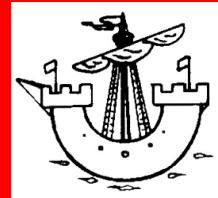


Cherbourg Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 26th March 2026 Number 12



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for all your support this half term in what has been a short but very busy one.

It has been a fantastic response to parent evening bookings and I know Miss Fenna has been doing a brilliant job of making sure everyone is getting booked in. It would be lovely to have 100% attendance. Please get in touch if you are yet to make an appointment. It is a great opportunity for you to share your children's work with them and to hear what they are doing well in school and how they can be supported further.

Thank you for all your support with our fundraising day for Comic Relief. With your generosity and the children's keenness to see teachers receive a pie to the face, we have raised a total of £207. I would like to say a big thank you to the staff who were good sports during the assembly: Mrs Boukari, Mr Bundy, Miss H, Mr Haskett and Miss Harwood who received the most pies!

Thank you also for supporting with our recognition of World Down Syndrome Day by encouraging your children to wear odd socks for the day.

We have completed a further Keeping Safe practice this half term. This took part when school was running normally and children responded brilliantly, getting themselves to a safe space.

I hope you are able to enjoy the Easter break and we will keep our fingers crossed for some lovely Spring weather.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Smith
Headteacher

A reminder Easter Holidays are Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April 2026

Attendance

Thursday 5th March – Wednesday 25th March

Whole School – 93.3%



Year R - 94.1%

Lateness 338 minutes



Year 1 - 94.6%

Lateness 396 minutes



Year 2 - 93.6%

Lateness 290 minutes



Year 3 - 95.7%

Lateness 115 minutes



Year 4 - 90.8%

Lateness 257 minutes



Year 5 - 93%

Lateness 174 minutes



Year 6 - 91.5%

Lateness 281 minutes



Lateness – 1851 minutes total



Between the dates of 5th March – 25th March we have received 13 holiday requests. Out of these 13 there will be 29 unauthorised days absence.

Please click on the link for the NHS advice – 'Is My Child Too Ill for School'?

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

To reward and encourage good attendance we will be starting a half termly raffle after Easter for children for the half term with attendance at 96% and above. Children will be entered into a raffle to win an Amazon voucher and children with attendance of 100% will be entered twice.



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Safeguarding

With the evenings getting lighter, please make sure you have conversations with your children about keeping themselves safe if you are allowing them to play out with friends.

School Uniform

Please can we ensure that children are wearing appropriate PE kit after the break. There are some very tiny shorts creeping in which are not appropriate for lessons in school. Please can you make sure your child's shorts are at an acceptable length.

Playground Update

We have compiled the children's ideas into a plan for the playground and children are currently discussing what options are the most popular and are within our budget. I hope to update you next term with a more finite plan which we can then see develop.

A reminder - Dogs

We have a few members of our school community that are a bit anxious around dogs and find it unsettling when there are dogs outside school gates at drop off and collection times. We would appreciate it if you could please stand with your dog away from the entrance and exit gates at these times. Thank you.

End of the financial year

Any residential or trips that have already taken place should now have been paid for and balances should be £0. If you still have any outstanding debts owed to the school please ensure these are cleared by the end of March unless a prior payment arrangement has been agreed by SLT or Caroline Tiller. Thank you.

If you would like to discuss any outstanding balances owed, please contact Caroline Tiller at caroline.tiller@cherbourg.org.uk or give school a ring on 023 80612557.

Friends - Parent Teacher Association

Please see details below of Friends of Cherbourg's upcoming events:

Friday Fun Day

*Friday 27th March
from 3.20pm
in the main playground*

Please come along for treats, drinks and games

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And finally!

A reminder that school finishes on Friday 27th March at 3.15/3.20pm for the Easter holidays and school returns on Monday 13th April at 8.50am.



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IMPORTANT DATES

Inset Days

Monday 1st June 2026

Friday 3rd July 2026

School Holiday Dates

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

Wednesday 15 th April 2026	-	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6.50pm
Thursday 16 th April 2026	-	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 5.20pm
Thursday 16 th April 2026	-	School Photographer – class groups & Year 6 portraits
Tuesday 28 th April 2026	-	Year 1 trip to Hilliers Aboretum, Romsey
Monday 11 th May – Thursday 14 th May 2026	-	KS2 SATs week
Friday 26 th June 2026	-	Year R trip to Longdown Dairy Farm (Letter to follow)
Wednesday 1 st July 2026	-	Year 2 trip to Southampton Art Gallery