

CHAMBERSBURY NEWS

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Working together to become change makers

17th April 2026

ATTENDANCE 2025-2026—WHOLE YEAR

Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole
91.3%	94.0%	90.2%	93.3%	92.8%	95.1	92.5%	92.8%

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

Summer Term

Welcome to the summer term! This is always one of the busiest and most exciting terms of the school year, filled with opportunities, celebrations, and important milestones.

For our Year 6 pupils in particular, this term marks the culmination of their primary school journey. There will be many memorable moments ahead—performances, trips, assessments, and opportunities to reflect on how far they have come.

Alongside the excitement, it is natural that emotions may run high. There may be feelings of pride, anticipation, nervousness, and even a little sadness as the children prepare for the next chapter.

At times like this, it is important to remember that we are all in this together. Our school community is built on strong relationships, care, and support. Whether you are a pupil, parent, or member of staff, we are here for one another—ready to listen, encourage, and celebrate each step along the way.

We are incredibly proud of every pupil and all that they continue to achieve. Let us embrace the weeks ahead with positivity, kindness, and a shared sense of purpose.

Forest School

On Wednesday Year 6 had their first forest school sessions — this is an amazing opportunity for pupils as they approach the final stage of their primary school journey.

We are always looking for meaningful ways to support their development — academically, socially, and emotionally and forest schools provides just that.

Forest School is far more than outdoor play—it is a powerful educational approach that nurtures the whole child. By giving our Year 6 pupils the opportunity to learn and grow in nature, we are helping them build the skills and confidence they need for the exciting journey ahead.

Other year groups will be taking part in forest school later this term, please take notice of any further information we send out.

New Friends and Families

We are having more and more pupils join us due to the positive messages you are sharing about our school, which I really appreciate. I am sure that if you have new family join your child's class you will include them in your playground conversations and social circles.

Photography

Earlier this week we had a professional photographer in to take photographs for our new school website. The pupils were looking fantastic and working hard which has been captured perfectly. I also have a lot of photographs taken by our very own photographer, Miss Jones, as well as the Longdean students from when the owls were in. Some of these have been attached to this newsletters; they are absolutely beautiful!

Air Con

Our air conditioning installation was completed during the Easter break and we are now able to ensure all classrooms remain at the perfect temperature for pupils to learn in. Thank you to P.A.T.CH for their support in funding for the air conditioning.

HELP US ENHANCE OUR MUD KITCHEN!

We are developing a fun, creative outdoor mud kitchen area for our children and we would love your support!

We are looking for donations of:

- Pots & pans
- Utensils (wooden spoons, ladles, etc.)
- Mixing bowls
- Baking trays
- Plastic containers
- Colanders
- Measuring cups & jugs

Please ensure all items are clean and safe for children to use. Donations can be brought to the school office

Thank you for supporting our children's creativity, imagination, and outdoor play!

DFS

Our good friends at Dacorum Family Services are going to be on the playground on Monday morning. Please have a chat with them, discuss any challenges you are facing or anything you would like support with.

Dacorum Family Services are not 'Social Services' and are very, very helpful and friendly.

Assemblies

As of next week we are going to trial moving our assemblies to the afternoon rather than first thing in the morning. The reason we are doing this is because we know pupils learn better in the mornings and we feel that this will contribute to helping to raise academic outcomes for all pupils.

It is strategic changes like this, that are having a big impact across the school. Thank you for your continued support to ensure that we get the best outcomes.

Staffing

Mr Bartlett has left Chambersbury, we would like to thank him for the work he has done here and wish him all the best in the future.

To minimise the disruption to pupils learning, Mrs Martin will be teaching Year 3 in the afternoons, with Mrs Wallis leading Reception in the afternoons.

Hemel Aces Quiz Night

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HEMEL ACES LIONS
FIRST ANNUAL
QUIZ NIGHT!
SATURDAY 18TH APRIL
Starts 7PM
Chambersbury School, Hemel Hempstead
Parking Available On Site!
£10 PER PERSON • TEAMS UP TO 8
BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS & SNACKS!
Alcohol Allowed - Please Drink Responsibly
RAFFLE & HEADS OR TAILS GAME!
ALL AGES WELCOME!
PRIZES FOR WINNERS & LOSERS!
HEMEL ACES LIONS!

Marathon

Next week, we are excited to celebrate the spirit of the London Marathon with a special whole-school event. All pupils will be taking part in our very own Mini Marathon, where they will aim to complete a total of two miles over the course of the week. This is a wonderful opportunity to promote fitness, resilience, and a sense of achievement, while also connecting with a major national event. We look forward to cheering the pupils on as they challenge themselves, support one another and enjoy being active together.



Attendance Advisor Visit

Today we had a visit from our attendance advisor — thank you to everyone that is making a real effort to ensure that your child is in school, on time every day.

This year, by working together, we have reduced our unauthorised absence to just 1.3% - this is better than the national average!

This week we have also recorded our highest level of attendance since September 2022!!!

Attendance is so important to pupils learning and their wellbeing— I am genuinely thankful for your support with this.

Dance Class

A vertical poster with a black background and a purple-to-black gradient. At the top, it says 'CHAMBERSBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL'. The main title is 'LEARN TO DANCE! STREET DANCE CLUB' in large, bold, white and green letters. Below that, it says 'RECEPTION-YEAR 2'. On the left, there is a photo of a young girl performing a handstand. To the right of the photo is a list of bullet points: 'JOIN THE FUN & GET MOVING!', 'LEARN COOL DANCE ROUTINES', 'PLAY GAMES', 'BUILD CONFIDENCE', 'MAKE FRIENDS', and 'HAVE LOTS OF FUN!'. Below the list, it says 'TUESDAYS AFTER SCHOOL COLLECTION @ 4:15PM (STARTING 21ST APRIL)'. At the bottom, it says 'BOOKING VIA THE LINK'. There are also contact details: a phone number '07586 255660' and an email address 'nataliemarshalldance@yahoo.com', along with the website 'www.nataliemarshalldance.com'.

Easter Bunny Trail

Well done to Freddie who, during the Easter break, searched all over Hemel Hempstead town centre to find all of the Easter Bunnies! Out of every single person in Hemel, Freddie was runner up! This is a fantastic achievement and a real demonstration of perseverance, determination and observation! We are really proud of you Freddie.



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CHAMBERSBURY AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



Lead by Mr Dumford
 and Mr Hall

Summer Term



After Club

£6



- Safe, welcoming, and nurturing environment for all children
- Fun-filled before and after school sessions
- Range of engaging activities including sports, arts & crafts, games, and creative play
- Encourages friendship, confidence, and independence
- Qualified, caring staff focused on children's well-being

New Pick Up Times and Prices

4:30pm
 £5

5pm
 £6.50

6pm
 £10



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Parent
My son goes to school
happy knowing he has a
TMP club on that day!

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AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

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3:30PM - 4:30PM

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**Two Waters Primary
Parent**
My daughter's confidence
in maths has grown
so much since attending
TMP sessions!



Key Events:

Monday 20th April — Dacorum Family Services will be on the playground before school

Wednesday 29th April — Year 5 Forest School begins

Friday 1st May — Coffee afternoon with Dacorum Family Services

Thursday 7th May — Dacorum Family Services will be on the playground before school

Monday 11th May - Thursday 14th May — Year 6 SATs

Wednesday 20th May — P.A.T.CH colour run

Monday 25th May — Half term

Monday 1st June — Pupils return

Monday 1st June - Friday 12th June — Year 4 MTC

Wednesday 3rd June — Year 3 Forest School begins

Wednesday 3rd June - Friday 5th June — Year 6 Residential

Monday 8th June - Friday 12th June — Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Wednesday 17th June — Year 2 Forest School begins

Tuesday 23rd June — Reception and Year 1 zoo trip

Thursday 25th June — New parents meeting

Wednesday 1st July — Year 1 Forest School begins

Friday 10th July — End of Year reports sent out

Friday 10th July — Summer Fair

Monday 13th July — Reception Forest School

Wednesday 15th July — Sports Day

Friday 17th July — Year 2 graduation

Thursday 23rd July — Year 6 Leavers assembly and graduation

Red signifies new events/dates