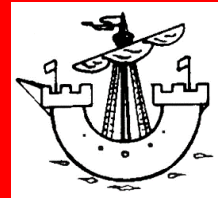


# Cherbourg Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 2nd July 2026      Number 16



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone last week for persevering with the many messages we sent last week as we risk assessed the extreme heat we were experiencing and made changes to our provision. It certainly was a very hot week. Apologies for the cancellation of some events last week - they are always completed with everyone's safety in mind.

It was a pleasure to host our annual Sports Award evening this week and it was lovely to see so many of you there supporting your children. Cherbourg has had some amazing sporting achievements throughout the year, which is a testament to your children and to our amazing sports coach Miss H, who not only organises all the events but also inspires the children too.

The School Games Mark is a government-led award scheme. It celebrates schools' commitment to development competitive sport within their school and community. I am delighted that we have been awarded the Platinum award this year - the highest award available.

I can't believe that we are rapidly approaching the end of this academic year! Children have already started spending some time with their new class teacher in our transition events. Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs McCarthy-Gladstone at the end of this term as she relocates overseas to begin new adventures with her family. Mrs McCarthy-Gladstone started her teaching career with us two years ago and has been an enthusiastic, friendly and highly valued member of our school team. We will certainly miss her presence next year but wish her well in her new teaching role.

As we approach the end of this year, there will be some reminders coming out ready for September so please do refer back to the newsletters. Please also keep your eye on the calendar so you don't miss any of the end of term events.

Please can you settle any dinner money, Bugs club, trip money debts before the end of term so we can start afresh in the new school year.

Please remember to send your child into school with suncream applied, hats and water bottles.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Wendy Smith  
Headteacher

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## Attendance

Our current whole school attendance is 94.2% which is falling below the National expectation and the personalised school target that has been set for us by the Department of Education. Please do all you can to be on time and make routine medical appointments outside of school hours where possible.

### **Attendance Data for the period Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July**

Whole school attendance – 94.2% 

Year R - 96.2% 

Year 1 - 94.4% 

Year 2 - 94% 

Year 3 - 94.5% 

Year 4 - 93.7% 

Year 5 - 92.4% 

Year 6 - 94.5% 

2,266 mins late  

### ***Attendance Rewards!***

Is your child in the Attendance Reward raffle this half term to have a chance of winning an Amazon voucher?

Numbers so far are:

96%+ - currently there are 203 children

100% - currently there are 107 children

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Children's reports will be coming out later this term which will include your child's attendance certificate. You will notice that we have used some different coding for the optional school closure afternoons that were offered which will be authorised.

### **Safeguarding**

We have a new mobile phone policy for September which is attached to this newsletter for your perusal. Should your child need to have a phone because they walk home by themselves, they will still be able to bring their phone to school. However, we will be asking parents to complete the authorisation form that will be sent home shortly. These forms are also available from the school office.

### **Library Update**

We are excited that our new library is being fitted within the school holidays and we look forward to sharing that with you at the start of the next school year.

### **Playground Update**

We are pleased to confirm that we are currently finalising the installation of our new equipment which will take place in the summer holidays too. This will be stage one of the playground improvements.

### **Street Dance Club**

Congratulations to the Street Dance Club for winning a trophy for best story telling dance group who performed on stage at the Barton Peveril dance off recently. They all danced their socks off and we are very proud of them. Well done to all involved.

### **Reminder – Don't Forget to Order a School Dinner!**

We are still having an increase of children who haven't ordered their daily lunch. We have been with Swift Kitchen for over a year now and it is parents' responsibility to remember to sign their children up for a school dinner each day (this can be ordered well in advance if you wish).

***From September if parents haven't ordered for their children by the cut off time of 8.30am you will receive a phonecall to bring in a packed lunch.***

Please can we also ask that if your child is not going to be in school for any reason and a lunch has been ordered that parents' cancel their dinner order via the Swift App before the cut off time of 8.30am on the day! Thank you.

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## Holidays Help and Support

Please see below a flyer advertising support for families throughout the summer break. There is another one attached to this newsletter.

A flyer for 'Summer Stay & Play' for children aged 4-8 with special educational needs. The background is a gradient of orange and red. At the top left is a yellow sun icon. The title 'Summer Stay & Play' is in large blue font. Below it, in smaller blue font, is 'For Children Aged 4-8 With Special Educational Needs'. Further down, in blue font, is 'A safe and inclusive group packed full of fun activities run by trained professionals'. In the center is an illustration of three children (two girls and one boy) sitting on the floor, painting and drawing. To the right of the illustration, the dates and times are listed: '4th August 1.30 - 3.30' and '10th August 9.30 - 11.30'. Below this is the location: 'St Barnabas Church, Fromond Road, Winchester, SO22 6EF'. At the bottom left, it says '£5 per family' and 'Limited spaces so booking is essential'. Below that, in blue font, is 'Please note that parents/carers must stay for the entire session. Refreshments for adults and children will be provided.' At the bottom right is a QR code.

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Stay & Play**

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**4th August  
1.30 - 3.30**

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**10th August  
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Winchester  
SO22 6EF

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## Inset Days for 26/27

Our Inset Days have been set for the next academic school year 26/27. They are as follows:

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2026  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2027  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2027

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## Friends - Parent Teacher Association

*A reminder of our next non-uniform day on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July in return for a bottle for our bottle tombola at our Summer Fair on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July*



**Come along to our summer fair, everybody welcome, friends, family, neighbours, spread the word!**

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## **IMPORTANT DATES**

### **Inset Days**

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

### **School Holiday Dates**

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2026 - Start of the school summer holidays

### **Diary Dates**

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2026 - Year 6 trip to Paultons Park

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2026 - Summer Fair 1pm – 3.30pm

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2026 - Year 6 Production (more information to follow) 1.30pm – 3pm

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2026 - Year 6 Production (more information to follow) 6pm – 7.30pm

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026 - Last day of school – break up for the Summer holidays  
Early finish at 12midday

**A reminder that we have an Inset Day  
tomorrow, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

**School is closed to all pupils**