

# CHAMBERSBURY NEWS

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*Working together to become change makers*

15<sup>th</sup> May 2026

## ATTENDANCE 2025-2026—WHOLE YEAR

Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole
91.9%	94.2%	90.2%	93.5%	93.3%	95.4%	92.9%	93.2%

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

### SAT's

This week, our children in Year 6 have shown fantastic focus, determination and positivity during their SATs. We are incredibly proud of the calm and confident attitude they have shown each day.

To help the children feel settled and ready for the day ahead, they enjoyed a hearty breakfast each morning including sausage and bacon rolls, croissants, fresh fruit and yoghurts. It was lovely to see everyone starting the day together with smiles and excitement.

Well done to all of our pupils for their hard work and resilience throughout the week!

### Supporting Smooth Transitions Event

**DACORUM INFORMATION SHARING SESSION**

Venue: Chambersbury Primary School  
Date: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
Time: 3:45pm - 5:15pm

Agenda:

- 14:50-4:00pm - arrival and refreshments
- 4:00pm-5:15pm - input from year 1E-YA, Nicki Walter & EYC Lucy Davids
- 4:10pm-4:20pm - input from SENCO Lead teacher, Sarah Foley
- 4:20pm-5:15pm - information sharing between EYF practitioners

Supporting Smooth Transitions: District-based information sharing sessions (Dacorum) | 11 May 2026 | HFL

On Monday after school we hosted an event "Supporting Smooth Transitions" Information Sharing Session in partnership with HFL Education with over 50 colleagues from different local schools and PVI (Private, Voluntary, Independent) settings. The event brought together early years practitioners and school staff to share ideas and best practice for supporting children as they transition into Reception in September 2026. Discussions focused on collaboration, inclusive approaches, and ensuring every child has a positive start to school life. It was a valuable opportunity for professionals across the Dacorum area to connect, share experiences, and strengthen partnerships working in support of young learners. It was a really successful event.

### Communication

We always endeavour to communicate with parents as quickly and clearly as we possibly can. We send out a newsletter each week, use social media and send letters. We have staff available on the playground for quick messages each day and aim to reply to e-mails within 2 working days (there are of course times when, due to how busy we are, that this isn't possible).

When it comes to operational matters regarding staffing etc., please wait until we have communicated with you first — the time it takes to respond to multiple e-mails detracts from what we are able to do to move the school forward and the time we can spend supporting the pupils.

### OPAL

This week we have seen colder and wetter weather than is usual for May. Please can you ensure that your child has a waterproof jacket in school everyday, so they can access all of the exciting opportunities outside during lunchtimes. Please can they also have a spare set of clothing in their bag, in case their uniform becomes wet/muddy due to all of the fun they are having!

## Football Match



Last week, our football team took on St Thomas More in what proved to be a fantastic and memorable fixture. With the exciting addition of some of our Year 4 pupils, who brought fresh energy, determination and a new dynamic to the squad, the team delivered an outstanding performance from start to finish. Their enthusiasm blended brilliantly with the experience of the existing players, creating a real sense of teamwork and purpose on the pitch. The result was a superb 4–1 victory, our first win of the season! Every player should be incredibly proud of their effort, attitude and resilience, as this was a true team performance that showcased just how much progress the squad has made. A brilliant result and a very exciting glimpse of what is still to come!

## Reception Mathematics Workshop Wednesday 20th May from 2.00pm-3.00pm

The aim of this session is to look at the expectations for maths in Early Years and Early Learning Goals for the end of Reception.

The workshop will include:

- A presentation to parents looking at maths and how to help with learning at home
- An interactive session with your child engaging in some fun activities to help develop maths

This will take place in the Reception classroom and outdoor environment.

We look forward to seeing you there, to continue working together to get the very best outcomes for your children.



## Class Photographs



Class photographs are being taken next week. Please make sure that your child is dressed in full school uniform and ready to smile on Friday 22nd May. Year 6 should wear their normal school sweatshirt/cardigan.

## Visit from Killigrew Primary School St Albans

We were delighted to welcome the EYFS team and Deputy Headteacher from Killigrew Primary School after school on Wednesday. They had heard about our fantastic Reception classroom refurbishment and were keen to visit for inspiration as they begin developing their own Nursery and Reception learning environments. Miss Alford gave them a tour, and they enjoyed sharing ideas and good practice together. She is also looking forward to visiting their school in the near future.

## Phasels Wood Residential Year 6 Parent Meeting

On Thursday 21st May after school, we will be holding a meeting to talk about the Year 6 Residential to Phasels Wood in a few weeks time. During the meeting, we will cover:

- Accommodation arrangements and daily routines
- Recommended kit and packing lists
- Catering information and example menus
- Travel arrangements and safety information
- Opportunities for questions and answers

This meeting is a great opportunity for families to find out more about the exciting activities planned and to ensure pupils are fully prepared for the trip.



## Cultural Diversity Day

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May we are celebrating cultural diversity day with a special menu. Please see details below.

# Cultural Diversity Day

## MAIN MENU

Chicken Jambalaya  
*(African/ Spanish/ French)*

or

Sweet Potato Samosa Burrito (Ve)  
*(Indian/Mexican/Spanish)*  
with Mint Raita

or

Sweet Potato Samosa Burrito  
*(Free From\*)*  
*(Indian/Mexican/Spanish)*

## SERVED WITH

Tex Mex Corn  
*(American/Mexican)*  
Mixed Salad

## DESSERT

Apple Streusel Pizza  
with a Caramel Drizzle  
*(Italian/German)*

19th **OF MAY**



@hclcatering

[www.hcl.co.uk](http://www.hcl.co.uk)

Menus are subject to change due to supplier stock availability. \* Free from the key 14 allergens and plant based/vegan

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 20th May — P.A.T.CH colour run

Wednesday 20th May — Reception Mathematics Workshop

Thursday 21st May — Year 6 Phasels Wood Parents Meeting

Friday 22nd May—Class photographs

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



## ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Descriptor	Threshold Attendance	Actual Attendance	Whole Days Absence	Learning Hours Lost
<b>EXCELLENT</b>	100%	190 days	0	0
	99%	188 days	2	10
<b>GOOD</b>	98%	186 days	4	20
	97%	184 days	6	30
	96%	182.5 days	7.5	37.5
<b>SATISFACTORY</b>	95%	180.5 days	9.5	47.5
<b>CAUSE FOR CONCERN</b>	90%	171 days	19	95
	89%	169 days	21	105
	88%	167 days	23	115
	87%	165 days	25	125
<b>UNSATISFACTORY</b>	86%	163 days	27	135
<b>SERIOUS CAUSE FOR CONCERN</b>	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
<b>CRITICAL</b>	80%	152 days	38	190



# TeachMePlease

Tutoring for ages 6+



Engage, Enjoy,  
Empower!

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

**FIRST SESSION FREE**

**AFTERSCHOOL CLUB**

**EVERY WEDNESDAY (term time)**

**3:30PM - 4:30PM**

Maths

English

Reading

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

