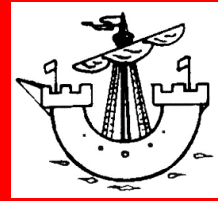


# Cherbourg Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 11th September 2025      Number 1



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the first newsletter of the year. I hope that you all enjoyed a lovely summer break and managed to have some well deserved family time!

The staff have been busy during the school holidays to ensure that the classrooms are ready and welcoming and an exciting place for the children to learn. The children have settled back into school brilliantly and look very smart in their uniforms. I have been in all the classrooms and have been impressed with how the children are learning and listening well to the teachers. The school feels calm and purposeful which is great to see.

May I express a huge warm welcome to all of our new families who have joined us this term. For those of you new to year R and new to our school, I feel confident that you will enjoy being a part of our special community and I know you will be made to feel welcome.

We have lots of exciting learning opportunities planned this year and the team and I are currently looking at further ways to engage with all members of our community to enable you to get into school more throughout the year. Please also reach out to us if you are struggling in any way at all. Our door is always open and we are here to support our families where we can.

I would like to introduce our new Learning Champion roles to you. Four members of our existing teaching team have become our new Learning Champions for this year and will be leading a phase across the school. They will be supporting the Senior Leadership Team in ensuring that we deliver our vision across the school, continue to raise standards and ensure that there is a consistent approach to learning. They are also there to support communication between school and families - please refer to the communication poster included in this newsletter.

Our Learning Champions are: Miss Pyatt in EYFS, Mrs Fiona Stevens leading years 1 and 2, Mrs Gemma Thomas leading years 3 and 4 and Miss Charlie Samuels leading years 5 and 6. I am sure they will become a familiar face throughout the year.

I do hope you too have had a successful start to the school year and I look forward to sharing our news with you over the coming weeks and months ahead.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Wendy Smith  
Headteacher

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### **Safeguarding**

Safeguarding is our most important role in school. We have five trained designated safeguarding leaders who ensure that our safeguarding policies are adhered to, staff are regularly trained on safeguarding issues and actions are put in place to ensure that all our children are safe. We also have designated safeguarding leads within breakfast, bugs and holiday club to ensure that we continue our vigilance outside of the school day also. Please come and talk to us if you are worried about the safety of children.

**Safeguarding Leaders: Mrs Smith, Mrs Sullivan, Mrs Watson, Mrs Freeland, Mrs Freemantle.**

**Breakfast, Bugs, Holiday club safeguarding leaders: Miss Fenna, Miss Francis, Miss Brown**

### **Attendance**

A reminder that school begins at 8.50am and it is important that children are in school on time. Please remember that the gates do open at 8.35am which gives a 15 minute window in which you can get your children into school.

Please be mindful of booking holidays in term time. Holidays are not deemed as exceptional circumstances in the majority of cases and may be subject to a penalty notice or further legal action. Each request for an absence from school is considered as an individual case in line with our policy.

Please also make sure that if your child is absent from school for any reason, that you make contact with the school. If we do not hear from you, this is deemed a safeguarding risk and we may need to make a home visit to make sure that everyone is safe and well. Please just pick up the phone or drop an email to the office.

### **School Values - Focus: Inclusiveness**

We will be having a focus on one of our school values each half term and staff will be referring to the value in everything we do in school. Our first school value is inclusiveness and is at the heart of our school. Please talk to your children at home about how they can be inclusive for example letting siblings play with them, sharing toys at home etc.

### **School Uniform/P.E Uniform**

Thank you for making sure our children have returned to school looking very smart in their uniforms. As a reminder, children across the school should be wearing school uniform daily and bringing their PE kit into school to change into - please refer to the class communication so you know when your child's PE days are.

### **Free school meals**

If you think you are entitled to free school meals please apply by clicking on the link <https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants> or pop into the school office for a paper form. Even if your child does not want to have a school dinner please do still apply as school gets extra funding for every FSM. Thank you.

## **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.

| <b>Learning concern</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Pastoral concern</b><br><br>(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.) | <b>Concern relating to particular learning or physical needs</b><br><br>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 | <b>Issues relating to staff</b>                                                       | <b>Concerns and queries relating to school administration</b> |
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| 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<br><br>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.<br><br>EYFS – Miss Pyatt<br>Years 1/2 - Mrs Stevens<br>Years 3/4 - Mrs Thomas<br>Years 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 <a href="mailto:admin@cherbourg.hants.sch.uk">admin@cherbourg.hants.sch.uk</a> . 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.                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                       |                                                               |

### **Cherbourg Pantry**

If you have not yet been in through the main entrance of the school, you will not have seen our new Cherbourg Pantry. With the economic climate meaning that there can be financial challenges for families, we want to be able to support our community in times of need. The pantry has donations of food and toiletries and school uniform. Please help yourself if you are ever in need. We welcome any donations if you are able to support others - please pop donations in the baskets.

### **Safe Parking**

Please can we remind parents/carers to park sensibly on the roads surrounding the school. Please be mindful of where you are parking and refrain from parking across residents drives and in the turning circle at the top end of Cranbury Road. This not only causes congestion but obstructs our families and children being able to walk safely to school.

A reminder that the roads around the school are 20mph, please adhere to this speed limit for the safety of our children. Thank you.

### **Friends - parent teacher association**

Friends of Cherbourg - PTA

Friends is our Parent Teacher Association, an organisation with a mission to make the school a better place for children to learn. Cherbourg Primary's Friends brings together parents, teachers and children to raise funds and strengthen the school community. Money raised is usually spent on things that the school budget does not cover.

Events that you may be able to help out at are discos, fetes/fayres, table top sales and more. As a volunteer on the PTA, you commit the time that you can, whether you can help at one event or all of them, your help will always be very much appreciated! We have regular committee meetings that are usually based at school.

Friends have already been busy over the holidays planning a calendar of fundraising and community events over the course of the year which they will be sending out to you very soon. Please do consider getting involved; your help is very much appreciated and benefits the school and the children greatly.

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

### **Contact Details**

Please keep the school office up to date with any changes to your contact numbers, email addresses or if you have moved house over the summer. You can either pop in to speak to the office staff or email [admin@cherbourg.hants.sch.uk](mailto:admin@cherbourg.hants.sch.uk) to let us know of any changes.

## **Term Dates**

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

#### **Inset Days**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026

#### **School Holiday Dates**

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| Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October – 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2025          | - | Half Term                           |
| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2026   | - | Christmas Holidays                  |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 | - | Half Term                           |
| Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2026       | - | Easter Holidays                     |
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026                                          | - | Bank Holiday (May Day)              |
| Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2026           | - | Half Term                           |
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2026                                      | - | Start of the school summer holidays |

#### **Diary Dates**

Year 6 Winchester Courts Trip – early October but dates to be confirmed and a letter to follow

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| Year 4 Living Rainforest Trip (letter to follow) | - | Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2025                  |
| Year 6 Calshot Residential                       | - | Weds 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec – Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2026   |
| Class 4P Beaulieu Residential                    | - | Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan – Weds 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2026 |
| Class 4M Beaulieu Residential                    | - | Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan – Wes 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2026  |

