

Newsletter



It's been such an exciting start to the new academic year! Our new Year R mud kitchen has now been installed, complete with two new covered tuff tray stands and a lovely new blackboard. We're now turning our attention to creating some softer areas in the playground using recycled wooden pallets (a big thank you to *The Flower Pots* for their support) and artificial grass, to give the children some quieter, more peaceful spaces to enjoy.

The highlight of last week was our first official Hampshire Cup football game against Fair Oak Junior School. A gigantic thank you to the absolutely amazing Caro Collings-O'Brien, who organised brand-new *Cheriton Sports Team* jumpers for the players – they'll now be worn proudly at all future sporting events. The team played brilliantly and, after a very close first half, Fair Oak came out on top, which means Cheriton now move into the Hampshire Plate Competition. The boys are already looking forward to their next match!

I've also entered the school into a Girls' Football Tournament in January (Years 4-6). So far, I've persuaded four girls to join – so I've got a few months to convince three more to complete our team! 😊

A huge thank you to all the parents for supporting the Reading Raffle. We've already seen a noticeable increase in pupils reading and changing their books in the library. We're also very excited to announce our first visiting author of the academic year (more details to follow soon), who will be leading a special assembly in November. Two more visiting authors are already lined up to come and inspire our young readers later in the academic year – so keep reading, everyone!

Finally, at the 7AS meeting last Friday, I managed to pin down the seven headteachers to give their support to encouraging parents to go smartphone-free until their children reach Year 9. Please do take a moment to read the joint 7AS statement that you should have received today. Cheriton Primary remains a phone-free school for its pupils, and we're proud to be promoting a smartphone free-childhood alongside our Alresford cluster schools.



Peter Castle
Head Teacher



DIARY DATES

14th/15th Oct	Parents Evenings
15th Oct	Harvest Festival
17th Oct	Christmas Boxes—last day for completion
24th Oct	Break up for Half-Term
3rd Nov	Individual school photos
11th Nov	Remembrance Day—10am at church—11am War Memorial
12th Nov	Basketball Competition—Perins
14th Nov	Children in Need
18th & 19th Nov	Bikeability—Yr6
28th Nov	INSET DAY
5th Dec	FRIENDS—Buy-a-Gift
9th Dec	Christmas Panto
11th Dec	Christmas Lunch
11th Dec	Nativity—Church, 6pm
12th Dec	FRIENDS—Hot Choc Event
18th Dec	School Choir—Café on the Green, 11.00am
19th Dec	Break up for Christmas—1.30pm
5th Jan	INSET DAY
13th Feb	FRIENDS—Children's Bake Sale
13th Feb	Break up for Half-Term
5th March	World Book Day
3rd March	FRIENDS—Pyjama Day & Surprise Event
13th March	FRIENDS—Mothers Day Gifts
20th March	Red Nose Day
27th March	Break up for Easter—1.30pm
8th May	FRIENDS—Plant Sale
22nd May	Sports Day
22nd May	Break up for Half Term
12th June	RESERVE Sports Day
15th to 17th June	Yr 5/6 Residential- Calshot

Term Dates: Sept 2025- July 2026

Autumn Term 2025 starts on Wednesday 3 September 2025 and ends on Friday 19 December 2025
(Half term from Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October 2025)

Spring Term 2026 starts on Monday 5 January 2026 and ends on Friday 27 March 2026 (Half term from Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February 2026)

Summer Term 2026 starts on Monday 13 April 2026 and ends on Wednesday 22 July 2026 (Half term from Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May 2026)

Term Dates: Sept 2026- July 2027

Autumn Term 2026 starts on Tuesday 1 September 2026 and ends on Friday 18 December 2026 (Half term from Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October 2026)

Spring Term 2027 starts on Monday 4 January 2027 and ends on Thursday 25 March 2027 (Half term from Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February 2027)

Summer Term 2027 starts on Monday 12 April 2027 and ends on Wednesday 21 July 2027 (Half term from Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June 2027) Term Start date



Once again Ellie has achieved great things with her squash. This weekend she has made the under 11's regional champion in the England squash aspire tournament.

WELL DONE ELLIE!!

What a star!!

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

A HUGE thanks to "Friends" for organising our wonderful annual MacMillan Tea/Coffee afternoon. This year £164.42 was raised for this amazing charity.

Thank you all for your support.



Parent Help at Cheriton...

We have been truly overwhelmed by how many parents have already come forward to offer their time, skills, and support for the school—thank you!

As you know, we currently do not have the budget for a site manager, so many of the tasks are site- and maintenance-based. If you have any skills that might benefit the school (DIY, electrical work, gardening, etc.), we would love to hear from you.

Here are some areas where parent help would make a big difference:

Listening to Readers (3:15–3:30pm, daily)

We are launching our new *Reading Angels* scheme, where parents support children by listening to them read at the end of the day. Thank you to those who have already volunteered—we'd love more helpers!

Library Support (12:15–12:45pm, daily)

Each day, two or three children in Owls take on library monitor duties. Parents can help by supervising, supporting, and encouraging them in their tasks of tidying, returning, and organising books.

Window Cleaning (half-termly)

External windows: If anyone has window-cleaning skills, we'd be very grateful for your help in keeping our school sparkling.

Internal windows: Our current cleaning contract does not cover this, so any help here would also be wonderful.

External Weeding (as needed)

We are responsible for keeping the stoned area around the side of the school weed-free. A parent (or small team) to keep on top of this would be a huge help.

Hanging Baskets (seasonal)

We would love to reintroduce hanging baskets at the front of the school. With winter planting season upon us (violas and pansies), this would really brighten up our entrance. Watering help would also be much appreciated.

Gardening Club (weekly)

Many hands make light work. We are always open for more parent support at our popular Wednesday lunchtime gardening club.

Transport to Sporting Events (as required)

Sometimes we struggle to get children to away fixtures. If you have a larger vehicle and could occasionally help with transport, we'd love to add you to an emergency support list.

If you are able to help with any of these areas—or if you have another skill that could benefit the school—please do let us know. As the year unfolds we will add to this list. Every bit of support makes a difference!

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Halloween Cooking Workshop

Friday 31st Oct
9.30am to 11.30pm
Ropley Village Hall SO24 0DU

- *Make a ghoulish pizza
- *4 vampire cookies
- *Goodie bag to take home full of Halloween fun!

email me for booking link
Best dressed wins a prize!

All Ingredients included!



Call Jo: 07735832882 Email: jo@cookstars.co.uk

SUNDAY STATION

St Simon & St Jude Church, Bramdean

The Rector and Benefice Children's Ministry Team invite you to join us for our next Benefice family service.



**Sunday 2nd
November 2025
10:15-11:00**

If you would like to receive regular reminders of services and connected events, please email Anne Newson at newson754@btinternet.com

**TREATS BUT
NO TRICKS!**

LIGHT ZONE

Friday 31st October 2025
5pm – 7pm,
St Michael's and All Angels,
Cheriton

Please come and join us!

HARVEST FESTIVAL Wednesday 15th October

Non-perishable food	Housekeeping	Toiletries
Baked beans	Aluminium foil	Deodorant (especially men's spray)
Biscuits	Anti-bac spray	Liquid soap
Cereals (Not porridge)	Anti-bacterial wipes	Shampoo
Coffee, tea and decaf coffee	Batteries – AAA, AA & C	Shaving foam
Cook in sauces, all types	Bleach	Shower gel
Cooking oil	Boxes tissues	
Dry rice	Cling film	
Granulated sugar	J-cloths	
Gravy granules	Kitchen rolls	
Jams/marmite	Spray cleaner	
Salt/pepper and table sauces	Strong black bin liners	
Squash and soft drinks	Toilet cleaner	
Tinned curry meals	Toilet rolls	
Tinned custard and rice pudding	Washing powder	
Tinned fruit	Washing up gloves	
Tinned meats including corned beef, hot dogs, luncheon	Washing up liquid	
Tinned pasta i.e ravioli, spag bol, mac cheese		
Tinned tomatoes		

Once again we will be supporting the Winchester Food Bank at our Harvest Festival. We would be very grateful for any donations, see list for some suggested items. Please bring into school on this day and put on the table under the stairs.
THANK YOU!

Buying Christmas Presents Online? Is it too early?!!

Don't forget if you are buying presents online you can raise money for the school without doing a thing! Go through 'easyfundraising' either using the link on the school website 'Parents' - 'Friends of Cheriton' page—scroll down to the bottom or go directly to

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cheritonprimary>

The 'easyfundraising' site will take you to the retailer (Amazon, M&S, Argos, John Lewis, Comet, Vodafone, eBay, Boden and Play.com - there are over 2,000), then a percentage of whatever you spend comes directly to us at no extra cost to yourself. It's the easiest way to help raise money for 'Friends' and the school. Thanks to all those who have already signed up, happy shopping everyone!



CHERITON PRIMARY SCHOOL
BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB BOOKING FORM

Child's Name(s): _____ Class: _____

Week Beginning: 3rd November 2025									
Monday	*	Tuesday	*	Wednesday	*	Thursday	*	Friday	*
Morning		Morning		Morning		Morning		Morning	
After School		After School		After School		After School		After School	

Week Beginning: 10th November 2025									
Monday	*	Tuesday	*	Wednesday	*	Thursday	*	Friday	*
Morning		Morning		Morning		Morning		Morning	
After School		After School		After School		After School		After School	

Week Beginning: 17th November 2025									
Monday	*	Tuesday	*	Wednesday	*	Thursday	*	Friday	*
Morning		Morning		Morning		Morning		Morning	
After School		After School		After School		After School		After School	

Week Beginning: 24th November 2025									
Monday	*	Tuesday	*	Wednesday	*	Thursday	*	Friday	*
Morning		Morning		Morning		Morning		INSET DAY	
After School		After School		After School		After School		INSET DAY	

Week Beginning: 1st December 2025									
Monday	*	Tuesday	*	Wednesday	*	Thursday	*	Friday	*
Morning		Morning		Morning		Morning		Morning	
After School		After School		After School		After School		After School	

Week Beginning: 8th December 2025									
Monday	*	Tuesday	*	Wednesday	*	Thursday	*	Friday	*
Morning		Morning		Morning		Morning		Morning	
After School		After School		After School		After School		After School	

Week Beginning: 15th December 2025									
Monday	*	Tuesday	*	Wednesday	*	Thursday	*	Friday	*
Morning		Morning		Morning		Morning		Morning	
After School		After School		After School		After School		No Club	

N.B - 24 HOURS NOTICE IS REQUIRED WHEN CANCELLING A BOOKING.

No of AM sessions 8am to 9am	Cost per session	No of Sessions	Total
	£5.00		£
No of PM sessions 3:30pm to 4.15pm	Cost per session	No of Sessions	Total
	£5.00		£

No of PM sessions 3:30pm to 5:00pm	Cost per session	No of Sessions	Total
	£7.50		£

To book sessions until 6:00pm Monday to Thursday or for a Friday session please contact the office directly either by email at adminoffice@cheriton.hants.sch.uk or call us 01962 771278. We need at least a weeks notice for these sessions. The charge for these sessions is £15.00 which includes a light tea.



Cheriton Primary School

Cheriton, Alresford, Hampshire SO24 0QA

Open Day Events Year R Admissions September 2026

Come and visit our very special school!

We warmly invite you to join us for an opportunity to learn more about admission to Year R in September 2026.

The event will include:

- A short presentation about our school and what we offer.
- A guided tour of our wonderful classrooms and facilities.

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing what makes our school such a special place to learn and grow.

Dates:

Tuesday 21st October 9.15am
Thursday 23rd October 1.30pm
Wednesday 5th November 9.15am
Thursday 6th November 1.30pm

To book at place please ring our School Office on:
01962 771278.

"Outstanding Behaviour and Attitudes"
OFSTED 2025



School Hours— Reminder

The school gate opens at **8.30am** and children can be left when a member of staff on playground duty arrives at **8.40am**. At **8.50am** the Class teachers will line up the children and take them into school ready to start learning.

It is important to get to school on time. Start time is 8.50am.

SICKNESS—Please adhere to our 48 hour rule.

No child should return to school after sickness or diarrhoea for at least 48 hours after their last episode.

THANK YOU, we appreciate your support.

**Stronger
Starts** 

TESCO
Every little helps



**We've been
chosen!!!**

**Please vote for our project to help school
purchase new books, storage and
equipment for our outdated library
WE NEED YOUR HELP**

- 1. Pay for your shopping at the till**
- 2. Collect your blue tokens**
- 3. Pop them in the "Friends of Cheriton
Primary School library book overhaul" box**
- 4. Repeat!**

**Voting from October
Until January 2026**



Christmas Shoeboxes

As has been the case for many years, Alresford Rotary has invited us to take part in their Shoebox Scheme and bring joy to disadvantaged children in Albania, Montenegro, Romania and the Philippines. Many of the children receiving these boxes have never had a present before, making them up is so rewarding with such a valuable lesson in giving to those less fortunate than ourselves.

The Rotary have asked to please adhere to the "do's and don'ts". See the leaflet below for details (your child will have brought one home). NB—the cost for transport is £2.00, Boxes should be brought into school before by the 17th October. Boxes, in the flat pack version, can be obtained from the school office.

**Wessex Rotary CIO
Shoebox Scheme**





www.wessexrotaryshoebox.org.uk

Rotary is a worldwide voluntary organisation of people who are dedicated to "service above self", helping others throughout the world, promoting all that is good in our society and peace the world over.

There are over 1.4 million Rotarians in over 35,000 clubs in 200 countries worldwide

Rotary the World Over

Rotary has no religious or political affiliations

Box assembly

1. Fold in
8. Fold over 2&5
2. Fold in
9. Fold up
3. Fold up
10. Fold up
4. Fold in
11. Fold up
5. Fold in
12. Fold
6. Fold up
13. Fold
7. Fold over 1&4
14. Fold over

Make your box after watching this video



Rotary 



For disadvantaged & displaced children we now deliver in Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, - Ukraine via Poland.

Wessex Rotary Shoebox Scheme
(Wessex Rotary CIO Trust Fund)
Reg Charity No 1183094

For more information contact:

TEL/EMAIL:

Final date for receipt of shoeboxes: by the 18th of October

<p>AGE 1 - 3 YEARS (Boy or girl) <i>CHOOSE FROM</i></p> <p>Small soft toy, picture book, hat, gloves, socks, soap, hairbrush, flannel, toothbrush and toothpaste, plus any other suitable small items.</p>	<p>THINGS TO PUT IN YOUR SHOEBOX</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● International Customs require items which must be for education, health and hygiene purposes ● All items must be new or in 'as new condition' 	<p>HOW TO MAKE UP YOUR SHOEBOX</p> <p>We know that children receiving our Shoeboxes value the box itself to store their treasures in. Make up the supplied box using the diagram overleaf. Decorate the box with stickers (available from High street stationers and retail outlet craft stores) and/or your own colouring. Please ensure the lid can be opened for checking and customs purposes.</p>
<p>AGE 4 - 7 YEARS (Boy or girl) <i>CHOOSE FROM</i></p> <p>Pictorial educational book and game, simple jigsaw, ball, lego, crayons and colouring book, hat, gloves, scarf, socks, soap, hairbrush, flannel, toothbrush and toothpaste, toy vehicle, small doll, skipping rope.</p>	<p>DO NOT INCLUDE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Food of any kind ● Liquids of any kind ● Sweets of any kind ● Battery powered items ● War related items, toys, books, guns, knives etc ● Large items of clothing or shoes ● Books of a religious, racial or political nature ● Medicines ● Large toys ● Sharp items 	 <p>Do not wrap individual items - just place them in your box. Include a Christmas card and maybe a letter or photo if you wish.</p> <p>Ensure that you have clearly marked the age group and whether it is intended for a boy or girl.</p>
<p>AGE 8 - 11 YEARS (Boy or girl) <i>CHOOSE FROM</i></p> <p>Pictorial educational book and game, jigsaw, ball, card game, felt tip pens, pencils, pencil case, drawing book, hat, gloves, scarf, socks, wide toothed comb, soap, flannel, toothbrush and toothpaste, sports item, skipping rope, hair accessories.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #003366; color: white; padding: 5px;">THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP</p>	<p style="background-color: orange; color: white; padding: 5px; border-radius: 15px; display: inline-block;">Please sellotape to the top of the box a donation of £2.00 towards transportation & administration costs.</p> <p>Any surplus will be used for the benefit of disadvantaged children worldwide.</p>
<p>AGE 12 - 15 YEARS (Boy or girl) <i>CHOOSE FROM</i></p> <p>Pictorial educational book and game, playing cards, geometry set, pens, pencils and case, pencil sharpener, rubber, writing/drawing book, hat, gloves, scarf, socks, wide toothed comb, soap, flannel, toothbrush and toothpaste, washbag, hair accessories, sports item.</p>		

The background of the poster is black with vibrant, multi-colored neon lines in shades of pink, blue, green, and yellow. Various neon icons are scattered throughout, including a watermelon slice, a jellyfish, a hand, and a star. At the top, the words "GLOW PARTY" are written in large, colorful, neon-style letters. The word "GLOW" is on the top line and "PARTY" is on the bottom line. Each letter is a different color: G (pink), L (green), O (blue), W (yellow), P (pink), A (green), R (purple), T (blue), Y (yellow).

GLOW PARTY

Friday 24th October

**Arrival from 4.30pm
Disco 5.00-6.00pm**

**Tickets include:
Unlimited squash, packet of crisps,
glow tattoos & neon party item**

£7.00 each

**Non school siblings welcome
and chargeable as above.**

**Booking forms in the office or
email robynkerrie@yahoo.co.uk**

SSUK AFTER SCHOOL FOOTBALL CLUB

VENUE: CHERITON PRIMARY SCHOOL
CHERITON, ALRESFORD SO24 6QA

KS1 & KS2 FOOTBALL ASC

Soccer Schools UK are pleased to announce that our KS1 & KS2 Football After School Club will be back from September through to December 2023 at Cheriton Primary School!

Our Football Clubs help children learn and further develop existing football skills, in a fun and competitive environment.

BOOK NOW
www.soccerschools-uk.com/booking

SESSIONS
EVERY FRIDAY!
12/09/23 - 12/12/23
13:30 - 14:30PM
12 SESSIONS (12.00 PER SESSION)
WEEKLY DATES - 26/09/23
TOTAL - £66 PER CHILD

There are only 10 spaces available at the club, if demand is high, a small waitlist will be created.

CONTACT US
admin@soccerschools-uk.com
07723 292614



French Club at Cheriton Primary School

All year groups welcome to learn a new language and culture with a local native French speaker through games, songs and stories

20 minutes during lunchtime break
Outside in the playground

Small groups
KS2 on Thursdays
Reception and KS1 on Fridays

£2 per session

Call Corinne
01962 793179
corinnegeorge@yahoo.com

Contact the school office for further details



Are you in school
Yr 3 to Yr 6?

Ropley Cricket Club
Girls U11's needs you

Fun Winter Cricket Training @ Perins School
Every Monday 18:00 to 19:00

Contact Andrew Morris
07970 048360
morris5714@hotmail.com



Art Club

STARTING ON THURSDAY 11TH SEPT - 23RD OCT
FROM 3:30 - 4:45PM

£63 FOR 7 WEEKS
FOR CHILDREN IN YEAR 2 UPWARDS
PLACES ARE LIMITED

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See you there!

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Great for Kids Parties too!

Fun cooking classes at:
Cheriton school, we have Spaces for the summer term

All ingredients included!
plus a craft activity & a recipe card to keep

Wednesday club children are brought to the hall from class and collection is at 4.45pm sweet and savoury recipes made.
email me to sign your child up



Call / Text Jo: 07735 832 282
Email: jo@cookstars.co.uk

GET ACTIVE AND HAVE FUN

Join Our Exciting Netball After School Club

Professional, fun, first aid trained and DBS checked coaches. You can pay in instalments!



Sign up using the below link:
<https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/international-tennis-coaching-autumn-netball-ks2-cheriton-alresford-a18fc93e-d0d5-4427-bd4e-0cd7980e4421?>

International Tennis Coaching Ltd

Office Reminder.

We **aim** to be a NUT FREE school. Please ensure when sending in snacks or birthday treats that they do not contain nuts.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of inclement weather which may result in school closure, please check the Home page of the school website for details: www.cheriton.hants.sch.uk



OFFICE NEWS...

Please settle any outstanding monies ASAP.

THANK YOU.....for keeping our hedge trim!!



CLUBS

MUSIC CLUB	Monday (3.30 to 4.30) - Hall, KS2—No Charge
NETBALL CLUB	Tuesday (3.30 to 4.30pm) - 6 yrs and over—Back Playground
CHOIR	Wednesday (8.30 to 9.00am) - KS2—No charge
COOKERY	Wednesday (3.30 to 4.30pm) - KS1 & 2 - Hall - 5 Yrs and over
GARDENING	Wednesday (Lunchtime) - KS1 & KS2— No Charge
ART CLUB	Thursday (3.30 to 4.45pm) Yrs 2 to 6
FRENCH	Thursday/Friday - (Lunchtime) - KS1 & KS2 - Front playground
FOOTBALL	Friday—(3.30 to 4.30pm) - KS1 & KS2 - Back playground

MUSIC LESSONS—Woodwind/Piano/Violin (Private lessons in school time.)

Woodwind Lessons

Mrs Debont has spaces for pupils to learn the clarinet or saxophone (year3-6)

This term she gave a demonstration on both the clarinet and saxophone to pupils in years 3&4.

If your child is interested in learning, please email me and I can provide you with further information.

Or

Let the office know for further information.

Email:

melissadebont@yahoo.com

