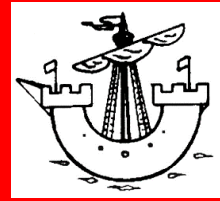


Cherbourg Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 25th September 2026 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 has been completing learning walks across the school over the last few weeks. 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 increase the number of children who are achieving well in reading, writing and maths, to continue to ensure teaching and learning is always the best it can be and to support families to ensure children have good attendance.

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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Safeguarding - Online Safety

The NSPCC has published figures showing which platforms children name when they talk to Childline about online sexual abuse.

The Apps mentioned were Snapchat, TikTok, Instagram, Discord and WhatsApp. The minimum age for all of these APPs is 13. Some Apps permit younger users under the direct supervision of adults. PLEASE make sure that you are aware of what your children are interacting with online and you teach them regularly about how to keep safe online.

Attendance

Our current whole school attendance is 95.9%.

We currently have 223 out of 334 children on 100% attendance since returning to school on 3rd September. This is a great achievement and we appreciate the hard work that has gone into making sure children are in school.

Well done to 3E who achieved 100% attendance for the first 10 days of school!

Remember, we are continuing our 100% half termly award. Children who have achieved 96% attendance from Thursday 3rd September up until October half term, will get one entry in the draw and children who have achieved 100%, will receive 2 entries to win an Amazon voucher.

****As you know, we are now using a programme called 'A Star Attendance'. While this helps us closely monitor all children's attendance, it is also an opportunity to help us support you and your family. Please come to the school office and you can make an appointment with Mrs Smith or Miss Fenna to come and talk to us.****

Wrap around Care

We still have spaces in our wrap around care provision both for mornings and after school. If you would like a space, please let us know as soon as possible.

Sport Update

We have had basketball and football fixtures from ages year 1 – year 6, boys and girls with 36 different children representing our school within the first 3 weeks of term. Well done Team Cherbourg! Looking forward to many more upcoming matches. Please see our school Instagram @cherbourgprimary for our sports updates.

Friends - parent teacher association

FRIENDS of Cherbourg is our PTA, a group of parents/carers, family members and staff who come together to organise fun events, raise money for the school and help make a difference to our children's experience at Cherbourg.

A reminder that we will be holding our AGM on **Thursday 22nd October at 3.30pm**, where we will vote in the key PTA roles for the coming year, such as Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Whether you are interested in putting yourself forward for a role or not, please come along if you can. We need enough people present for the AGM to go ahead.

We hope lots of you will join us and help make this year a success. Every contribution, however big or small, helps!

Communication - Recommended procedure for parents

Your concerns are very important to us and in a large school, it can be more challenging trying to speak to the Headteacher or Assistant Headteachers in the first instance. We know that when parents have a concern that relates to their child at school, whether it's pastoral, curriculum or staffing in nature, they often feel the best way forward is to ask to see the Headteacher or Assistant Headteacher. In our experience many of these concerns can often be most quickly resolved by talking first to the most appropriate person.

We are hoping that by using this flow chart, all concerns can be addressed quickly.

Learning concern	Pastoral concern (Pastoral care covers our support of your child's individual needs, their emotional wellbeing and helping them with any personal problems they may be experiencing at school.)	Concern relating to particular learning or physical needs Where a concern is related to a special need and you feel an adjustment may be required to support successful learning e.g. issues related to ASD (autistic spectrum disorders), dyslexia or dyspraxia or physical disabilities	Issues relating to staff	Concerns and queries relating to school administration
Please raise your concern with the child's class teacher in the first instance	Please raise your concern with the child's class teacher	Please raise your concern with your child's class teacher in the first instance.	Please contact reception who will forward your concern to the most appropriate person	Please speak to Mrs Tiller Administration Manager
If you feel the class teacher is unable to help please contact the Learning Champions. Our Learning Champions are responsible for the behaviour and pastoral care of each of their phases. EYFS & Year 1 - Miss Pyatt Years 2/3 - Mrs Stevens Years 4/5/6 - Miss Samuels		Please arrange an appointment with our SENCO Mrs Freemantle or our Inclusion Manager Mrs Sullivan		
Please make an appointment to see one of our Assistant Headteachers: Mrs Sullivan or Mrs Watson or Mrs Smith, the Headteacher if you remain concerned after following the steps above.				
Teachers are available after school for informal conversations and appointments can be made with all of the above by contacting the school office on 02380 612557 or emailing admin@cherbourg.hants.sch.uk . If you are writing to the school it is really helpful if you give us as much information about the background of your concern or complaint as possible, including who it involves, and what you would like the outcome to be.				
Our Chair of Governors, Lucy Cruickshanks is also here to support when a parent has a concern or complaint. She can be contacted through the school office. Our full school complaints policy can be found on our website or a hard copy can be obtained from the school office.				

Harvest donations

To celebrate Harvest Festival this year we are asking our families if you could help us with small donations to the Eastleigh Basics Bank. They would really appreciate a donation of any of the following:

- **Tinned fish** - tuna, sardines, mackerel etc
- **Tinned meat meals** - curry, hot dogs, chilli con carne, ravioli, mince, stew, Fray Bentos pies etc
- **Corned beef**
- **Tinned ham**
- **Tinned potatoes**
- **Tinned vegetables**
- **Dried spaghetti**
- **Tinned spaghetti**
- **Kidney beans**
- **Instant noodles & pasta**
- **Cook in sauces**
- **Long grain rice** - not the microwaveable type please
- **Tinned fruit** - peaches, fruit cocktail, pineapples etc
- **Desserts** - rice pudding, custard, jelly, Angel Delight, sponge puddings etc.
- **Jam, marmalade, peanut butter, honey etc**
- **Milk (long-life)**
- **Porridge** - traditional and instant
- **Biscuits**
- **Tea**
- **Coffee**
- **Hot Chocolate**
- **Soft drinks** - squash, long life juice, fizzy drinks etc.
- **Soap / handwash**
- **Shampoo**
- **Shower gel**
- **Toothpaste**
- **Toothbrushes**
- **Deodorant** - men's and women's
- **Tampons**
- **Nappies** - size 5 and upwards
- **Disposable razors**
- **Washing up liquid**
- **Toilet rolls**
- **Laundry tablets**
- **Dog food** - tinned and dried

If you could help with any of these please hand your donation to your class teacher or bring them to the office by Monday 19th 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>

And finally!

Could you help make our school even better?

We are looking for parents to become school governors. Governors are a group of volunteers who support the school, setting goals, asking questions and helping make important decisions about how the school is run.

You don't need any special qualifications or experience — just an interest in the school and a willingness to get involved. Training and support are provided.

Here's a short video explaining a little about what we do: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mRqJ_bFipHk

If you'd like to find out more, please contact the office or our Chair of Governors at lucy.cruickshanks@cherbourg.org.uk.

IMPORTANT DATES

Inset Days

Friday 20th November 2026

Friday 30th April 2027

Monday 28th June 2027

School Holiday Dates

Monday 26 th October – 30 th October 2026	-	Half Term
Monday 21 st December – Friday 1 st January 2027	-	Christmas Holidays
Monday 15 th February – Friday 19 th February 2027	-	Half Term
Thursday 25 th March – Friday 9 th April 2027	-	Easter Holidays
Monday 3 rd May 2027	-	Bank Holiday (May Day)
Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June 2027	-	Half Term
Wednesday 21 st July 2027	-	Start of the school summer holidays

Diary Dates

Wednesday 30 th September 2026	-	Flu Immunisation Day (children only) Information already been emailed to all parents
Friday 9 th October 2026	-	School Photos Individuals
Monday 19 th October 2026	-	School Photos (Siblings) (a google form will be sent to families to sign up nearer the time)
Wednesday 25 th November 2026 4pm – 6pm	-	Family Photo session (more details to follow)
Wednesday 2 nd December – Friday 4 th December 2026	-	Year 6 Residential at Calshot
Thursday 15 th April 2027	-	School Photos Class groups