

CHAMBERSBURY NEWS

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Working together to become change makers

10th October 2025

ATTENDANCE 2025-2026—WHOLE YEAR

Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole
94.5%	96.2%	93.8%	95.1%	94.2%	93%	92.4%	94.1%

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

Safeguarding

You will know that safeguarding is our number one priority. After doubling the number of fully trained Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) last year, we will increase this further, with Mr. Dodd being trained next week and Mrs. Gerber later in the year.

Sport

On Thursday during lunchtime, Miss Cope and Mr D hosted the first session of the Netball Club, with around 20 enthusiastic children joining in to play a fun game of hoop ball. The session was a great opportunity for the players to develop their skills and learn some of the key rules of netball. This practice also served as preparation for upcoming friendly games against other schools. Everyone showed great teamwork and energy, making it a fantastic start to the club!

Throughout PE lessons this term, pupils have been taking part in exciting intra-house competitions, promoting teamwork, sportsmanship, and friendly rivalry. On Thursday, Year 4 and Year 6 enjoyed playing Tag Rugby while representing their house colours with pride. The matches were full of energy and enthusiasm, with pupils demonstrating great passing, communication, and determination. It was fantastic to see everyone supporting their teammates and showing excellent sporting spirit throughout the games.

This week, Chambersbury played their first home fixture in the DSSN league against St Albert's. It was an exciting and competitive match, with Chambersbury proving to be the stronger side for much of the game. The team created several great chances and showed excellent teamwork and determination throughout. However, despite their efforts, they were unable to find the back of the net and unfortunately lost 1-0. It was a strong performance and a great learning experience as the team looks forward to their next match.

With so much success being had in sport, it is hardly surprising they say that champions choose Chambersbury!



Breakfast Club

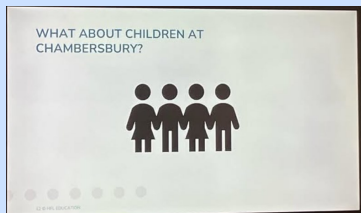
Whilst I am aware that too much change can leave some people feeling unsettled and anxious, every change I make at Chambersbury is intended to ensure our school is the best it can be.

Having met with my House Captains this week, we are introducing another change: we will trial starting our breakfast club earlier. After the half-term break, we will open the doors to breakfast club at 7:40 a.m. During this trial period, despite already offering the cheapest breakfast club locally, we will not be increasing the price charged to parents. This will be reviewed in due course. We hope this change is well received and that it supports our community.

Advisor Visits

This week, we have had three visits from advisors: our EYFS advisor, Maths advisor, and English advisor. The reason we commission and pay for these visits is that we want to use their expertise to drive the school forward at a rapid pace, leaving no stone unturned.

These visits have been very positive, and it makes me incredibly proud of our staff team to know that we are doing everything we can for our pupils.



Harvest — A message from the Charity Reps

This week, you will have received a letter from our Charity Reps regarding their upcoming food collection, which will be sent to the local church and DENs Foodbank.

If you are able to donate foodbank items, please bring your donations to class by Wednesday 15th October. We are always very proud of what we can achieve together as a school community, and we thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.



DACORUM FOODBANK HIGH NEEDS LIST



Pupil Progress Meetings

Last year, we introduced Pupil Progress Meetings — sessions where teachers and senior leaders come together to discuss pupils' academic performance and review the support in place to stretch and challenge every learner. We hold these meetings four times a year to ensure no pupil falls behind or is simply 'coasting.'

It is encouraging to hear words like 'making progress,' 'improvement,' and 'developing' used to describe how our pupils are performing. We remain committed to driving forward our approach to improving outcomes for all.

One clear pattern emerging from these meetings is that pupils with better attendance tend to perform better academically. I have explored this statistic further and found that pupils who take term-time holidays have only a 12.5% chance of working at age-related expectations in Reading, Writing, and Maths. Attendance and punctuality matter that much.

You will be able to see your child's work and discuss their progress during the Teacher-Parent Consultations on Wednesday 22nd October and Thursday 23rd October. Booking for these meetings will be available through Arbor early next week.

Little Recyclers

To help promote sustainability and raise funds for the school, we have registered with Little Recyclers. This scheme allows families at Chambersbury and members of the local community to donate items (see the list below). For every kilogram donated, the school will receive 45p.

We have three collection points:

The school (please bring items in a bag clearly labelled Little Recyclers)

The Denes Express, Barnacres, HP3 8AP

Maylands Tesco Express, HP2 4XH

We Accept*:

- ✓ Good quality clean clothing (adult's, children's, baby)
- ✓ Shoes (paired)
- ✓ Bags
- ✓ Hats & scarves
- ✓ Belts
- ✓ Fashion accessories
- ✓ Swimwear
- ✓ Jewellery
- ✓ Lingerie
- ✓ Bras
- ✓ Perfumes

We Can't Accept:

- ✗ Uniforms
- ✗ Dirty, wet, ripped, damaged clothing
- ✗ Traditional clothing
- ✗ Underwear & socks
- ✗ Duvets & pillows
- ✗ Carpets, rugs, mats, curtains
- ✗ Linen, towels, bedding
- ✗ Single shoes
- ✗ Furniture, mattresses
- ✗ Stationery, hangers
- ✗ Workwear
- ✗ Hygiene items, diapers
- ✗ Baby stuff (prams, baskets, etc.)
- ✗ Food, medicines
- ✗ Books, CDs, DVDs
- ✗ Bric-a-brac, kitchen utilities (pots, pans, etc.)
- ✗ Electrical appliances
- ✗ Soft, hard toys

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 & 5 Cross country

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

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

Friday 28th November — Occasional day

Monday 1st December — INSET

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

Monday 15th December — iRock concert

Tuesday 16th December — Panto

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

Red signifies new events/dates

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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