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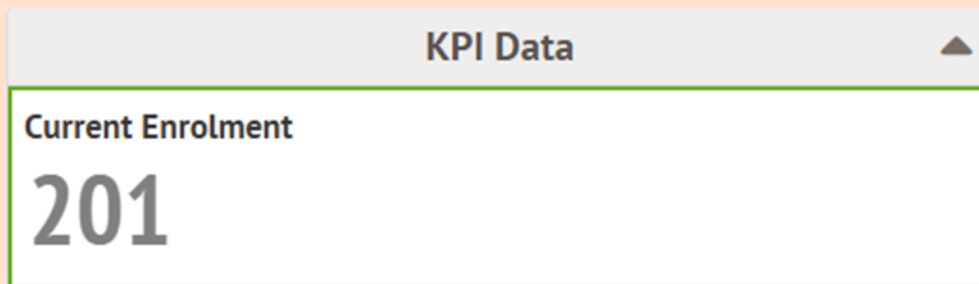
27th June 2025

TARGET 200 COMPLETE!

Throughout the year I have mentioned that more and more parents are making Chambersbury their number 1 choice of school — As of this week we have pushed past the 200 mark and now have 201 pupils on role!

You may ask why this is important: the majority of funding schools receive is based on the number of pupils that attend. This is the funding that is used to pay for the expert staff we have, the school upkeep (including energy bills), educational resources (including everything from subscriptions to glue sticks), as well as any improvements we want to make (such as the OPAL project or Reception refurbishment). A tangible example of how important this is, is that currently every classroom has at least 1 teaching assistant, we can only afford this because of the number of pupils we have.

Thank you to everyone that has been spreading the word about the positive changes we have made this year and how successful we are becoming — this love for our school is certainly having a fantastic impact!



Mad Science/HAPpy Camp

Another new opportunity for pupils at Chambersbury! This summer we are hosting a Mad Science camp and HAPpy Camp — look at the attached fliers for more information about these.

New Reception Parents

It was lovely to meet all of our new Reception parents on Wednesday evening. Welcome to our school!

We do still have a few spaces left in our Reception class for September, so if you know someone who might want to join us, please do let them know.

ATTENDANCE 2024-2025—WHOLE YEAR

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

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

Fire Drill

On Wednesday we held a fire drill — all pupils (and the many visitors) were out of the building and safely accounted for in just 2 minutes 38 seconds! Brilliant!

MTC Data — Record breaking year!

We received our MTC (Multiplication Tables Check) on Monday — **this is the best MTC data Chambersbury has ever received!** (Pupils will receive individual results in their reports).

- BEST EVER in the percentage of pupils achieving full marks — 32.14% (up from 16.6% last year)
- Most full marks EVER — 9 students (more than double what we achieved last year!)
- Our second-highest average score ever — 19.68 (increase of +2 on last year)

To give you an understanding of where we were at the start of the year: we had 3.5% of pupils looking at getting full marks, 1 pupil, and an average score of 9.17.

This didn't happen by luck — there was no magic, it happened due to the hard work of everyone working TOGETHER. I make absolutely no apologies for being relentless in driving up standards at Chambersbury and making the changes needed for that to happen.

The school paid for subscriptions and resources, Mrs Stevens held an MTC parent coffee morning, the teaching team taught and targeted pupils learning; never giving up, pupils had to put in the hard graft practicing everyday at home and at school and parents played times table songs in the car, made sure their children were using Times Table Rockstars at home daily, and supported the school.

We should all take pride in this and celebrate it but we can't stop here — we must continue to improve and continue to do the best for our pupils/your children — together!

This is just a snapshot of school data — but believe me when I say we are working this hard in all areas to get all standards to where we want them to be; it will take time but work with me and we will achieve the best outcomes for everyone.

Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) results are out...



DO YOU WANT TO KNOW HOW WE DID?

Yes

100%

No

0%

Lunch Menu Tasting



In response to many of you wanting to taste our school dinners, our chef held a taster session during the recent Parent Picnic — over 400 portions were tasted which shows just how popular the food is! School dinners take away the stress of making packed lunches and enjoyment that pupils are getting healthy choices.

Did you know, if you are entitled to Pupil Premium Funding, your child can get a free school meal: [Check here](#)

Sports Day Feedback

I am really appreciative of everyone of you that has taken the time to e-mail in or speak to us on the playground with positive feedback regarding Sports Day — I, and the team, have truly been moved.

A few examples of feedback we have been given are:

'The carousel format meant it was much more interactive and felt like a real family event.'

'I know from speaking to other parents they all agreed that it was an amazing day and you even changed the minds of some of your harshest critics.'

'Being able to go around the carousel meant we got a much better view.'

'The DJ was a brilliant addition, as was the trophy and confetti. Great to encourage healthy competition for the children as well as catering for all abilities.'

'It was abundantly clear you enjoyed it as much as the children did.' (I did!)

'Found it much easier to say goodbye at the end having spent more time with me, and knowing I was coming back for the picnic later on.'

'It was so interactive for the Chambersbury community, and for the children themselves who got to take part in so many more activities.'

'Everyone did an amazing job.'

'Best sports day we have ever had.'

'The event was really well organised and it was really nice to see the children from Longdean supporting as well.'

'Thanks for a lovely morning and another opportunity to come and spend time at school'

'Everyone was saying what a great day it was.'

'I don't have children at the school, but it was lovely to hear the pupils cheering and enjoying themselves. The music was great too!' (local resident).

'The split day made it much more manageable for my child.'

'Thank you for a lovely Sports Day it was phenomenal!'

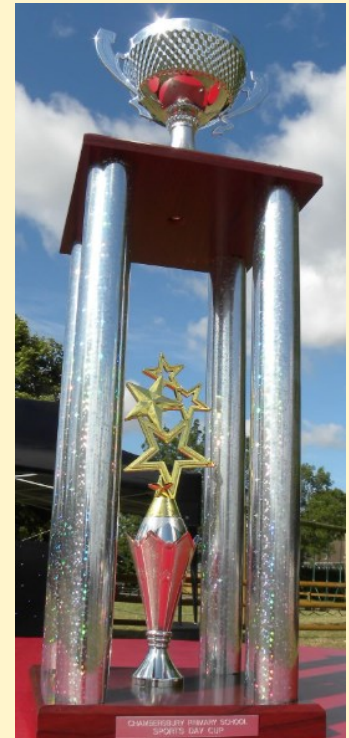
We have also had some positive but constructive feedback such as having a fourth podium so all house captains get to go up and celebrate (it's a very valid point).

The Parent Picnic was a real delight and the ice cream van raised £65 for the school.

Throughout the year I have reported how advisors and visitors have commented on how high behaviour standards are at Chambersbury (which is backed up by the statistics); Sports Day was the perfect opportunity for you to see this for yourselves - I think everyone would agree, that the competitors behaviour was impeccable.

Sponsorship Deal

If you know, or run, a company that would like to sponsor our Sports Day next year, please do get in touch to discuss terms.



Healthy Living Week

Healthy Living Week has been a vibrant and engaging celebration of fitness, well-being, and teamwork. The week kicked off with the very successful Sports Day, where students demonstrated fantastic energy and team spirit across a range of events.

Challenge Sport and Education brought excitement with inter-house and year group cricket matches that encouraged friendly competition and skill development. England's next test match begins on Wednesday, hopefully we will see some of our pupils represent their country in the future.

The enthusiasm continued as Game On delivered dynamic hockey and handball sessions, inspiring students to try new sports and build confidence. Adding a creative twist, the Saracens Foundation led energising cheer and dance workshops, while Storm Basketball brought high-intensity fun, teaching professional techniques and promoting teamwork. The week was a brilliant reminder of the importance of staying active and trying new challenges together.

A highlight of the week was the visit from athlete Taylor Gough, who inspired pupils with his story during a whole-school assembly. Every child took part in an exciting fitness circuit led by Taylor, showing incredible enthusiasm and determination. The event not only promoted physical activity and resilience but also brought the school community together. Thanks to everyone's support, we raised over £600 for the school, making it a truly memorable and impactful day!

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Mobile Phones

Whilst we know many of you monitor your children's phones and online activity, we are sending out a reminder as it has been brought to our attention that some of our older children in particular have been having difficulties online.

At Chambersbury, we take our responsibility of e-safety seriously. It is why we ask children not to use their phones on site, to prevent issues whilst here at school. Our lessons reinforce safe use of the internet and phones. When incidents occur online we can support children and their families with what to do, where to get advice and how to report it, but we cannot monitor a child's home activities online ourselves.

We ask you regularly monitor your child's activities online to help ensure your child is safe online. Please also talk to your child regularly about what they should and shouldn't share with others online.

There are links to support parents on our school's website: <https://www.chambersbury.herts.sch.uk/esafety-keeping-safe-online/>

Transition Arrangements

Transition is always a time that can cause worry and anxiety to all involved. At Chambersbury we have a comprehensive transition programme in place to support everyone. Below are a few examples of what is included in this:

Teachers read end of year reports of their incoming class,
Teachers moderated end of year data together,
Reasonable adjustments that are in place /SEND provision are shared with the next teacher,
Teachers have transition meetings with each other,
We have a transition morning (Thursday 10th July),
In September we will hold Meet the Teacher evenings for parents to attend.

The biggest help that parents can give us, is to make sure you always speak positively of every member of school staff and support the schools aims and operational decisions; get involved in school events and openly show that you are working together with us.

September Year Group	Teacher/s	Teaching Assistant
Reception	Miss Alford	Miss Wallis
Year 1	Mrs Dibble	Mrs Steel & Mrs Dancer
Year 2	Mrs Gardner	Mrs Abbott & Mr Timberlake
Year 3	Mrs Stevens & Mr Bartlett	Miss Maidment
Year 4	Miss Cope & Miss Schofield	Mrs Chibba
Year 5	Mrs Gallagher & Miss Fawkes	Mrs Gavin & Miss Gleave
Year 6	Mrs Wright	Mrs Wilson, Mrs Stickings and Miss Panos

Mr Dodd will be continuing to work in his pastoral role across the school and isn't assigned to a class. If you haven't met Mr Dodd, he is on the playground at drop off and pick up each day.

Mr D returns from paternity leave to join us as our sports coach — he will be working 4 afternoons a week and will stay at school until 6pm to run the onsite childcare provision; do make use of this.

Mrs Gerber, who has worked at the school since September 2021, will join the Senior Leadership Team and become our new SENDco — coordinating the provision for SEND across the school. Mrs Gerber knows the pupils in the school well and, of course, many parents. Mrs Gerber and Mrs Ahluwalia will work together for a seamless transition of information so that we continue to provide for the needs of every pupil.

Mrs Gallagher has joined us from a London school, she is vastly experienced and will bring energy and excitement to the team.

Mrs Wright joins us, she is an experienced Year 6 teacher who has also been a deputy headteacher previously in her career, she is trained in therapeutic thinking as well as currently being a designated safeguarding lead.

Mr Bartlett joins us for the year, he has teaching experience abroad and in the secondary school sector. Mr Bartlett has been in school this week and will be here on Mondays and Tuesdays until the end of term getting to know the pupils and school.

Transition Arrangements continued...

This means we have some goodbyes to say:

Mrs Good has decided to work closer to home for a better work/life balance — she will be greatly missed having been at the school since the start of her teaching career. I would like to personally thank Mrs Good for her support this year, particularly with implementing our new English curriculum and with our behaviour training. I certainly hope that our paths cross again in the future.

Mrs Ahluwalia has gained a very exciting new position, working within specialist provision. I think anyone who has had any involvement with Mrs Ahluwalia will know what a fantastic job she has done at Chambersbury championing all pupils but particularly those with SEN - this is a well deserved promotion. Mrs Ahluwalia will complete a comprehensive handover with Mrs Gerber to ensure all of the progress she had made with SEN provision continues.

We also say goodbye to a number of agency staff that have been working with us for a period of time: Miss Harvey and Ms Amaline have been fantastic assets to our school completing vital roles. Thank you for everything that you have done - and hopefully we will work with you again.

Key Events:

Tuesday 1st July— New Reception starters stay and play

Wednesday 2nd July — New Reception starters stay and play

Thursday 3rd July — Fire pit morning

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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All workshops are currently being delivered online via Microsoft Teams. For more information about what each workshop covers and to book a place onto a workshop, visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/hct-childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-33494371787>



Workshop	Date & Time
<p style="text-align: center;">Emotional Wellbeing (For Young People 11-16)</p> <p>A workshop focused on adolescents managing their emotional wellbeing and things parents/carers can do to help.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 31st July 10 am-12 pm Thursday 18th September 6-8 pm</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Adolescent Self-Esteem and Resilience</p> <p>A workshop focused on adolescents improving their self-esteem and resilience and what parents/carers can do to help.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 8th July 6-8 pm Tuesday 2nd September 6-8 pm</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Supporting your Child's Self-Esteem and Resilience</p> <p>A workshop focused on parents/carers supporting their child to improve their self-esteem and resilience.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 7th August 10 am-12 pm</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Supporting with Sleep Difficulties</p> <p>This workshop focuses on supporting children and adolescents with managing their sleep difficulties and things parents/carers can do to help.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 5th August 6-8 pm</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Developing your Child's Emotional Literacy</p> <p>A workshop focused on parents supporting their child with developing emotional literacy.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 10th July 6-8 pm Tuesday 12th August 10 am-12 pm Thursday 25th September 6-8 pm</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">General Emotional Wellbeing and Regulation Tips for Parents/Carers</p> <p>A workshop focused on parents supporting their child's general emotional wellbeing and ability to emotionally regulate.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 16th July 10 am-12 pm Tuesday 19th August 6-8 pm Wednesday 24 September 10 am-12 pm</p>

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