



Message from the Headteacher

It was wonderful to see so many parents at the very successful Friends Social Event last night at the Flower Pots. We really do have an amazing community surrounding our special school, and it was the perfect evening to round off a fantastic half-term.

A big thank you to Katherine Nevin for organising the event. I know there was plenty of talk about pencilling in another date very soon—so if you missed it, keep an eye out for the next social!

Have a wonderful half-term, everyone, and thank you so much for your continued support for the school.

I want to finish this half-term's newsletter with a personal thank you from me to the incredible staff at Cheriton. My goodness, we have an amazing team of adults at the heart of the school, and they never cease to impress and amaze me!

Peter Castle
Headteacher

School Attendance

A big **CONGRATULATIONS** to the whole school for simply magnificent attendance this half-term. We achieved a staggering 98% (WOW!!!). Let's keep this up.

Below is an updated guidance from Hampshire around supporting your child to have excellence attendance:

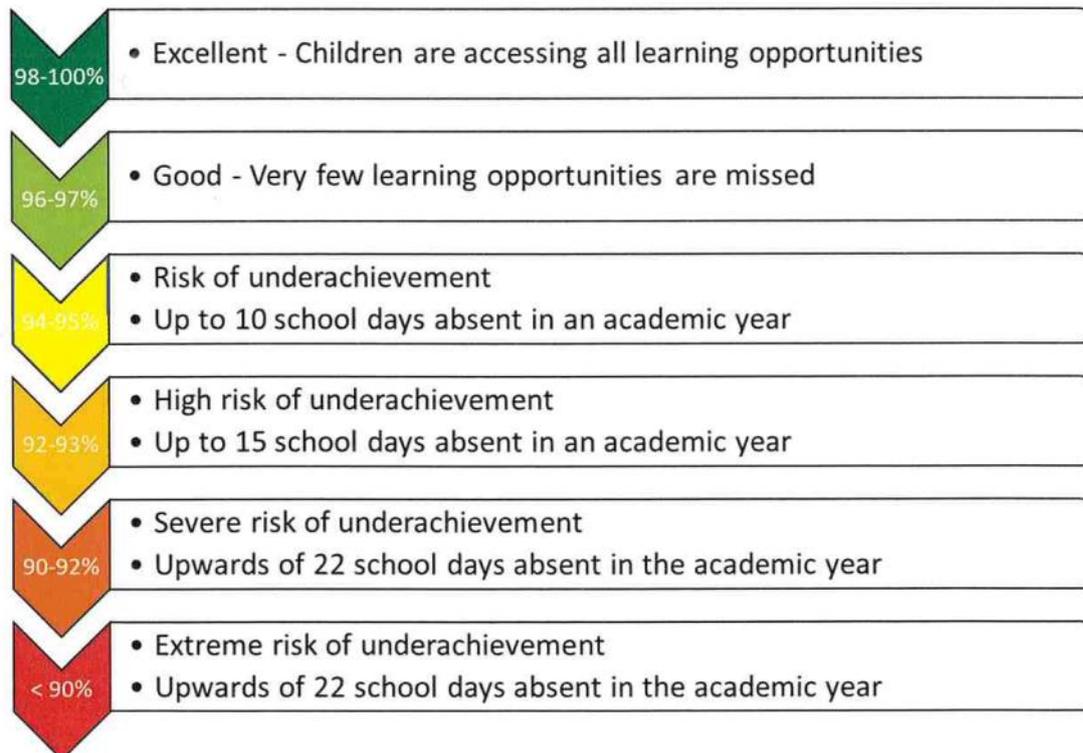
Attendance Policy Quick Guide for Parents

You can support your child to have excellent attendance by taking these steps:

- Ensure your child arrives on time for school every day and is ready to learn. Arriving after registration is recorded as an unauthorised absence. Pupils must be in school by 8.50am.
- If your child appears to be only slightly unwell, send them in to school. We have staff who will contact you if their condition deteriorates.
- Book any medical appointments outside of school hours. If this is unavoidable, please book for as late in the afternoon as possible and inform the school of appointments in advance.
- Supply a copy of the appointment card or hospital letter if your child has an appointment during school hours.

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'On the day' absences: what should I do if my child is not 'fit' to go into school?

On each day your child is unfit to come to school, please report this absence to the school office using phone or email. In the message you must leave your child's full name, year and tutor group and give the specific reason for absence. The information you give will be recorded on our official register.

Leave of Absence

There may be exceptional circumstances where you need to request a leave of absence for your child. Please use our 'Leave of absence request' form to make these types of requests. The form should be submitted in advance of the leave of absence, via the school office. You will receive a letter in response, to advise if the request has been granted or declined.

Punctuality

Pupils are expected to arrive on time for school in the morning and for every lesson during the day. Your child is late to school if they are not lined up on the playground by 8.50am.

The Government remains very clear that no child should miss school apart from in exceptional circumstances and schools must continue to take steps to reduce absence to support children's attainment. I hope we can count on your support in this matter.

Please contact the school office if you require any support with ensuring your child's regular school attendance.

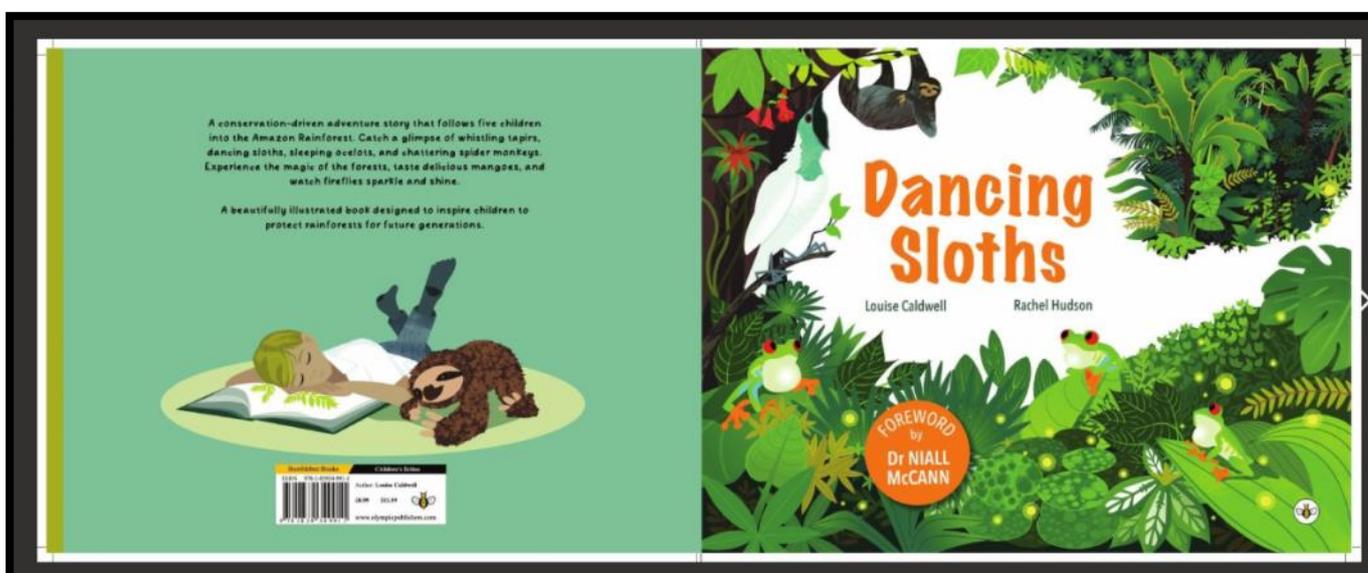
Our First Author Visit of the Year

On Monday 17th November, Louise Caldwell—the author of 'Dancing Sloths' - will be running a biodiversity workshop in school, along side a reading of her book. During the workshop the children will learn about the importance of tropical rainforests, they will experience the sounds, smells and humidity of the forests, and will get to discuss important issues such as deforestation and biodiversity loss.

If your child brings their copy of 'Dancing Sloths' to school on Monday 17th November, Mrs Caldwell will be happy to sign their book.

To order a copy of 'Dancing Sloths', please click on the link below.

[Olympia Publishers | Louise Caldwell](#)



Grease—Production at Perins

15-18th July, well worth saving the dates as our KS2 pupils will have an opportunity to be involved in the production. Perins will be releasing more information about this soon.

DIARY DATES

3rd Nov	Individual school photos
11th Nov	Remembrance Day—10am at church—11am War Memorial
12th Nov	Basketball Competition—Perins
13th Nov	Hampshire Cup Football - Oliver's Battery
14th Nov	Children in Need
17th Nov	Author visit—Louise Caldwell
17th Nov	Table Tennis Tournament—Fair Oak Junior School
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
17th Dec	Rocksteady concert, 2pm
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
19th June	INSET DAY
22nd July	Break up for Summer—1.30pm

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

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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



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Many thanks for all your kind donations, as you can see, the quantity and quality of all the donations were OUTSTANDING!!

The Winchester Basics Bank will be delighted.

HUGE thanks to Mrs Fairey for delivering all the items to the warehouse.

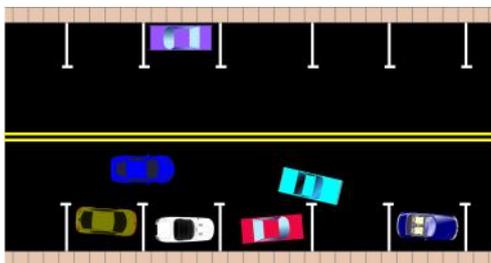
PARKING!!

We have been receiving an increase in the number of comments made about parking and driving in the village at drop off and pick up times.

Please remember that during these busy times of the day, it is particularly important to remember that 20 really is plenty!

We also have an issue with cars coming over the bridge in front of school often at speed in order to drop off or pick up children. Please do not do this, it is not safe.

It has also been noted that a few cars are repeatedly parking on the yellow zigzag line. These lines are there to reduce the risk of accidents between traffic and children and must not be parked on.



Wessex Rotary Shoebox Scheme

WOW!!! - **48** Christmas Boxes collected!!

The children worked hard decorating and thoughtfully filling their boxes with gifts, notes and essential items. We all hope the boxes will bring happiness to those less fortunate.

48 boxes were collected and are on their way to disadvantaged & displaced children in Moldova, Montenegro, Romania and Ukraine via Poland.





Tesco Token Heroes

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**



Remembrance



We are proud to be involved in a Remembrance Service on Tuesday 11th November. The children from Years 2 - 6 will be singing and reading poetry **in the church from 10.15am** after which they will move down to the War Memorial on the green in time for the two minutes silence at 11.00am where we will be joined by Years 1. You are all warmly invited to join us for this service which in the past has been well attended by many people in the village.

Children who belong to the Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs or Scouts may wear their uniform on this day.

Poppies and other items from the British Legion will be for sale in the school office. All donations will be greatly received

Thank you for you continued support.



Children in Need - Together, we're helping to lighten the load for children and young people across the UK

Once again we will be supporting Children in Need, Friday 14th November. As this years theme is to Challenge yourself to make things lighter for children and empowering them to be the best they can be, to raise money for Children in Need, the children and staff should come to school in spotty /stripy clothes (if they wish) in exchange for a £1 coin to put in our 'Pudsey Bear' buckets. The children can go to as little or as much effort as they like but please make sure that they have lots of layers on so they are warm at playtimes. We will also be selling Pudsey and Blush items in the school office; they will be £1.00 each.



BBC

**Children
in Need**

www.cookstars.co.uk  @cookstarsmidhants  @joCookStars

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!



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**

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.

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

