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19th June 2026

ATTENDANCE 2025-2026—WHOLE YEAR

Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole
92.4%	94.3%	88.1%	93.2%	93.5%	95.3%	92.8%	93.2%

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

Healthy Snacks

At Chambersbury, pupils may bring a small healthy snack for break time (all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive a free piece of fruit or vegetable each school day). Healthy snacks include a piece of fruit, some raw vegetables, or plain crackers. (Crisps, chocolate, sweets, biscuits are not suitable snacks and pupils will be asked to put them away if they have them). If you are unsure if a snack is healthy or not, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Year 2 Gulliver's Land

As our Year 2 pupils prepare to graduate from Key Stage 1, we are eagerly looking forward to marking this occasion with an exciting trip to Gulliver's Land! This special day will be a chance to make lasting memories, enjoy new adventures and, most importantly, strengthen friendships before graduating into Key Stage 2. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved and can't wait to see them laugh, explore and celebrate together in style!

It was in fact our wonderful Mrs Rowe that won us the tickets for this trip having entered a national competition — Thank you Mrs Rowe!

Headteacher Visits

This week I have had two local headteachers visit our school; both were extremely complimentary of your children, commenting on how calm and focused they are in their lessons. Our expectations of pupils are very high at Chambersbury because we know that if we *'let them off, we let them down.'*

Amazon Wish List

Thank you to our community for purchasing items from our Amazon Wish list, this is hugely appreciated! Please do leave your name when ordering something so that we can thank you!
<https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/>

Year 4 Boxing

A boxer does not become successful through one big training session. They improve through regular practice, building strength, sharpening reactions and developing confidence over time. In the same way, our Year 4 pupils prepared for their MTC through consistent effort, determination and the willingness to keep improving each day.

Whilst I cannot share our MTC results just yet, I can tell you that all of our pupils are Champions! With this in mind, and in recognition of them bringing the same mindset that great boxers bring to the ring: preparation, discipline and belief, we have arranged for Year 4 to have a boxing workshop. George Ezekiel, who is a cruiserweight champion will run a 15 min guided Q+A session, followed by a 45 minutes boxercise session and share his belt with the pupils!

We are incredibly proud of the focus and perseverance our Year 4 pupils have shown — qualities that will serve them well far beyond multiplication tables.

'A rising tide lifts all boats'

Earlier this week I had a visit from the District School Effectiveness Advisor for Watford — You might well question why we are working with Watford's DSEA when we are actually in Dacorum, well the answer to this is that at Chambersbury we are catching the eye of everyone! Over the last 18 months we have made significant improvements across the school and these results are tangible.

In September, we will be joining another project — The Every Child Programme. At the heart of this work is a commitment to equity. As Rick Lavoie reminds us, "Fair doesn't mean giving every child the same thing; it means giving every child what they need. The power of early years, shared responsibility, shared success and turning potential into progress will all be part of this programme.

Reminder: Don't forget to check whether your child qualifies for free school meals by using this link: [Free school meals and other benefits](#)

FPN

'181. All state funded schools must consider whether a penalty notice for absence is appropriate in each individual case where one of their pupils reaches the national threshold for considering a penalty notice.'

As always I want to be open and transparent, when a Fixed Penalty Notice is issued, it isn't the school that receives the money from these. I legally have to be able to prove that circumstances are 'Exceptional' to be able to justify authorising an absence and not considering a FPN — I discuss these cases with the statutory attendance team.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued when:

'176. Penalty notices are issued to parents as an alternative to prosecution where they have failed to ensure that their child of compulsory school age regularly attends the school where they are registered'

Please ensure that you are not taking your child out of school during term time unless they are genuinely too unwell to be at school.

Fire Station Open Day

Hemel Hempstead Fire Station are having their Open Day on Saturday 20th June from 11am - 3pm - there will be chip pan and RTC demos, a fire dog as well as charity stalls, vintage fire engines, beat the goalie, a chance to get up close with the fire engines, a BBQ and vehicles from other emergency services.

Year 6 Writing

On Thursday we had a visit from Hertfordshire to look at our Year 6 pupils writing. Our Year 6 pupils have made good progress from their starting points (I analyse the data of pupils when they join our school compared to when they leave us) and they have made significant progress this year with 9% more pupils achieving the expected standard than we predicted would at the start of the year. We work our pupils hard and have high expectations at Chambersbury because we want the best for them and because we want them to succeed in school and in life — Our visitor gave us 'no recommendations' for improving our practice.

National Thank a Teacher Day

Wednesday marked National Thank a Teacher Day and I know many pupils and parents will have already thanked our teachers, I also want to take a moment to recognise and thank all of our staff for the extraordinary commitment they show every day.

Teaching is about so much more than lessons. It is the encouragement offered at the right moment, the extra time given after school, the careful planning behind the scenes, and the unwavering belief in every pupil's potential.

Our teachers continually go above and beyond to create opportunities, inspire confidence and ensure that every pupil feels known, supported and challenged to achieve their best.

Key Events:

Tuesday 23rd June — Reception and Year 1 zoo trip

Wednesday 24th June — Year 6 Visit to Abbots Hill to watch production

Thursday 25th June — New Reception parents meeting

Wednesday 1st July — Year 1 Forest School begins

Friday 3rd July — Year 2 Theme Park Trip

Monday 6th July — iRock concert on the outside stage

Thursday 9th July — Transition day

Friday 10th July — End of Year reports sent out

Friday 10th July — Summer Fair

Monday 13th July — Reception Forest School

Tuesday 14th July — Year 4 Ancient Egypt Day

Wednesday 15th July — Sports Day

Thursday 16th July — Year 5 & 6 Production

Friday 17th July — Year 2 graduation

Thursday 23rd July — Year 6 Leavers assembly and graduation

Red signifies new events/dates

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HOLIDAY CAMP

*Led By Coach
Dan & Charlie*



Week 1
Tuesday 28th July -
Thursday 30th July

Week 2
Tuesday 4th August -
Thursday 6th August

Week 3
Tuesday 11th August -
Thursday 13th August

**Get ready for a
Summer full of fun,
friends, sports and
arts and crafts**

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activities including Football,
Basketball, Hockey as well
as Arts and Crafts



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- £20 A DAY
- LATE PICK UP 5PM £5
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My son goes to school
happy knowing he has a
TMP club on that day!

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AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

EVERY WEDNESDAY (term time)

3:30PM – 4:30PM



Maths

English

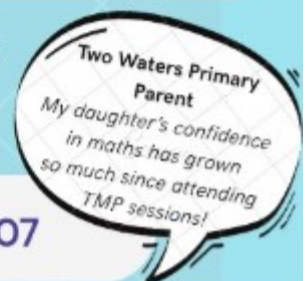
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My daughter's confidence
in maths has grown
so much since attending
TMP sessions!



Looking for the Perfect Pre-school?

We have places available for September!

Where:

BLRA Community Room, Unit 4 Evans Wharf,
Hemel Hempstead HP3 9WU

When:

9:15 – 12:15 Mon - Fri

Prices:

£18 per session, Lunch Club: £2.50
2, 3 and 4 year funding accepted

Quotes from our Latest Ofsted report:

"Children have positive relationships with staff.... play cooperatively with one another and show curiosity."

"Children feel safe and secure; they feel confident to separate from their parents."

"Staff encourage children through positive interactions.... and encourage children to extend their learning further."

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