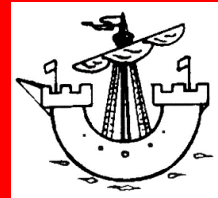


Cherbourg Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 24th September 2025 Number 2



Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have all been enjoying the sunshine when it is out. Hopefully we will see a bit more of it before the Autumnal weather kicks in. Please keep your eye on the weather forecast though and send your children into school with coats if the weather looks like it is going to change to showers or be colder.

The leadership team have been completing learning walks across the school with two visitors from the Local Authority. We have been pleased with the calmness which is evident across the school, the inclusive classrooms, the children's engagement in lessons and the high expectations which are already evident. There has been lots to celebrate already and I have enjoyed seeing many children across the week coming to share their learning with me. It has been lovely to see the year R children fully in school now and I know the team are working hard to get to know all the children as individuals.

Our school priorities for the coming year are to continue to focus on the development of writing standards across the school and to continue to ensure teaching and learning is always the best it can be.

Please do remember that if you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to pop into school and either ask in the office or make an appointment to speak to one of the leadership team. We are always on the gates too if you need a quick chat.

I hope you enjoy the weekend and we look forward to seeing you all next week.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Wendy Smith
Headteacher

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A reminder - Half term - Monday 27th October – 31st October 2025

Safeguarding

Planned security drill - 'Keeping safe practice'

Please find attached a letter detailing important information regarding our safeguarding procedures. We will be carrying out a planned security drill later this half term. Please read the information in the letter and do please get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Introduction to the Pastoral Team

We have trained ELSAs in school: Miss Fenna and Mrs Cressell-Boyes who work with individual children who may be needing some emotional support for a variety of reasons. Please speak to Mrs Sullivan if you think your child may benefit from some additional support.

Attendance

Attendance Data for the period Monday 15th September – Wednesday 24th September

Whole school attendance – 94.8% 

Year R	95.2%		
Year 1	97.7%		Best class
Year 2	94%		4M 98.5%
Year 3	93.9%		Well Done!
Year 4	93.5%		
Year 5	94.6%		
Year 6	94.8%		

Lateness – 728 minutes

We appreciate that households are busy in the mornings which is why we have a 15 minute window at the start of the day to allow for a little bit of flexibility. Therefore, it is important for your child to be in school by 8.50am. It can be unsettling for the children coming into the class late and missing the start of the lesson.

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Harvest Donations - Food Bank

For Harvest Festival this year we supporting the Eastleigh Basics Bank with their plea for Harvest Donations for their food bank. If you are able to donate a tin, packet or box of food or toiletries to this cause please hand them in to the school office by Friday 17th October. Thank you.

Playground

Thank you for your kind donations for our sponsored sing-a-thon last term which we are using to help develop our outside play provision. I will be posting a regular update in our fortnightly newsletter letting you know where we are at in the process.

We are currently having visitors in from a variety of different playground development companies to look at our site and provide us with some suggestions and quotations, which we can then share with you.

Volunteering

We are looking for volunteers to come into school and support with listening to children read or help keeping the library tidy. You would need to have a clear DBS (which can be arranged through school) and complete a safeguarding induction. If you think you can commit to some regular hours, please let us know.

Friends - parent teacher association

If you are interested in volunteering in the PTA please contact friends.admin@cherbourg.org.uk and somebody will be able to help you.

Welly Appeal

Our Forest Schools team are asking if any of our families have any spare, unused wellies that you may have that you could donate to school to be used for our Forest Schools outings. If you are able to help please hand them into the office, or give them to either Miss Francis or Mr Mullett.

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

Year 6 Winchester Courts Trip	-	6RAII Wednesday 8 th October 2025
	-	6M Thursday 9 th October 2025
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