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Working together to become change makers

3rd October 2025

ATTENDANCE 2025-2026—WHOLE YEAR

	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole
	93.9%	96.1%	93.8%	93.6%	93.6%	93.5%	92.0%	93.7%

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

Sorry

Firstly, I must personally apologise for not getting the gates open on time this week. We have had a lot of staff absence and whilst we have tried to maintain our incredibly high standards, it has meant that we have been stretched. Similarly, if you have emailed in, whilst we will always aim to respond within 48 working hours you may have had to wait a bit longer this past week.

Thank you to all of our community for their understanding with this.

Rugby

This Wednesday, our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils had the exciting opportunity to attend a tag rugby festival at Camelot Rugby Club, organised by the DSSN and run by Saracens. Each child took part in four action-packed games and represented Chambersbury phenomenally well. We're proud to share that we won and drew the majority of our games, an amazing achievement that reflects the children's hard work and dedication. Feedback from the event praised the pupils for their teamwork, fantastic team spirit, perseverance, resilience, and excellent communication — key learning behaviours we value deeply at our school. We are incredibly proud of all the children who took part and showcased their talent and sportsmanship.

Thank you for supporting us in championing sport at Chambersbury, and for your financial donations. Sport at Chambersbury is going from strength to strength!

Attendance — IMPORTANT!

'Following changes to legislation introduced by the Department for Education (DfE) in August 2024, schools are now required to treat requests for term-time leave—such as holidays—as unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. In such cases, a penalty notice must be considered.'

Exceptional circumstances are typically unavoidable, one-off events. Holidays taken for leisure or recreation do not meet this threshold.'

Please take note of the above quote from Hertfordshire's director of education. I am unable to authorise absence requests for holidays, etc. as these should be taken outside of term time. If we get to the point that penalty notices are issued, please be aware that the school does not receive any of this money.

There are 190 school days for pupils each year, leaving 175 for everything else. Please ensure your child is in school as much as possible — I truly don't want any of our community receiving penalty notices.

Football Match

We get our football season underway next week with 2 fixtures. We are playing at home on Thursday and away on Friday. If parents want to watch our matches, you are more than welcome to but please remember that you are representing our school and that everyone involved is giving up their time to provide these opportunities for the pupils, and is doing their best.

Breakfast club

Following a number of conversations this term, we are going to explore the possibility of opening our breakfast club earlier. Obviously, there are lots behind the scenes that need arranging for this to happen and we may have to review costs (I am mindful that there was a price increase at the start of this year). If you have any thoughts on this and want to share them with me, feel free to find me on the playground.

Kindness

Pupils, parents and staff all have situations going on away from school and as a community we are great at supporting and looking after one another. We all need to be mindful of how we conduct ourselves and the conversations we have (particularly if children are listening).

Learning, Growing, Achieving... TOGETHER

Parent Power

If you aren't aware P.A.T.CH have a Whatsapp group — the QR code is on classroom doors for you to join. Being part of P.A.T.CH doesn't have to be a huge commitment — lots of hands make for light work!

This week we had one of our parents, and a past parent (once you're part of the Chambersbury family you can never leave!) volunteer to cut and maintain our football pitch — the impact of this is that our pupils are able to develop their skills at lunchtime with Mr Dumford, using our fantastic facilities. Not only do champions choose Chambersbury, but we create them as well!

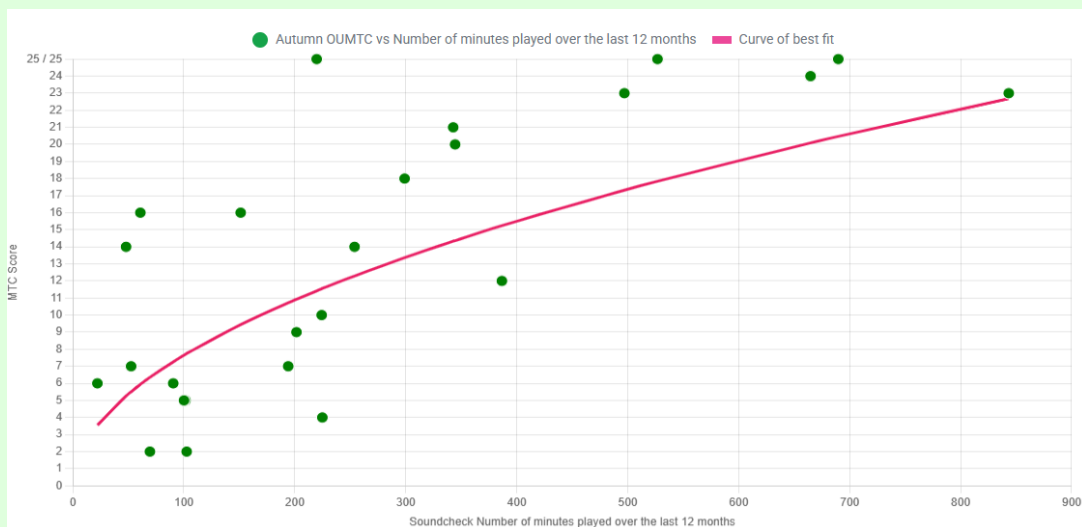
If you have a skill set that could be useful for the school please get in touch...I would be particularly interested in hearing from anyone that installs air conditioning...

Record Breakers!

This week our Year 4 pupils have taken part in the Autumn, Official, Unofficial Multiplication Times Tables Check (OUMTC) - I am more than pleased to announce that the results they have achieved are the best we have ever had at this point in the year!

All of the practice pupils put in last year and during pre-season has really paid off! If they continue to perform at this rate, we will be breaking more records later in the year!

As a headteacher that prides myself on being transparent and no shying away from difficult conversations, I want to share the following data chart with you:



This chart clearly shows that the more time pupils practice their times tables, the better their scores. Please find a few minutes each day to encourage your child to use Times Table Rockstars and support them with this learning. Together we can achieve great outcomes!

Art Exhibition

I think everyone would agree, the art exhibition was a real extravaganza! Having pupils, parents, staff, governors, residents, other local schools and partner agencies all in one room was testament to our vision to work TOGETHER.

The artwork on display was of an exceptional standard and extremely thought provoking; Abbots Hill's singers and musicians set a great tone, and it was simply lovely to spend time with our community — I am so proud of what we have created at Chambersbury. We hope that P.A.T.CH will have raised some funds from the artwork sold which will be used for exciting projects — if you want to find out more about what these projects are, join the next P.A.T.CH meeting on Thursday 7th October at 7pm using this [link](#).

Key Events:

Saturday 4th October — School tour

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

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Parents and Carers talk about self-harm and recovery

Please join us at an information session to learn more about self-harm and get practical ideas and strategies to help your child towards recovery

Our guest speaker will be a clinician who works at *HPFT CAMHS

Where: Online over Zoom.

When: Tuesday 7th October, 7pm to 9pm

*Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

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