CHESELBOURNE VILLAGE SCHOOL

'INSPIRING A LIFETIME LOVE OF LEARNING'

NEWSLETTER

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Friday 19th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

If I were to reflect on previous years, I would definitely say that the children have usually enjoyed more September playtimes on the field than they have this year. It has certainly been a wet one! Sometimes the weather can make it harder to leave the house or lead to more cars on the road, but it is worth remembering that safety is always a priority when getting to school.

Attendance follows these thoughts as only yesterday, we shared the annual attendance letter. The aim of this approach is to continue the raised awareness that children have a better chance to achieve their best if they attend school regularly. This is a uniform strategy across all of the Dorset schools.

A few absences can quickly add up to a significant loss in learning time. For example, a child who ends the year with 95% attendance has been absent from school for the equivalent of 10 full days. Look out for the shared Learning First Alliance (Joint Statement), which is aimed to bring further consistency across our local schools. This will be shared soon.

As a school, we are committed to ensuring the highest possible attendance level for every child, and we have a very good overall track record. We are realistic in our view that some are sometimes ill, and/or require medical help. This is out of all of everyone's control, but I please ask for your continued support.

Having a consistent approach enables the schools to work together to spot patterns and reflect on ways to support and 'work with you' as families. We have increased our communications on attendance, and the impact that this has had on the figures is impressive. Below, you can see a poster that is often shared by schools. It does provide some examples of how the council could use the penalty notice more frequently. Please do come and speak to me, if you wish to discuss anything further.

Thank you for your shared understanding and let's continue to strive to keep children in school as much as possible, and on time.

Kind regards,

Mr C Perry - Mr C. Perry (Headteacher)

Cheselbourne Wild Art Club – More Bookings Needed

We really need some extra bookings for the Cheselbourne Wild Art Club. Sadly, if no more children sign up, the club is looking likely to stop after half term. This would be a real shame as it is a long standing extra curricular club which gives our pupils the chance to be creative and produce some amazing artwork.

Mrs Spratt has built a wonderful relationship with the children and they love working with her. We would be so sorry to see this club end. Please consider signing your child up so that it can continue beyond half term.

If you are interested, please get in contact with Mrs Husher via office@cheselbourne.dorset.sch.uk

Hooke Court 2026 - Year 4 Parents meeting

We would like to invite you along to the Hooke Court parents meeting in school. The meeting will be held on Wednesday 24th September and will start at 5:30pm. The date will be shared in an upcoming newsletter.

If needed, pupils can attend, however the information is mainly for parents. We plan to discuss what the trip is like, costs and what your child will need.

Please can you respond to this email if you are able to attend?

If you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to contact the office.

CSF Treasurer needed - can you help?

We are looking for a new treasurer for Cheselbourne School Friends. The treasurer's role is to manage the bank account and payments, oversee fundraising income and event floats, and prepare a short annual report on CSF finances. If you're interested, please let the school office know.

Cheselbourne Village School Presents



NIGHT

20th September 2025

The Old Brewery Hall Ansty
Doors Open at 6pm
Eyes down at 7pm

£10 for a book of 6 or £2 a book

Prizes include days out, soft play, take aways and much more.

Any donations gratefully received, please contact Loren on 07909740604

FOOD AND DRINK AVAILABLE

ALL PROCEEDS TO CHESELBOURNE VILLAGE SCHOOL AND THE OLD BREWERY HALL


Sponsored Swimathon
SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER
AT PURBECK SPORTS
CENTRE, WAREHAM
In the pool 11:15AM for one hour of relay swimming.
Sponsorship forms and more info available from the office.

The Tale of Sadko

with Daria Kulesh



Children can join award-winning singer-songwriter Daria Kulesh for a thrilling, interactive musical workshop based on an enchanting Russian fairytale. Learn about the magical underwater adventures of Sadko the Bard, conjure up a storm, and dance away at the Sea King's court! Pop gigantic bubbles, learn why music makes us happy or sad, explore a multitude of exciting instruments, and enjoy creative activities inspired by the story. Suitable for 3-9yrs. Children must be accompanied.

4 October, 10:30am-12pm. Ibberton Village Hall
Places £5 per child. Booking essential. Telephone: 07771 561099

https://artsreach.co.uk/event/tale-of-sadko

Ibberton, Belchalwell & Woolland Village Hall DT11 0EL **What 3 Words**
https://what3words.com/threading.link.strategy



Attendance (this week)

(Target = 95%)

Whole School (this week): 98.6%

Caterpillar Class: 96.25%



Butterfly Class: 98.15%



Kingfisher Class: 100%



Whole School (SEPT - NOW): 99.23%

Photos

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Photo of the week



Safeguarding Support

If you ever have a concern about a child, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead Mr Perry

In the absence of Mr Perry please speak to our deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads: Mrs Collett or Mrs Hockham

2024-25 Term Dates - updates

AUTUMN TERM 2025

~~Wednesday 3 September - Teacher return - INSET~~

~~Thursday 4 September - PUPILS RETURN~~

~~Saturday 13 September- Village Hall Cafe - Tomorrow~~

~~Tuesday 16 September - Full Gov Meeting - Interested? Speak to office or Mr Perry~~

Saturday 20 September - CSF Bingo night at Ansty village hall running

Wednesday 24 September - Hooke Court Y4 Parent information evening

Saturday 11 October - Village Hall Cafe

Saturday 11 October - Annual Swimathon - Wareham

Monday 20 October - Y3&4 WWII Day and trip

Wednesday 22 October - Harvest Festival - 2pm - The Church (parents invited)

Friday 24th October - INSET DAY (No children in school)

HALF TERM

Monday 3 November - Children return

Newsletters and Information - Please remember that key information and copies of letters are on the school website: www.cheselbourne.dorset.sch.uk

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