly reminding them of how to cross roads safely.



Attendance

Attendance Data for the period Thursday 25th September – Friday 10th October

Whole school attendance – 94.1%



RC	91.6%	😞	3D	98.3%	😊
RK	98%	😊	3V	90.5%	😞
1C	92.6%	😞	4M	95.7%	😊
1H	94.8%	😮	4P	91.5%	😞
2B	94.7%	😮	5K	96.9%	😊
2E	92%	😞	5S	90.6%	😞
			6M	95.3%	😊
			6RAII	96.1%	😊

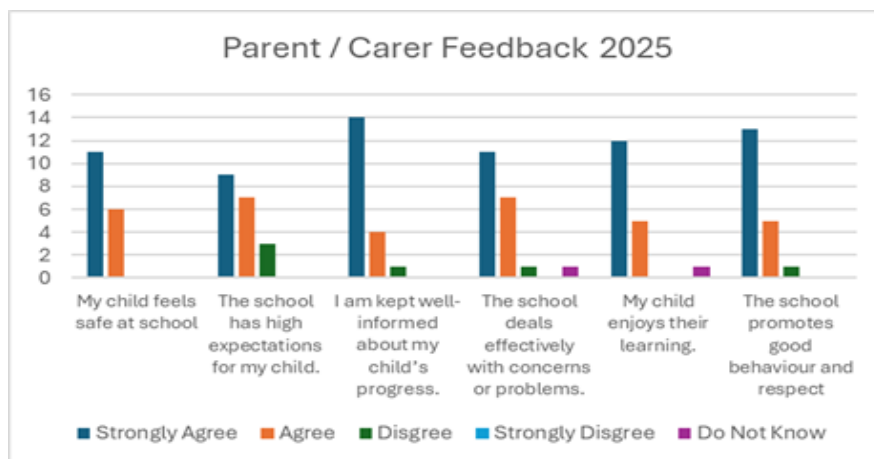
**Lateness – 1751 minutes late
48 students**

The number of children who are persistently absent from school has increased over the last three years. Children who are missing their education regularly will have a detrimental impact on their learning and the progress they can make. Please work with us to ensure that your children are in school regularly.

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Parents Questionnaire Feedback

The chart below shows feedback from parents about how their children feel at school and how the school is doing overall. This information is very important to us and helps the Governors and staff make our school the best it can be. Thank you to everyone who has already shared their thoughts. If you haven't filled out the questionnaire yet, we would love to hear from you—your feedback really makes a difference!



Questionnaires can be filled in at any time during the school year, and we really appreciate all your feedback. Please scan the QR code below if you would like to complete one, and paper copies can be collected from Reception.

You Asked – We Answered

Thank you for all your positive comments –

"My child feels included and is noticed for his personality and learning"

"We are very happy with all aspects of the school and it's staff"

We also welcome your questions and suggested improvements. We will feedback any actions we take directly back to you here.

"The rocks in the playground are dangerous..."

Comment

These are to be removed as part of the playground renovations we are planning. More news to follow shortly!

Action



Your School, Our Voice - Governors update

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Harvest Festival Donations

A reminder, if you are able to donate a tin, packet or box of food or toiletries for Harvest Festival this year we supporting the Eastleigh Basics Bank with their plea for Harvest Donations for their food bank. Please hand any donations in to the school office by Friday 17th October. Thank you.

Applying for a secondary school place for parents of children in Year 6

At this time of year parents of children in Year 6, need to apply for a secondary school place for their child next September. The application round is now open and all applications must be made, online by 31st October. You can find out more and apply online by following this link:

<https://educationonlineportal.hants.gov.uk/EducationOnlinePortal/en?ReturnUrl=%2FEducationOnlinePortal>

Friends - parent teacher association

Friends of Cherbourg PTA have an event coming up over the next few weeks. Details below:

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. If you would like photos taken of your whole family, mum, dad, grandparents etc please book an appointment slot via the school office.

Black History Week

October is Black History Month in the UK, when we seek to acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of Black people to British society and globally. We will be celebrating this next week across the school through a range of literacy, music, and art experiences. We hope that you will enjoy talking to your children during the work about their learning.

Year 5 have also been experiencing a weekly workshop with Helena Boyce founder of YouBuntu which was started to create safe and educated spaces for the exploration of important topics surrounding Racism, Diversity and Inclusion. The workshops are currently taking place on Wednesdays. Please do ask your children what they have learnt.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school on Wednesday 5th November until Monday 10th November. It will be held in the library from 3.30pm each day.

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Siblings Photo Morning

We have listened to our parents' suggestion of having a sibling photo opportunity and we are going to trial this format. **Please note: The school photographer has said for this photo session to go ahead there needs to be at least half of our sibling families signing up.** This is new to us as a school as we have always done the family photo option instead as part of Friends of Cherbourg PTA.

We have managed to secure, at very late notice, a booking of our school photographer to come in on the morning of Wednesday 22nd October to take sibling photos.

Please look out for a google form link that will be sent to our sibling families **only** over the next few days to request that your child have their photo taken with their sibling in school.

Citizens Advice – Morning Chat at Cherbourg Primary School

We have a 'Morning Chat' with a member of staff from Citizens Advice Eastleigh on Thursday 6th November, 9am-10am.

There will be a short presentation about how Citizens Advice can help you and then there is an opportunity to speak to the representative on a 1:1 basis.

Please come along, no need to book!



Support for your family

We can help with:

- Benefit checks and questions
- Debt assessments
- Family issues
- Housing problems
- Employment issues
- Fuel & Food vouchers eligibility

All advice is completely free, confidential and independent.

More info: 

citizens advice Eastleigh Or talk to our Family & School Adviser families@caeastleigh.org
101 Leigh Road - Eastleigh - SO50 9DR

And Finally!

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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

Parents Evening	-	Tuesday 21 st October 2025 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Parents Evening	-	Wednesday 22 nd October 2025 3.30pm – 7pm
Sibling Photo Morning	-	Wednesday 22 nd October 2025
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 (information to follow)
Year 4 Living Rainforest Trip	-	Wednesday 11 th November 2025
Year 6 Calshot Residential	-	Weds 3 rd Dec – Fri 5 th Dec 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

