

# CHAMBERSBURY NEWS

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*Working together to become change makers*

28<sup>th</sup> November 2025

## ATTENDANCE 2025-2026—WHOLE YEAR

Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole
95.2%	96.1%	92.1%	94.6%	94.3%	94.6%	92.8%	94.1%

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

### 5 Star inspection!

On Wednesday we had a surprise visit to our breakfast club (which starts at 7:40am) from a health and hygiene inspector. The inspector was very impressed with our arrangements and the breakfast club team — this resulted in us being awarded our best grading ever and the highest possible mark: 5!

Well done to Mr Austin, Mrs Steel and Mr Phillips for all of your hard work and providing this vital service.

### Staff Recognition

You may want to nominate a member of staff for The 'Unsung Hero' Award — <https://thankateacher.co.uk/the-unsung-hero-award/>

The 'Unsung Hero' Award celebrates the incredible people behind the scenes who are making a real difference in schools and colleges across the UK. It's the only Pearson National Teaching Award open to parents, carers, and pupils.

### Pupil Support

Did you know at Chambersbury we offer support to pupils such as art therapy, friendship groups, an Emotional Literacy Support Assistant program and gain support from our partners at Decorum Education Support Centre, The Reintegration team, Hertfordshire Cohort support, the Relational Approach team and many more? We also have staff that have been trained by ADD-Vance and staff that have received training around supporting pupils with bereavements.

Our approach to supporting pupils has multiple strands which includes everything from staff checking in with pupils, bespoke timetables as well as giving pupils opportunities to thrive and develop.

Of course there is support for parents too which we regularly signpost — by working together we can get the best outcomes for everyone.

### Tea and Tables

Following our success in the England Rocks competition, I want to remind you of Mrs Stevens Tea and Tables session on Wednesday morning straight after drop off.

This is a great opportunity to understand how we teach times tables at Chambersbury and get an opportunity to learn about Times Table Rock Stars.

### Pick up — Safeguarding

Please let us know if someone other than yourself is picking up your child at the end of the day — this forms part of our safeguarding measures.

If you haven't let us know who is picking up your child, we will not release them until we have spoken to you to confirm.

We prioritise safeguarding at Chambersbury.

## Bikeability

This week, pupils in Year 5 and 6 took part in our annual Bikeability training, and what a fantastic few days it has been! The sessions were led by qualified instructors who guided children through a range of cycling skills—from basic bike checks and balance work on the playground to real-world practice on local roads.

Throughout the week, pupils learned how to:  
Check their bikes for safety before riding

Signal clearly and confidently

Start, stop, and manoeuvre safely in different situations

Understand road signs and basic road awareness

Ride responsibly around other cyclists, pedestrians, and traffic

The instructors praised our pupils for their enthusiasm, positive attitude, and willingness to learn. The pupils showed big improvements in confidence and control, and even achieved their Bikeability Level 1 or Level 2 awards.

## Football

Our match against Bridgewater on Friday showcased our best performance of the season. From start to finish, we played with confidence, intensity and precision, dominating the field in a way we've been building toward all year. Every player rose to the occasion, executing their role with focus and determination. If we continue performing at this level, there's no doubt that a win is on the horizon. We're closer than ever and Friday proved exactly what we're capable of. Now, onto our next fixture this evening against Kings Langley, where we'll look to carry that momentum forward and deliver another strong performance.

## Year 4 Learning Assembly

Year 4 proudly shared everything they've been working on across the curriculum including Maths, English, PSHE, PE, Geography, History, Science and Music. They showcased some of our key learning, such as growing confidence with Roman numerals, improving times tables and the imaginative stories they've been writing. They even demonstrated some of their French speaking skills, showing just how much progress, they've made this term. It was a great opportunity to celebrate their hard work and to show everyone what Year 4 has achieved so far this year!

## Cross Country

On Monday morning we held a fantastic cross-country event involving Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

The event couldn't have gone ahead without the support of the Longdean leaders who attended with Miss Barden from DSSN, our dedicated school sports ambassadors, our house and vice captains, and of course Mrs Steel, who supported Miss Cope in ensuring the event was a huge success.

Our pupils participated brilliantly as we competed against another local school, showcasing great effort, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout.

Events like this truly make school irresistible and unmissable!

## Cinema

On Wednesday children in Year 3 - 6 enjoyed a trip to the local cinema as part of the Into Film festival held every year. This year the children had a chance to watch the documentary 'Deep Sky' which told the story of NASA's James Webb Space Telescope, one of the most powerful pieces of technology to capture images of space billions of light years away from Earth. The children were treated to some incredible visuals in the IMAX screen and were amazed to learn more about space.

## Chiltern Open Air Museum Trip

On Tuesday, Year 3 & 4 went on a trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum. A wonderful place to learn about the past. School trips really help bring learning to life and create memorial moments. Thank you to everyone for paying the contributions to allow this to happen. What a wonderful trip, filled with lots of learning and fun.

## Year 1 Athletics

Congratulations to Year 1 for coming 2nd in the Athletics competition on Wednesday at Ashlyn's school — you showed great determination and effort!

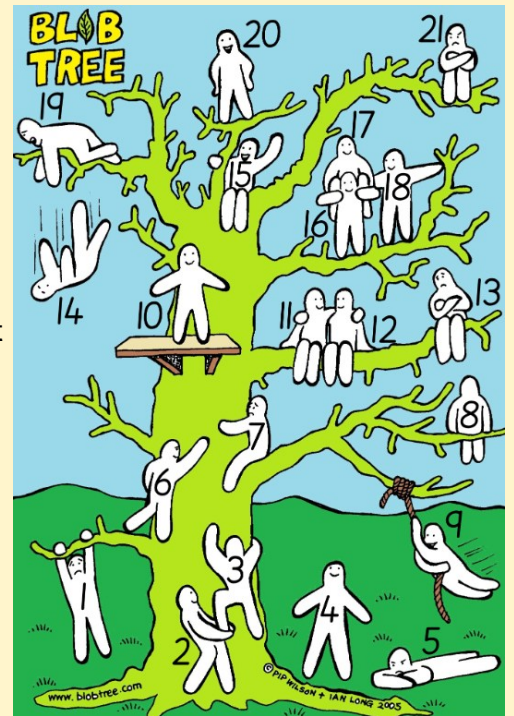
## Punctuality

When pupils arrive punctually, they begin the day calm, prepared, and ready to learn. The first few minutes of school are vital: teachers share important instructions, outline the day's activities, and help pupils settle into a positive learning mindset. Missing these moments can leave children feeling rushed or unsettled, making it harder for them to engage fully in lessons.

Being on time is also an important life skill. It teaches pupils responsibility, organisation, and respect for others—qualities that will support them not only in school, but throughout their lives.

We understand that mornings can be busy, and occasional delays happen. However, consistent punctuality makes a big difference to your child's confidence, academic progress, and overall wellbeing. We appreciate the efforts families make each day to ensure pupils arrive ready to start learning at 8:45.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us create the best possible start to every school day.



(We use this Blob Tree at the start of every day to help pupils regulate their emotions).

## Year 5 and 6 Walking Home Permission

In order to make our safeguarding procedures even more robust, we have set up 2 new permissions on Arbor for Year 5 & 6 pupils. These permissions are for children to leave site at the end of the school day (15:15) without an adult and to leave site after school club (16:15) without an adult. If you are expecting your child to leave site at any other time by themselves, please let the school office know as soon as you can.

If these permissions are not given, we will not allow pupils to leave the school site until we have spoken to you.

**Key Events:**

Friday 28th November — Occasional day

Monday 1st December — INSET

Friday 5th December— Football match (home)

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

Friday 5th December — Phonics in action parent workshop

Tuesday 9th December at 14.15-15.15 — Reception and Year 1 Nativity

Wednesday 10th December — Year 2 Victorian day

Thursday 11th December at 9.30-10.30 — Reception and Year 1 Nativity

Thursday 11th December— Panto

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



# P.A.T.C.H

Parents and Teachers of Chambersbury



3:30PM  
TILL 5PM  
CASH ONLY



**WINTER FAIR  
& SANTA'S GROTTO**

**FRIDAY 5TH DEC**

**CHAMBERSBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL**



**JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN,  
GAMES & FESTIVE TREATS!**

BOOK SANTA THROUGH ARBOR OR EMAIL  
[S.MITCHELL@CHAMBERSBURY.HERTS.SCH.UK](mailto:S.MITCHELL@CHAMBERSBURY.HERTS.SCH.UK)

Mia's  
**REBEL**  
Crafters

2<sup>ND</sup>, 5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup> 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 2<sup>ND</sup> JAN

ROCKSTAR CAMP

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



MON 5<sup>TH</sup> JAN

FASHION & SHOE DESIGN

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



TUES 6<sup>TH</sup> JAN

PORTRAITS

LEARN EXCITING  
TECHNIQUES TO  
CREATE 2D & 3D  
PORTRAITS



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