

CHAMBERSBURY NEWS

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Working together to become change makers

4th July 2025

Last week, I shared our record-breaking Year 4 MTC results — and I'm thrilled to now share even more positive news. This week, we turn our attention to the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile (EYFS) data, which reflects the development and learning of children at the end of their Reception year. The EYFS Profile assesses several key areas of early learning:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Communication and Language
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

(This year's submitted data was quality assured by a Hertfordshire County advisor, ensuring the accuracy and validity of our assessments.)

Previously, our EYFS data had been following a downward trend. However, I am incredibly proud to announce that we have reversed that trend — and not just slightly. This year, 65% of our pupils achieved a Good Level of Development (GLD) — a 17% increase on last year!

This represents not only a dramatic improvement over the past year, but also surpasses the results of the past several years, including pre-COVID levels. In fact, this is the highest EYFS profile data Chambersbury has ever recorded!

How did we achieve this? The answer lies in hard work, commitment, and the skill of our Early Years team. Every member of staff has gone above and beyond to give our children the best possible start to their educational journey. But we could not have done this without you — our families. Whether you attended workshops, followed up on next steps from parent consultations, read with your children daily, ensured regular school attendance, or supported learning at home — your involvement has been critical.

Your efforts, combined with ours, have made a tangible difference. Your children are not only achieving excellent results — they are also well-prepared for the challenges and opportunities ahead.

This success is just the beginning. We now have a strong foundation on which to build, and we will continue working together to ensure that every child at Chambersbury flourishes throughout their school journey.

Thank you to everyone who played a part in this record achievement.

At Chambersbury, we work together to raise confident, capable Change-Makers — pupils who will go on to be assets in society.

ATTENDANCE 2024-2025—WHOLE YEAR

Nur	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole
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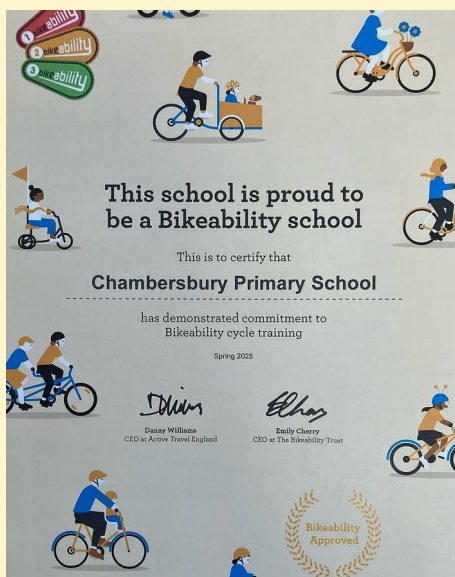
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Nursery Closure

Following consultation, it has been agreed that our Nursery provision will be closing. This is due to the lack of families using the service – this year we had just 4 pupils on roll and last year it was just 6. This means, sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Bunce who joined the school in 2020. Mrs Bunce has played such an important role in shaping the early experiences of many of our pupils and has set them up to have positive journeys through their education. Of course, as well as guiding pupils, Mrs Bunce has supported parents too. I would like to wish Mrs Bunce all the best for the future and say thank you for all you have done in creating a safe, nurturing environment where our pupils could grow, explore, and thrive. Mrs Bunce, please know that your work has made a lasting difference to all of the families you have worked with.

Scooter/Bikes on the Playground

We have noticed an increase in the number of bike/scooters etc. being brought on to the playground in the morning, which I imagine is due to how successful the Bikeability sessions were earlier in the year. It is great to see families choosing to use these environmentally friendly methods of transport (which will make Mrs Gerber particularly pleased), however in September (Newsletter dated 20th September) we did share that, 'We do ask that scooters and bikes are dismounted at the school gates and not ridden on the playground or school paths in order to avoid accidents.' Please continue to support us with this, thank you.



Miss Charanduk

In September, Miss Charanduk flew all the way from Canada to join the Chambersbury team; at the end of term, she will be flying back to be reunited with her family. Miss Charanduk has been a real asset to our school, she has taught Year 3 and supported the development of many subject areas. Miss Charanduk brought energy, creativity, and compassion into her classroom and into the hearts of our pupils. Thank you for everything you've done. We wish you all the best on your next journey — may it be filled with success, fulfilment, and just as much joy as you've given here.

Transition

Transition sessions have begun with teachers sharing story time with their new classes. This has been a lovely, light touch approach to pupils building those positive, trusting relationships. (Those teachers that are not able to be here for these story sessions are working behind the scenes to find out about your children and will meet them on the transition day next Thursday).

Term Dates

Please do check the term dates as to when you can book family holidays/events – next year we will be looking to drive up attendance figures as we know that pupils that are in school more achieve better in all areas.

Fire-Pit Sessions

Of course, at Chambersbury we are focusing on improving academic attainment, but we do this in a holistic way. This week saw Mrs Stevens and Miss Alford running fire-pit sessions for all of the pupils across the school. These have been a lovely opportunity for classes to come together, reflect on all of their achievements over the past year and share their hopes and dreams for next year (as well as a chance to enjoy eating smores!)

Work Experience

You may have noticed a Chambersbury alumni working in school this week – we have been joined by Miss Hedger who has been supporting in Year 2. Miss Hedger has been a fantastic asset and we would like to thank her for her service. Even when our pupils fly the Chambersbury nest, they will remain part of our team and we will always endeavour to help with work experience placements or similar when we can.

Reception Stay and Play Sessions

On Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon this week, Miss Alford held some stay and play sessions for the new cohort. It was lovely to meet some of our new families joining Chambersbury in September and great to see some familiar faces too! The children enjoyed exploring our Reception and outdoor classrooms with their parents/carers. The session finished with a story and songs and the children joined in brilliantly! The transition process continues for our youngest children.

Key Events:

Friday 4th July — Summer Fair

Monday 7th July — Year 5 & 6 production dress rehearsal

Tuesday 8th July — Year 5 & 6 production

Wednesday 9th July — End of Year reports sent to parents

Wednesday 9th July — Year 6 trip to Longdean production

Thursday 10th July — Transition Day

Monday 14th July — iRock Concert

Tuesday 15th July — Year 2 graduation

Tuesday 15th July — EYFS Teddy Bears picnic

Tuesday 15th July — Year 6 graduation

Wednesday 16th July — Year 6 BBQ and water activities

Thursday 17th July — Year 6 Mulligans class party

Friday 18th July — Leavers assembly

Friday 18th July — End of term for pupils at 13:30

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