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Working together to become change makers

24th October 2025

ATTENDANCE 2025-2026—WHOLE YEAR

Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole
94.7%	96.3%	92.5%	95.2%	93.8%	93.4%	91.8%	93.7%

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

A return to the classroom

This week I had the pleasure of returning to the classroom, teaching mathematics to Year 5. It was great to spend time in the classroom with the pupils, seeing them engaged in their learning and making progress.

Attendance

In order to support parents with school attendance, we have sent out flyers for two parent workshops to all parents, these are to support with EBSNA and anxiety.

We are also hosting a 4 week parent support group after half term.

Uniform Sale

Brigade, one of our two uniform suppliers are running a 10% off sale from Friday 31st October at 12am to Sunday 2nd November at 11:59pm. To receive the discount, use the promo code: PUMPKIN10 at the checkout.

Charity Events

Our Charity Reps have met with Mrs Gallagher and discussed the events that they would like to support this year. Below is a list of charities/events that they plan to collect for:

DENS,

Local church,

Children in Need,

Poppy Appeal,

NSPCC Number Day,

Comic Relief - Red Nose Day,

Playskill

Parent Survey

Thank you for completing our parent survey, your views are valued. I will share some of the findings once they have been analysed.

Click to access the [Parent Survey](#)

Teacher Parent Consultations

We were delighted to welcome so many parents and carers to our Teacher–Parent Consultation evenings this week. These meetings are such a valuable opportunity to share the wonderful progress pupils are making, celebrate their achievements, and work together to support their next steps. It was fantastic to see the positive conversations taking place across the school and to hear so many encouraging comments from families. We know how important the partnership between home and school is, and we truly value the time you take to engage with your child's learning.

A huge thank you to our dedicated staff for their preparation and to all parents and carers for your support. Together, we're making a real difference for every child.

Chambersbury Win Again!

Chambersbury pupils are known for being champions and they have done it again! This time, under the guidance of Mrs Gavin, they have won the Mayors Christmas Card competition. Mary's entry was the winning entry and we are incredibly proud of her. Well done Mary!

New Winter Hero Menu

The Winter Hero school dinner menu has been sent out; it includes many of your favourites such as mac 'n' cheese, chicken pie and gravy and breaded chicken katsu curry!

Football

On Friday, the children played a football match against Grove Road and showed a much stronger first half than they have in previous games. Their performance was a big step up, with far more passion, commitment, and determination on display. Miss Cope and Mr D had worked with the team during lunchtime to help them understand their positions and improve their strength and focus on the pitch, and it really showed in how they played. Although the result didn't go our way, the effort and progress made by the team was clear to see and a real credit to their hard work.

A big thank you as well to Mr Miller and Mr Steel for all their time, support and encouragement in coaching the football team throughout the year, it's making a huge difference.

Miss Alford Visits Leaverstock Green Playgroup

This week Miss Alford was a special guest reader at Leaverstock Green Playgroup. She read stories and met some of the children who will be attending Chambersbury in September 2026!

We are continuing to build links with local pre-schools to ensure smooth transitions to school.

OUMTC Improvement

National data from the Official, Unofficial, Multiplication Times Tables Check shows an improvement of 0.04 compared to last years average scores — Chambersbury's average score has improved by 4.52! That's 113 times better than National!

Autumn 1 Complete!

What a wonderful first half term it has been! Our pupils have settled back into school life brilliantly, and we are delighted to have welcomed several new families into our community.

Over the past few weeks, we've seen some fantastic developments: attendance has improved, we've trained an additional Designated Safeguarding Leader, and behaviour incidents have reduced. Pupils across the school are working hard, learning with enthusiasm, and making excellent progress in their lessons.

Our House Captains and Charity Representatives have also been busy preparing for the Owl competition and collecting for the Harvest Festival. Meanwhile, P.A.T.CH has continued to go from strength to strength, with highlights including the Art Exhibition, the Doughnut Sale, and there are plenty more exciting events on the horizon.

It's shaping up to be a truly exciting year ahead!

Contributions/donations

It can often feel like school is asking for a lot of contributions or donations and there is no getting away from the fact that trips/visits etc all incur a cost. We always try to keep costs down as much as possible (for example by using minibuses rather than coaches when we can) and never profit from trips/visits.

Schools have limited budgets and we use our funds carefully to have maximum impact for students: In each class we have at least 2 adults and this is where we use most of our funding, to support our learners. Without your contributions to visits/trips, we wouldn't be able to cover the costs of such high staff ratios.

Earlier start for breakfast club

Remember breakfast club will start at 7:40 after half term (and there will be no additional cost).

Half termly life skills focus

Perseverance has been our life skill focus this half term, with a strong emphasis on how it's applied in PE lessons. Each year group has had a dedicated life skills mentor who has been observing how children show perseverance during physical activity sessions led by both their class teacher and Mr D. Whether it was pushing through a challenging fitness circuit, improving a skill in team games, or not giving up during a competitive match, the children have shown fantastic determination and resilience.

Throughout the half term, we've also celebrated our weekly PE Stars, recognising pupils who have demonstrated outstanding effort, sportsmanship, and perseverance in their lessons. From these weekly winners, we're delighted to announce our Half Term PE Star is Olivia in Reception! Congratulations, Olivia, for your amazing effort and positive attitude in PE.

A huge thank you to our life skills mentors for their support and encouragement this half term. After the break, we'll welcome new life skills mentors as we move on to our next focus skill, respect, an essential part of creating a positive environment in both team sports and group activities.

Cross Country

Unfortunately due to situations out of our control (the weather!), Thursdays cross country event was cancelled. In order to give our pupils, some of who have been getting up early to train, the opportunity to showcase their stamina, pace, and perseverance we are going to plan our own cross country event in our grounds.

Sports Ambassadors

This half term, Miss Cope has been closely observing how children in Years 5 and 6 participate in PE, with the aim of selecting six pupils to become Sports Ambassadors for Chambersbury. As part of the selection process, interested pupils were required to submit a formal letter to Miss Cope outlining the qualities they would bring to the role. This was followed by a formal interview with a school governor, held earlier this week.

The role of Sports Ambassador is an important one, supporting the daily running of PE across the school and making a positive impact during lunchtimes. The selected pupils will take on the responsibility of leading and teaching a variety of sports to other children throughout the year, helping to foster a love of physical activity and champion sport at Chambersbury.

The decision was a difficult one due to the high quality of applicants, but Miss Cope and Mr Fox (Governor) are delighted to announce that the following children have been selected to represent the school as Sports Ambassadors:

Tommy (Year 6), Dheshan (Year 6), Alma (Year 6), Evie C (Year 6), Alfred (Year 6), Eliza (Year 5), Harry (Year 6), Evie (Year 6) and Mitchell (Year 5).

We would like to congratulate all of the successful candidates and thank everyone who applied for their enthusiasm and effort throughout the process.

To help them prepare for this role, the chosen ambassadors will receive an afternoon of training delivered in school by DSSN (Dacorum School Sports Network).

Key Events:

Friday 24th October — PATCH Doughnut Sale

Monday 27th October 2025 — Friday 31st October 2025 — Half term

Wednesday 5th November — Sports ambassador training

Saturday 8th November — School tour

Wednesday 12th November — Flu immunisation

Thursday 13th November — PATCH Quiz Night

Monday 24th November — Thursday 27th November — Year 5 & 6 Bikeability

Friday 28th November — Occasional day

Monday 1st December — INSET

Friday 5th December — PATCH Winter Fair

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— Winter Disco

Monday 15th December — iRock concert

Tuesday 16th December — Panto

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

Red signifies new events/dates

Helping your child to manage worries and fears

Gain some ideas for managing challenging behaviour

Tips and advice on how to support your child's school attendance

Support in developing good routines and boundaries in the home to help the whole family

A safe space to discuss your parenting concerns and issues

Whole family wellbeing... practical activities to support everyone

4-week Parent Support Group run by Dacorum Family Support

This four-week group is designed with parents in mind, to give tips, advice and support on a range of parenting areas with the aim to improve things for you and your family.

Venue: Chambersbury Primary School

Date: Tuesday 11th, 18th, 25th November & 2nd December

Time: 09:15 to 10:45am

To book a space on this 4-week group, please contact us on 01442 401222

Option 5 or by emailing jnethercoat@hobbshillwood.herts.sch.uk

Limited spaces available!

Can't wait to meet you all!



DACORUM
FAMILY SERVICES
NORTH & EAST



Anxiety and Attendance

Date

Tuesday 25th November 2025

Time

10 am – 12 noon

The session will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams
and in person at
Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School, HP3 8ER

Is your child struggling to come into school?

A **free** workshop for parents:

- What is anxiety? – signs to look out for
- Strategies to manage anxiety and improve resilience and attendance
- Understand your child and their responses and behaviour



For more details and to book, please email:

jnethercoat@hobbshillwood.herts.sch.uk

Please include contact details, name of child's school and whether you would like to attend

online or in person

Tel: 01442 401222 Ext: 5



UPCOMING Events....



Doughnut Sale

Friday 24th October



Quiz Night

Thursday 13th
November



Winter Fair

Friday 5th December



Winter Disco
Thursday 11th December



CHALLENGE
SPORT & EDUCATION

CHAMBERSBURY AFTER SCHOOL CHILDCARE

Daily after school childcare
until 6pm each day for
children in Reception -
Year 6

Outside sports

Inside games /
activities

Flexible Booking

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Mia's
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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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