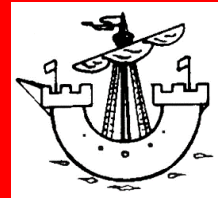


Cherbourg Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 10th September 2026 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 we hope you will be able to join us throughout the year to celebrate the children's learning. 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.

We are delighted with our new library which the children have been visiting this week. We look forward to sending books home from next week and we are looking at ways in which we can share our library with the wider community.

Our new playground equipment (Phase one of our development) is being fitted today and we look forward to beginning to use the new fitness equipment from next week. The equipment is not to be used by any children out of school hours or when children are arriving or leaving school. Thank you for your support in making sure that the equipment is used safely.

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 six 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.

The school has a team of Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs)



Wendy Smith – DSL



Catrin Sullivan –DDSL



Helen Watson - DDSL



Michelle Tucker – DDSL



Laura Freemantle – DDSL



Harriet Pyatt – DDSL



Carla Fenna (DDSL)



Georgia Brown (DDSL)



Jess Francis (DDSL)

Parent/Carer Code of Conduct Policy

As we have started a new academic year we wanted to share with you again our current Parent/Carer Code of Conduct Policy. The policy is attached with this newsletter. Please take the time to read it.

A reminder of our school values which apply to everyone.

Inclusiveness, Honesty, Responsibility, Kindness, & Resilience

Mobile phone policy (including the use of smart watches)

We are currently in the process of updating our mobile phone policy to include all of our community and not just pupils.

We are a mobile phone free school, **this includes smart watches**. If your child is in year 5 or 6, they walk home alone and you request that they have their phone with them, then you must complete the authorisation form ensuring that your children are aware of the rules. Thank you to parents who have already completed this form.

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.

Every day, every lesson, every minute counts. It is important that your child is in school regularly and on time. The benefits of being in school gives children a sense of belonging, a place to make friends, enjoy a wide range of learning activities and opportunities and to progress in learning. We are here to support you through any challenges and want to be able to work alongside you to keep attendance high.

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. 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 do just pick up the phone or drop an email to the office.

Since returning to school last week, Cherbourg have been using a programme called 'A Star Attendance'.

This helps us to monitor our attendance and lateness more closely. By using 'A Star Attendance', we can send out letters when children's attendance drops below a specific percentage, making you aware that we will be in contact to meet with you and help where we can.

It is important that you continue to call the school office to let us know if your child will not be in school, by doing this, your child's attendance is recorded correctly. If we do not hear from you, we may come to do a welfare call at your home.

Remember, gates open at 8.35am and close at 8.50am, giving you a 15 minute window to get into school. Children arriving after 8.50am will be given a late mark and this will impact on their attendance and learning.

Medical Information including allergies

Please make sure that we have up to date information on any medical conditions your child may have including any allergies. In line with the new Benedict's Law, all staff in our school have received training on spotting the signs a child is having an allergic reaction and what urgent actions we need to take. We will be publishing our policy shortly.

Spotlight on Diabetes

We have a member of our school community who is running the London Marathon next April to help raise money for a charity that funds research into Type 1 diabetes.

Breakthrough T1D is committed to eradicating type 1 diabetes (T1D). Their research has led to new developments in T1D technology and treatment and is laying the foundations for a cure.

Breakthrough T1D supports everyone living with T1D by working with policy makers to increase availability of treatments and by providing information and resources to help people manage their condition.

School Uniform/PE Uniform

Thank you for making sure our children have returned to school looking very smart in their uniforms.

Free school meals

As you will be aware, the criteria for eligibility for free school meals changed on the 1st September 2026. Any family in receipt of universal credit is now entitled to free school meals. If you have not recently applied please do so using the following link

<https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants>

Even if your child is unlikely to eat a meal there is additional funding for schools linked to the numbers of free school meals eligible children we have on roll. If you have any queries please contact Caroline Tiller in the school office.

Safe Parking and consideration to our community

Please take care when driving and parking around the school. In particular can you please avoid stopping or parking in the top end of Cranbury Road, so that parents are able to turn around safely. Please remember that children and families are leaving the site, and crossing roads; please be vigilant.

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.

With the Summer Fair being such a success, we'd love to keep the momentum going.

We would like to organise events and activities throughout the year to bring our school community together and, of course, raise funds for the benefit of our children. But we can't do it without parental involvement. We are already looking forward to planning our Christmas Fair.

Whether you have lots of time to give or can only help occasionally, we would love to hear from you. There is no commitment to attend every meeting or help at every event. As much or as little involvement as you would like is very welcome. Being part of the PTA doesn't mean having to take on a big commitment. Some people might help organise an event, while others might simply volunteer for an hour at a fair or donate a cake. Every bit of help makes a difference.

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.

The money raised by Friends of Cherbourg goes directly towards making a difference for the children. We're delighted to have already funded a sensory wall this year.

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

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.

Flu Immunisation



Annual flu vaccination

We are coming to Cherbourg Primary School on **30th September 2026** to give pupils their annual flu vaccination and would like your consent to vaccinate your child.

How to respond

It's important to let us know whether you do or do not want your child to have the vaccination. It will take less than 5 minutes to respond using the link below.

Flu Vaccination Form <https://www.hiowhealthcareimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu?schoolcode=SH115887>

You need to respond by **28th September 2026**. Please enter the Year group that your child is currently in.

If you cannot use the online form, you can respond over the phone using the contact details below.

About the children's flu vaccine

The vaccine protects against flu, which can cause serious health problems such as bronchitis and pneumonia. It is recommended for children from Reception to Year 11 every year.

[Find out more about the children's flu vaccine on NHS.UK](#)

You can also find a range of [information resources about the vaccine on GOV.UK](#), including in other languages.

How the vaccine is given

Most children are given the vaccine as a nasal spray. This is a quick and painless spray up the nose and offers the best protection against flu.

The nasal spray contains a small amount of gelatine derived from pigs (porcine gelatine). If your child does not use gelatine products, or cannot have the nasal spray for medical reasons, you can choose an alternative injected vaccine that has no gelatine or any other animal product. You can request this in the consent form. This vaccine will be given at the session in school. Please contact either the school immunisation team or your school if you want to be present for this.

[Find out more about the use of gelatine in the flu vaccine \(including the views of faith communities\)](#)

Contact us

Speak to a member of our team by calling 02382 318 318 or email hiowh.swimms@nhs.net.

IMPORTANT DATES

Inset Days

Tuesday 1st September 2026
Wednesday 2nd September 2026
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

