Friday 13th September 2024

Cherrywood News

Message from Mrs Lewis

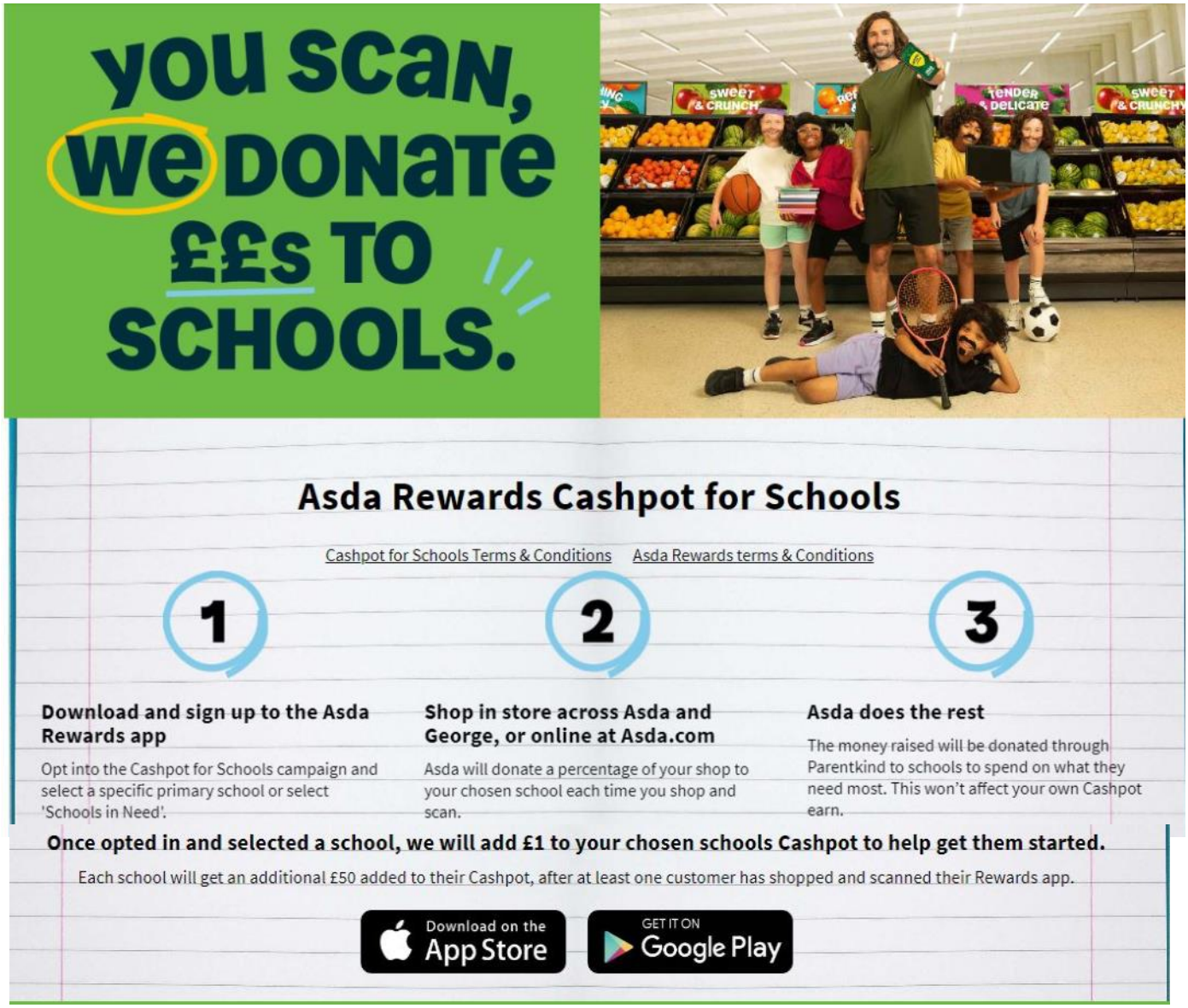
I wanted to begin by saying 'Hello' to our new families both those who have started school for the first time as well as those who have joined other classes. I also wanted to say 'Welcome Back' to all the families of Cherrywood. We hope that you have had an enjoyable summer break.

The beginning of term has been a lot wetter than we would have hoped, but that has not stopped us getting off to a great start with some exciting learning as well as the launch of some great new after school clubs.

We presently have a few spaces in our Dodgeball, Rounders and Multi-sports Clubs—please let us know if you are interested in a space. These clubs are £4 per session, although we do ask you to pay for the half term in advance to secure your space.

We also have space in our After School Child Care with sessions that run to 4.30pm for £6.50 or 6pm for £10.00. Please speak to Mrs Abrami in the office if you wish to enquire about spaces.

Lastly can I please urge you all to read the information about registering with Asda so that we benefit as a school when you shop.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 10th October—Ash Class Exhibition 9.30am
- 21st October—Parents Evening this week, more details to follow
- 22nd October—Individual School Photos
- 6th November—Larch Class Assembly 2.45pm
- 14th November—Oak Class Exhibition 9.30am
- 18th November—Cultural Week, more details to follow
- 21st November—Sycamore Class Exhibition 9.30am
- 26th November—Elm Class Computing Workshop 2.45pm
- 29th November—Paediatric Nurses Coffee Morning
- 4th December—Pine Class Assembly 2.45pm
- 12th December—Chestnut Class Exhibition 9.30am
- 17th December Cherrywood's Christmas Day of Fun:-
  - ⇒ Wear Christmas Jumpers
  - ⇒ Carol Concert
  - ⇒ Christmas Lunch
  - ⇒ Christmas Market
- Parents are invited to attend these dates.

PE Lessons

Children will usually have PE on the following days—there may be occasions when changes are made but we will notify you. Can you please ensure that your child wears school PE kit on these days and ideally that their earrings are removed.

Ash— Reception Class—Monday

Chestnut—Year 1—Monday and Wednesday

Elm—Year 2—Thursday and Friday

Larch—Year 3—Monday and Wednesday

Oak—Year 4—Tuesday and Thursday

Pine—Year 5—Tuesday

Sycamore—Year 6—Tuesday and Thursday

Celebrations —





We are pleased to announce last week -

	Value Ambassadors	Stars of the Week
Ash Class		
Chestnut Class	Ella M	Jayden
Elm Class	Ebonulowa	Sid
Larch Class	Luca-James	Luca W
Oak Class	Zibran	Callum
Pine Class	Roshni	Malakai
Sycamore Class	Nothando	Aria

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Arjon, Scarlett and Andrew are about to be published following taking part in a Young Writers competition.



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Pine Class	Lily-May	Eshang
Sycamore Class	Laylah	Lorraine

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Timings of the School Day

Just a little reminder of the timings for the school day:-

Our day officially starts at 8.55am, where all children should be in class ready for registration.

8.40am - Gates open and children (and parents) can walk into school to their class.

8.55am - The school gates will be locked, so parents / carers / relatives etc. should have left the school site.

3.15pm - School gates open for pick up.

If your child attends breakfast club then the school doors open at **8am** and are open until **8.10am.** Parents must come onto the school grounds and wait with their children until the doors open at 8am.

Attendance

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- is present at every opportunity and avoids staying at home unnecessarily
- arrives at school on time.

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Up to Date Contact Information

As with all schools, it is important we have the most up-to-date contact information, medical information and permissions. We will be sending out a change of information form. Please can you let us know if any contact details have changed over the summer e.g. moved home so change of address etc. Please also let us know if there are any changes to who is authorised to collect your child at the end of the day.

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Percentage	Description	Days Absent per Year	Number of Lessons Lost	Weeks Lost
100%	Excellent	0	0	0
98-99%	Very Good	2– 4 days	Up to 20	Almost 1 week
97%	Good	5.5 days	Up to 27.5	Just over 1 week
96%	Satisfactory	7.5 days	Up to 37.5	1.5 weeks
93-95%	Cause for Concern	9.5 -13 days	Up to 65	Almost 2.5 weeks
91-92%	Unsatisfactory	14—17 days	Up to 85	Almost 3.5 weeks
90% and below	Persistent Absence	19 days or more	more than 95	4 weeks and over

However, the greatest reward of all is knowing that as a parent you are giving

Autumn Home Activities

It is so important for our children and families to keep active and go outside, and now is the perfect time to explore and notice how textures and colours change with the seasons.

Here are two fun activities that you can do:

Sticky Cards / Sticky Crowns / Sticky Bracelets

Go out for a nature treasure hunt and collect different coloured leaves, interesting twigs, feathers, acorns etc and look at the different textures, and colours. If you have any paper and glue stick them down to make an autumn picture, bracelet or crown!





Mandalas

Mandala is a Sanskrit word which means circle. A mandala is a complex abstract design that is usually circular in form and generally has one identifiable centre point, from which emanates an array of symbols, shapes and forms. You will need: a variety of natural materials e.g. stones, sticks, shells, leaves, berries, pine cones etc.

Find a flat surface such as a patch of grass, woodland floor or playground to be the canvas. It is best to choose a centre point and work your way out. You could use symmetry. Don't forget to take a photo!






Applying for a Secondary School Place

If your child is currently in Year 6 you will need to apply for a Year 7 place in a secondary school for September 2025. You can name up to three schools on your application. Below is the link to Hampshire County Council Services which gives you the relevant information about applying for a secondary school place:-

https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions/applicationprocess/year7

Please remember that the **application deadline** is **31st October.**

Cove School are holding Open Evenings and Open Mornings for prospective Year 7s. and they have asked us to share the following information:-

Open Evening

Open Mornings 30th Sept - 7 Oct '26





Yateley School are having their Taster Day and Open Evening and Mornings on the following days:

- Year 6 Taster Day – Tuesday 24th September— 9.00am-3.00pm
- Open Evening – Wednesday 25th September— 6.00pm-8.30pm
- Open Mornings - Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd October—9.15am-10.30am or 12.00pm-1.00pm.

A letter has been e-mailed out to Year 6 parents / carers with further information and booking links.



All Hallows Catholic School are having their Open Evening on Thursday 3rd October.

No booking is required, however please note that the last entry is 6.15pm.



Cornerstone Learning is a non-profit (CiC) set up to provide centre-based and outreach support for children with social communication conditions and related diagnoses.

At their centre, currently based in a community hall in Farnborough, they run twice-weekly sessions for children aged 3-6 and 6-8, providing them with individualised support to help develop their social communication skills, learning and emotional regulation. Children receive a high level of adult support, including 1:1 and small group activities - their sessions are kept to a maximum of 5 children to maintain a calm and nurturing environment. Their groups are play-based and child-led, helping children develop their strengths, support skills they find challenging and reduce barriers to learning.

There is an open day coming up later in September so that families can go along to meet the team and if you are interested or have any questions then please contact them on cornerstone.learningcic@gmail.com.

Music Production

Hampshire Music Service are delighted to be able to continue offering Music Production Online Provision. This course is offered to all Years 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 students across the county that dream of creating music, regardless of abilities and musical background. What are the benefits of Music Production Online?

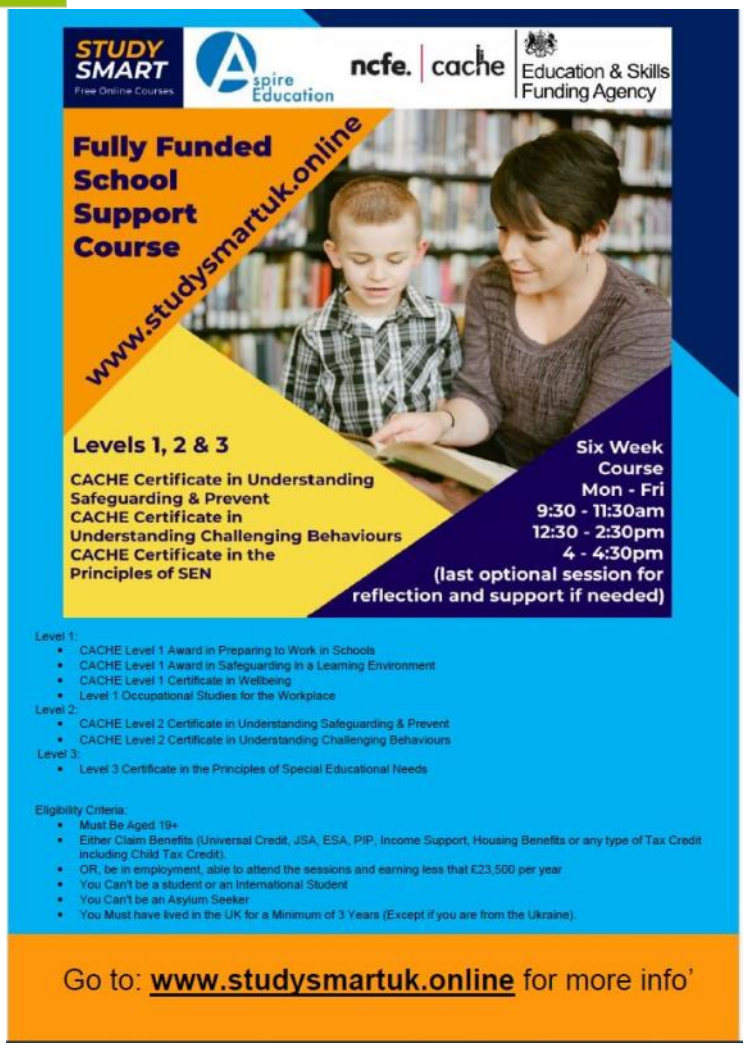
- Make your home a music studio
- Write and record your own music online
- Expert tuition from Hampshire Music Service staff

Students learn how to develop their sequencing, recording and editing skills. Our course is a great insight into the world of creating music for your child to enjoy and to nurture creativity skills. There are 10 sessions per term which are an hour in length each. Further details, as well as a video demo are accessible below.

https://musicproduction.hantsmusic.org.uk/about/

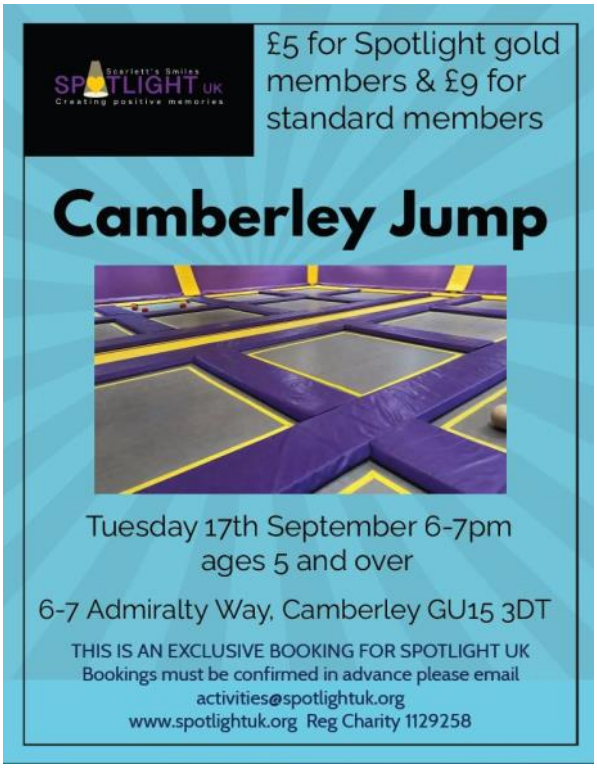
The sessions will be £5 each. Sessions will be on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 4pm. Please sign up by using the link below. Please note that places are limited as there are only 15 places on each session and will be offered on a first come first serve basis.

Music Production Online – Autumn Term 2024





Please make contact directly with CM Sports to continue or to join football for the first time.



After School & Weekend Activities





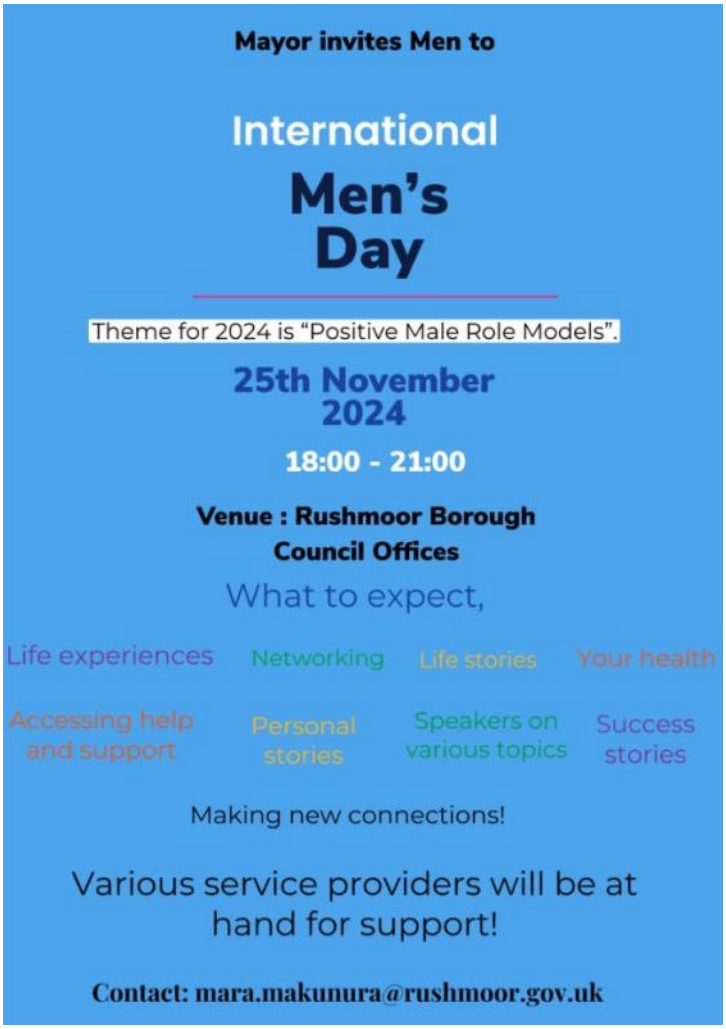


After School &

Half Term Activities







Community Events



