

CHAMBERSBURY NEWS

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Working together to become change makers

5th December 2025

ATTENDANCE 2025-2026—WHOLE YEAR

Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole
95.3%	95.7%	92.3%	94.4%	94.4%	94.9%	93.0%	94.1%

<https://www.chambersbury.herts.sch.uk/attendance/>

Advent Calendars

At this time of year many children enjoy opening their advent calendars and finding what is hidden behind each door. If your child's advent calendar contains chocolate or other high in sugar products, you may want to consider letting them have them once they come home from school rather than first thing in the morning - from experience, I can tell you that diet has a big impact on behaviour and focus.

NSPCC

'Christmas should mean warmth and family. But for too many children, it can be the most dangerous time of year.' NSPCC.

Whilst the majority of families will be looking forward to the Christmas season and all the festivities that come with it, many won't. We see through pupils' behaviour how anxiety builds for some and understand that time away from school can unsettle them. Statistically, domestic abuse increases over the Christmas period which children are victims of in their own right regardless of their direct involvement in the incidents. In the lead up to Christmas we will be talking to pupils about the NSPCC, healthy relationships and what support is available to them.

January Staffing

As mentioned in the 7th November newsletter there are to be some staffing changes — as I am sure you are aware this is very complex and there are many moving parts to it.

Miss Alford will be stepping up to cover Mrs Stevens Assistant Headteacher role during her maternity leave.

Miss Cope will be joining the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and taking on an additional day a week to fulfil this role.

Mr Bartlett and Miss Fawkes will both be spending Spring 1 in other settings sharing and developing good practice.

These are very positive steps forward for the school as we increase our leadership capacity.

At the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Confait who has worked at Chambersbury for 5 years. We wish her all the best with her new endeavours.

Please know that any changes I ever make to staffing are done strategically and for the benefit of the whole school. I will update you in due course as to how staffing changes will impact some classes.

Winter Disco

It is almost time for the Winter Wonderland Disco! Our P.A.T.CH volunteers have arranged this event to give pupils the opportunity to party together, show off their dance moves, as well raise money for the school.

As I have said before, if you want to make a difference and get involved with school life, join P.A.T.CH!



Sport To Inspire Assembly

On Thursday we had a visit from Sport To Inspire, this company will be taking over our after school childcare from January. This means that childcare will be cheaper for you!

Sport To Inspire led an assembly highlighting all of the benefits of sports and an active lifestyle, not only for physical health but mental well-being as well.

Whilst our childcare is run by a sports company, it doesn't mean all they do is sport — there are a wide range of activities that are on offer for pupils to enjoy.

Parking

Please be reminded that cars shouldn't be park on Hill Common between the times of 8:00am—5:00pm Monday to Friday.



Football

On Thursday our football team played at home against St Paul's Chipperfield.

Playing in a new formation, we held strong in midfield cutting out any chance for the opposition to score. At half time the score was 0-0 and we looked the more likely to take home the 3 points. As the second half went on, the game became more stretched with chances at both ends leading to each goalkeeper making fantastic saves. As the minutes ticked away, St Paul's were able to bring on fresh legs and this new burst of energy resulted in them breaking the stalemate and scoring. The match finished with a 3-0 loss for us but a lot of lessons learnt.

Thank you to all of our fans that turn up to cheer the team on, your support makes all the difference.

Safeguarding Record Audit

As you know, I prioritise safeguarding above all else (98% of you agreed with this on the parent survey). This morning I invited Hertfordshire in to audit our safeguarding records to ensure that we record events in a timely fashion and that our actions are appropriate and proportional.

When we make safeguarding referrals, this is done with pupils best interests and is a supportive process to help families. It is imperative that you work with us in this.

Year 6 School Trip

Year 6 had a fantastic time on their school trip this week and I was personally pleased to hear reports about their good manners, including thanking the coach driver. School trips really do bring learning to life and create wonderful memories.

Parent Workshops

Thank you to the parents that ran polls (and those who voted) in Whatsapp groups for me - we are considering these responses when planning events for parents.

We hope you all enjoyed the Times Table and Tea workshop on Wednesday morning and the Phonics workshop this afternoon!

Nativity Performances

Don't forget our Reception and Year 1 Nativity performances take place next week! Tickets are required.

Key Events:

Friday 5th December — P.A.T.CH Winter Fair

Friday 5th December — Phonics in action parent workshop

Tuesday 9th December at 14.15-15.00 — Reception and Year 1 Nativity

Wednesday 10th December — Year 2 Victorian day

Wednesday 10th December—Year 5 Hampton Court

Thursday 11th December at 9.30-10.15 — Reception and Year 1 Nativity

Thursday 11th December at 1pm—Pantomime

Thursday 11th December— Winter Disco

Friday 12th December — Year 2 Learning assembly

Monday 15th December — iRock concert

Tuesday 16th December — Christmas dinner

Friday 19th December at 13:30 — End of term

Red signifies new events/dates



THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER

WINTER WONDERLAND DISCO

Reception, Yr1 & Yr2 3:30-4:15pm

Yr4, Yr5 & Yr6 4:30-5:30pm

£3.50 INCLUDING DRINK & SWEETS

P.A.T.C.H

Parents and Teachers of Chambersbury

Mia's
REBEL
Crafters

2ND, 5TH & 6TH JANUARY

8:45AM - 3:15 PM

AGE 6-11 YEARS

£35 PER DAY

CHAMBERSBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

HILL COMMON, BENNETTS END, HEMEL HEMPSTEAD. HP3 8JH



FRI 2ND JAN

ROCKSTAR CAMP
DESIGN YOUR OWN
ROCK/POP INSPIRED 3D
HEAD AND INSTRUMENT



MON 5TH JAN

FASHION & SHOE DESIGN

EXPERIMENT WITH FABRICS,
PAINTS AND GEMSTONES TO
DESIGN YOUR OWN 3D SHOE
AND 2D OUTFITS



TUES 6TH JAN

PORTRAITS

LEARN EXCITING
TECHNIQUES TO
CREATE 2D & 3D
PORTRAITS



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