

CHAMBERSBURY NEWS

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Working together to become change makers

1st May 2026

ATTENDANCE 2025-2026—WHOLE YEAR

Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole
91.6%	94.2%	90.2%	93.4%	93.1%	95.3%	92.7%	93.0%

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

Autism Acceptance Assembly

This week, the pupils took part in a special assembly to mark World Autism Acceptance Month. Together, we explored what autism is, why acceptance matters, and how celebrating our differences makes our school stronger.

The assembly focused on an important message: difference, not deficit. Pupils reflected on how everyone has their own strengths, challenges and ways of experiencing the world, and discussed simple but powerful ways to support one another, such as showing kindness, giving people time and space, and making sure no one feels left out.

At Chambersbury, we are proud to be building a school community where every child feels understood, valued and accepted for who they are.

Inclusion in Action Project

As a school that values inclusion, we are delighted to let you know that we were asked to take part in 'Inclusion in Action,' a Hertfordshire County Council-funded project delivered in partnership with HFL Education. This project is looking at how to strengthen inclusive classroom practice through Hertfordshire's Ordinarily Available Provision guidance, helping to ensure all children, including those with mild or emerging SEND, can access the right support at the right time.

Over the coming weeks, our Year 1 team will be working alongside a HFL adviser to explore practical strategies, including the use of visual scaffolds and dual coding, to further develop independence, confidence and access to learning for all pupils.

We are really pleased to be part of this important piece of work and look forward to sharing the impact it has on teaching and learning across the school.

Summer OUMTC

I was going to wait until the local and national averages have been released to share this with you, but I am so proud of our pupils that I just couldn't wait!

On the Summer OUMTC, our Year 4 pupils scored an average score of 21.72 out of 25 and 13 of our pupils scored full marks (44.8%), with 3 just missing out by 1 mark.

These are incredible results!

To give a comparison, last year the National average score on the statutory MTC was 21 marks with 37% of pupils gaining full marks. Our Year 4 pupils will sit this check at the start of June, so still have time to make even more progress!

Please continue to encourage your children to use Times Table Rock Stars at home as often as possible.

Year 3 parents — if your children start practicing now, they will be ahead for next year!

Sports Day — Early information.

Sports Day will take place on 15th July, with the EYFS children participating in the morning session until lunchtime, and KS2 taking part in the afternoon session through to home time.

You are welcome to come along at any point during the day to cheer on your child/children and support all the pupils. We invite families to join us after school for a relaxed picnic on the west field, where there will also be ice cream vans in attendance for everyone to enjoy.

Chambersbury — Better than the National Average once again!

Using the latest data available, the National attendance rate was 93.74% across all schools in the week commencing 13 April 2026 but at Chambersbury our attendance rate was 96.37%! This is a huge achievement and I would like to thank every parent and carer that has made this possible!

On a similar note, this week alone I have been able to take 10 pupils off of our Persistently Absent list — I am incredibly pleased about this as we know that when pupils are in school more, they learn more.

Our Governor linked to attendance is Danny O'Donnell, his role is strategic and reviews the procedures I put in place and the actions I take.

Lateness

If your child is late to school, the office will ask for the reason — this is so that we are able to track lateness and put support in place.

Safeguarding

As you know, I prioritise safeguarding. This week I have updated my designated safeguarding lead training, completed a Prevent awareness course and associated studies.

Year 6

I regularly visit all of our classrooms but I must mention our Year 6 class in particular, as not only are they working extremely hard but they are supporting and encouraging each other — it really is lovely to see. I am aware of pupils in the class that have been keen to stay back after lessons to review questions that they haven't been sure of, pupils that are engaging with tutors and those that are independently accessing additional learning materials outside of school. They are showing how committed they are to doing the best that they can.

Staff Appreciation

I consider myself very fortunate to have such an amazing group of staff — not only because they are brilliant at their jobs but because they are lovely people to be around. I think these photographs, from our owl visit, really capture how kind, caring and supportive the team are.



Amazon Wishlist

We are pleased to share our Amazon Chambersbury Wish List with you. This list includes a range of resources and consumable items that we regularly need in school. Many of the items support our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) programme, helping us to enrich playtimes and outdoor experiences, while others are for classroom use.

To take part:

Click on the wish list link — <https://amzn.eu/05R4WA6f>

Choose a resource you would like to purchase.

At the checkout, please ensure the delivery address is set to the school

Add your name and your child's name so we can send our thanks

The resources included are items we genuinely need or use regularly, and your generosity makes a real difference to the children's learning and play experiences.



Chambersbury P.A.T.C.H presents...

COLOUR RUN

**Wednesday 20th May
3:15pm - School Field**

**A fun-filled afternoon of running,
laughing & colourful splashes!**

£7 Entry per child
Includes sunglasses to be worn for the
run & a medal.

**White t-shirts and old bottoms to be
worn. Prepare for staining.**

Parents can buy extra paint on the day
Candyfloss available
Sign up via Arbor

Key Events:

Wednesday 13th May — Year 4 Forest School begins

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

Thursday 7th May — Reception Writing Workshop

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

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

Wednesday 20th May — Reception Mathematics Workshop

Friday 22nd May— Class Photos

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



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Descriptor	Threshold Attendance	Actual Attendance	Whole Days Absence	Learning Hours Lost
EXCELLENT	100%	190 days	0	0
	99%	188 days	2	10
GOOD	98%	186 days	4	20
	97%	184 days	6	30
	96%	182.5 days	7.5	37.5
SATISFACTORY	95%	180.5 days	9.5	47.5
CAUSE FOR CONCERN	90%	171 days	19	95
	89%	169 days	21	105
	88%	167 days	23	115
	87%	165 days	25	125
UNSATISFACTORY	86%	163 days	27	135
SERIOUS CAUSE FOR CONCERN	85%	161.5 days	28.5	142.5
	84%	159.5 days	30.5	152.5
	83%	158 days	32	160
	82%	156 days	34	170
	81%	154 days	36	180
CRITICAL	80%	152 days	38	190



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

