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Working together to become change makers

19th September 2025

House Captains and Charity Reps

This week we announced our House Captains following a democratic vote last week during pupils parliament.

Our House Captains and the Vice Captains will now be busy behind the scenes to support school development.

Our new House Captains and Vices are:

Red: Jack (captain) and Maia (vice)

Green: Iris (captain) and Octavia (vice)

Yellow: Evie O (captain) and Leo M (vice)

Blue: Harry (captain) and Evie C (vice)

I have also selected my Charity Reps for the year — these pupils will be working to decide on which charities we will support this year and what events will we hold.

Our Charity Reps this year are:

Iman, Vinnie, Layla and Dheshan

It is shaping up to be a very exciting year ahead!

ATTENDANCE 2025-2026—WHOLE YEAR

	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole
	90.3%	96.0%	94.9%	94.7%	95.6%	92.8%	92.9%	93.9%

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

EYFS Clinic

On Wednesday afternoon we hosted an Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) clinic run by Hertfordshire. This event involved staff from a number of schools coming to ours to discuss good practice, challenges faced and to tour our 'inspirational EYFS' classroom. We are always keen to share what we do at Chambersbury and are very proud of our school.

Smoking/Vaping

Please be reminded that our school site is a no smoking/vaping area — kindly wait until you have left the site before using these products.

Attendance

We know that pupils that attend school regularly have better outcomes than those that don't — at Chambersbury both Mrs Confait and myself meet regularly to monitor attendance. As a school our target is 95% percent.

If your child's attendance falls below 90% they are classed as persistently absent and below 50% severely absent.. If your child's attendance is this low we will support you in getting your child to school more.

We also recognise high attendance with certificates which will now be awarded each half term.

Story Box

Did you know that we host Story Box sessions?

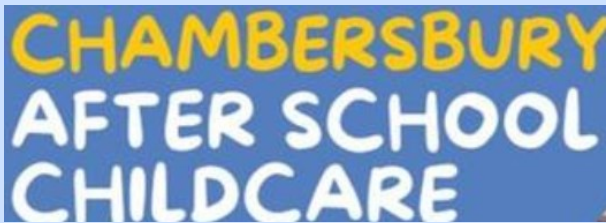
As a school that prides itself on serving our community, each week we host a Story Box session, with staff and pupils from other settings attending our school.

To find out more about Story Box follow this link: <https://www.storyboxdrama.com/>

Childcare

With the weather turning colder and darker, you may want to consider using our childcare service rather than children playing out in the streets.

See the attached flier for more information.



Meet the Teacher and Phonics Introduction

It has been brilliant to have had so many parents attend the Meet the Teacher sessions this week, and really demonstrate how keen you all are to work together with us to support your children.

Miss Alford also held a Phonics Introduction and again the turn out was impressive. Parents at Chambersbury are working incredibly hard to ensure the best for their children.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement!

Mental Health Support Team

We work in partnership with Hertfordshire's Mental Health Support Team (MHST) who provide early help and preventative support for the mental health and well-being needs of children and young people. The team work directly with parent/carers of primary age children to help with fears and worries or mild behaviour difficulties.

If you would like support from the MHST please talk to us so that we can make a referral for you.

The Mental Health Support Team is not an emergency service and is unable to provide urgent or crisis care. If a child or young person is in crisis, you should:

- Call Freephone 0800 6444 101 (Single Point of Access (SPA) 24/7 Mental Health Helpline)
- NHS 111 and select option 2 for mental health service
- If they are seriously ill or injured, dial 999 for the emergency services or attend A&E

Donations

Trips, including sports events, all incur a cost for the school; for example to be able to attend tag rugby tournaments, play in football leagues or take part in cross country races we have to pay for membership to the Dacorum School Sports Network, on top of this we often have to factor in transport costs. We always try to be mindful of asking for contributions for events but any contribution, however small, is always greatly appreciated.

If you are ever in the position that you can make a donation to the school, or have a connection to a company that might want to — please speak to the school office.

English Advisor Visit

This week we invited our English advisor into school to see the brilliant work that we have been doing. Mrs Wright and our advisor visited classrooms, looked at pupils work and planned out how we can accelerate pupil progress even more.

You might ask why we have advisors visiting — this year we decided to pay for advisor visits and support to ensure that we are doing everything possible to give every pupil the opportunity to learn in an environment full of excitement and fun, so they can grow up to be “change-makers” and “assets” in the community, society and world they live in.

Pupil Premium

Uses this link to see if your child is entitled to benefit related free school meals and pupil premium funding — <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/Schools-and-education/At-school/Free-school-meals/Free-school-meals.aspx>

Key Events:

Thursday 25th September — Meet the Headteacher

Wednesday 1st October—Year 5 and Year 6 Tag Rugby event

Wednesday 1st October — Art Exhibition

Friday 3rd October — School tour

Saturday 4th October — School tour

Monday 20th October — School photos

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

Friday 28th November — Occasional day

Monday 1st December — INSET

Wednesday 10th December — Year 2 Victorian day

Tuesday 16th December — Panto

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

BOOKING / MORE INFO

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16th September 2025

Dear Parent/carer,

Introducing: The Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

The Mental Health Support Team has been commissioned to work in educational settings across Hertfordshire to support children/young people/parent and carers with their emotional wellbeing. Your child's educational setting is supported by trained Mental Health Practitioners, working in collaboration with school staff. We aim to help all children and young people to succeed and achieve their full potential by providing a range of services, including:

- Group Work
- Workshops
- One-to-one sessions
- Drop-in sessions
- Supporting 'peer mentoring' programmes,
- Signposting children with higher needs to access the right support,
- Offering training and consultation to school staff,
- Building on schools' current wellbeing provision.

Interventions offered by the MHST are evidence based and tailored to the individual needs of each setting. We use Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) strategies and Guided Self Help for mild to moderate mental health to support children and young people.

One-to-one referrals are made to MHST by educational settings. Please speak to your educational setting if you/ your child would like to access this support.

If you **do not** wish for your child to be involved in any provision being offered by Hertfordshire Mental Health Support Team, please inform your educational setting.

Please click this link <https://www.hpft.nhs.uk/service-users/your-information/> for further information about how your data is stored and your legal rights in relation to this. If you have any questions about the MHST, please feel free to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Karen Jeffreys
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Hertfordshire Mental Health Support Teams
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