

CHAMBERSBURY NEWS

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Working together to become change makers

17th October 2025

ATTENDANCE 2025-2026—WHOLE YEAR

Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole
94.9%	96.2%	93.5%	95.3%	93.6%	93.0%	92.2%	93.8%

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

Anxiety and Attendance

Please see the attached flyer from our friends at Dacorum Family Services. They are running a parent workshop to share strategies for managing anxiety and supporting school attendance.

Pupil Parliament

This week, we had our very first Pupil Parliament of the academic year. Our House and Vice Captains warmed the children up with a game, before explaining the half term competition. Our half term competition is to draw an Owl for your house to go up on display in the hall. They showed children examples of owls they could draw and explained they would be choosing the top 3 owls, which would then be presented to the Governors to choose a winner.

Requirements of our Owl competition are:

Open to everyone

A4 paper

Write your name and year on the back of your paper

You draw your owl (not your grown-ups)

Lots of colour - Your House Colour

Deadline: After half term

School Photos

Individual pupil photographs are taking place on Monday — if your child has PE on this day please ensure they come dressed in their proper school uniform rather than their PE kit.

School Tours

Again this week, I have had the privilege of showing off our school to prospective parents — each time I do this, I am reminded how lucky I am to lead such a great school.

There are so many wonderful opportunities for pupils (and parents) at our school. We are making a real difference, improving academic outcomes, and ensuring that school is irresistible and unmissable.



Teacher Parent Consultations

Remember to book your appointment!

Diwali

Next week, many of our families will be celebrating Diwali, the Festival of Lights. I would like to wish all those marking the occasion a very happy Diwali. May your celebrations be filled with light, joy, and togetherness. Next week our assemblies will focus on learning more about the traditions and stories that make this festival special.

Toys

We all love a toy, they are fun and nice to play with, however at school they are a distraction to learning and can get lost. Unless agreed with the class teacher or Mrs Gerber, please can you make sure your children don't bring toys to school. Thank you for your support with this.

Quotes from Advisors

There are common themes coming through in our various advisor reports: the school is calm and pupils are learning.

'Classroom environments were calm and children were on task.'

'Children were engaged in the learning within a calm classroom environment.'

'Children were engaged and progressed quickly through the learning, remaining on task throughout the session and were ready to be further challenged within this concept.'

'The class teacher demonstrated strong behaviour management and maintained high expectations for learning.'

Congratulations Mr Dodd

I'm sure many of you have missed seeing Mr Dodd on the playground this week. He has been busy completing training to become a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). I am proud to announce that he has passed this training and now joins our DSL team: Mr Payne, Mrs Stevens, Miss Alford, and Mr Dodd.

While safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, the DSL team is responsible for engaging with external services and coordinating responses.

P.A.T.CH Events

Following the incredible Art Exhibition, our amazing P.A.T.CH team has been busy organizing events for the rest of this term. These events not only raise money for the school but also bring us closer together as a community. I hope to see as many families as possible getting involved.

There are familiar events, such as the Doughnut Sale, as well as new ones, including the Quiz Night and Winter Fair. If you are able to help with any of these events, please get in touch with Mrs Stevens or join the P.A.T.CH WhatsApp group (QR code can be found on classroom doors).



The End of Lunchtimes...

Each week, I review the number of behaviour incidents in our school, including where and when they occur and who is involved. Having collected this data over the course of last year and the start of this year, we have been able to identify patterns and take a proactive approach. For example, our data shows that behaviour incidents decrease in the lead up to teacher-parent consultations.

At the moment, the team has noticed that the majority of incidents occur at the end of lunchtime. We are implementing measures to address this, and I will be on the playground at the end of every lunchtime next week.

So far this year, we have already reduced the number of behaviour incidents by over 5% compared to last year.

Football

This week Chambersbury had another three fixtures. We faced South Hill in a tough match on Friday and, although we came up short on the scoreboard, it was a big moment for the team as we scored our very first goal courtesy of Teddy (YR5). The players showed great determination and teamwork throughout, marking real progress despite the result.

We have also faced off against Yewtree in a challenging match which, despite showing flashes of strong play, we unfortunately lost. We as a team are working on teamwork, perseverance, and communication when on the field representing Chambersbury.

Chambersbury returned to action in another tough fixture last night against Galley Hill ultimately falling to defeat despite a spirited effort. A much-improved second half saw us get on the scoresheet yet again, netting our second goal of the season courtesy of Dheshan (Yr6).

Year 3 Target Games DSSN Competition

Last Friday, Year 3 had a fantastic time taking part in a range of exciting target games. The activities challenged their aim, coordination, and teamwork, with students rotating through different stations that tested their throwing and accuracy skills.

Everyone showed great enthusiasm and sportsmanship throughout the session, making it a fun and active way to end the week. Out of 19 schools in the local area Year 3 managed to claim 2nd spot scoring a whopping 3427. Well done Year 3!

Sports Update

In other sports news this week, netball club was ran by some of our potential Sports Ambassadors, giving them a chance to showcase their leadership and coaching skills.

It's not too late to apply if you're interested in becoming a Sports Ambassador – there are six slots to fill! If your child thinks they have the enthusiasm, commitment, and teamwork skills to represent our school in this role, please encourage them to write a short letter, addressed to Miss Cope, explaining why they would be well-suited to the position.

The formal interview process will take place on Wednesday.

Together

I would like to express my gratitude and thanks to all parents, past and present that positively support and promote our school, whether that be online or in person. We continue to move the school forwards together and your actions do not go unnoticed.

Harvest Festival

Thank you for supporting our Charity Reps by donating to our harvest festival. The donations will be going to DENS and to a local church to support those in need. In the harvest assembly we spoke about how any of us could find ourselves in difficult times and therefore when we are able to support we should. We also discussed how charity doesn't always mean giving financially but rather supporting and helping one another.



Key Events:

Monday 20th October — School photos

Wednesday 22nd October — Parent Teacher Consultations

Thursday 23rd October — Parent Teacher Consultations

Thursday 23rd October — Year 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 Cross Country

Friday 24th October — P.A.T.CH Doughnut Sale

Monday 27th October — 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 — P.A.T.CH Quiz Night

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

Friday 28th November — Occasional day

Monday 1st December — INSET

Friday 5th December — P.A.T.CH 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



Anxiety and Attendance

Date

Tuesday 25th November 2025

Time

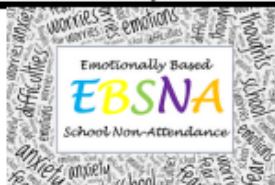
10 am – 12 noon

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

DSPL8

Delivering Special
Provision Locally



- *Does your child's school non attendance affect you as a Parent/ Carer?*
- *Would you like a safe space to share your experiences with others?*

DSPL8 will be hosting an informal catch up for you to share experiences and support each other.

Thursday 23rd October from 10am

Services for Young People

Hemel Hempstead Young People's Centre

On the 1st floor of the XC Centre

Jarman Park

HP2 4JS


If you wish to come along please click the link below to go direct to our Eventbrite page:

[EBSNA Check - in](#)



Happy **DIWALI**

MAIN MENU




Creamy Chicken Curry
served with Brown and White Rice
or
Carrot Biryani (Ve) (Free From*)

SERVED WITH

Raita and a Mixed Salad
or
Topped Jacket Potato
or
Filled Roll

DESSERT

Turmeric and
Orange Shortbread



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Menus are subject to change due to supplier stock availability. * Free from the key 14 allergens and plant based/vegan



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

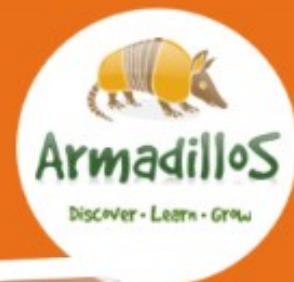
BOOKING / MORE INFO

Click [HERE](#)

Email info@challengesporteducation.co.uk



ARMADILLOS NURSERY OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB



Dates: 27th-31st October 2025

We offer
9:00am-3:00pm sessions
Minimum of three bookings



9:00-3:00
- £30
Extended
sessions
available: 8:00-
6:00.

For 3-8
years Old

Bring your child to enjoy

Arts & Crafts
Local Trips Out
Singing and Music
Baking
Film Day
**HALLOWEEN PARTY
FRIDAY!**

Bring a pack lunch- No nuts



TO BOOK YOUR PLACE
Email: info@armadillosnursery.co.uk
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