

CHAMBERSBURY NEWS

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Working together to become change makers

11th September 2026

ATTENDANCE 2025-2026—WHOLE YEAR

Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole
93.3%	94.2%	98.3%	92.6%	96.4%	99.5%	94.7%	96.0%

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

Parent Feedback

I have been genuinely moved this past fortnight to receive e-mails supporting what we do, our ethos and praising our staff. The thought that busy parents would take time out of their day to send these messages highlights what an incredible community we have. Thank you so much.

'The staff at Chambersbury have been incredible'

'The truth is, we love Chambersbury. We love the school, the ethos and the teachers - we genuinely think they're brilliant.'

Sometimes we get things wrong, sometimes things don't go to plan but please know this, we all want the best for each and every pupil at our school. The decisions we make are child centred and we will strive to give them the best experience we can.

Team building day

On Wednesday 16th September, Premier Education will be joining us for a fantastic enrichment day with children in Years 1–6. Throughout the day, children will take part in fun and engaging activities designed to develop their teamwork, communication, cooperation and problem-solving skills. All children in Years 1–6 should come to school wearing their PE kit on Wednesday so they are ready to fully participate. We are really looking forward to a brilliant day!

Football Teams

All Year 5 and Year 6 parents/carers will receive an email from Miss Cope regarding our school football teams for this year. We are hoping to enter two boys' teams and one girls' team into the DSSN Football League, depending on the number of children interested. If your child would like the opportunity to be part of the school football team this year, please sign them up via Arbor. We are looking forward to another exciting season of football!

Attendance

We believe that regular school attendance is one of the most important ways a parent/carers can support their child's education. When pupils attend school every day and arrive on time, they are better able to build friendships, develop confidence, enjoy learning and make academic progress.

We are all parents/carers to:

- Encourage and support excellent attendance and punctuality.
- Ensure your child's attends school every day unless they are genuinely too unwell.
- Plan holidays outside of term time.

Everyday counts, even a small amount of missed learning can make a difference; by working together we can ensure every child thrives at Chambersbury.

Free School Meals

This month there were changes made to the Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility meaning that all families need to reapply if they wish to continue to receive support. There are two categories of Free School Meals: Targeted and Expanded.

Pupils may qualify for Targeted FSM if parents/carers receive:

- Universal credit with a household income below £7400 per year.
- Income-based employment and support allowance.

Pupils may qualify for expanded FSM if parents/carers received:

- Universal Credit with a household income about £7400 per year.

Pupils that qualify for Targeted FSM receive free school meals, access to free holiday activities and food programmes (HAF), consideration of other financial support such as with clubs and trips; the school also receives additional funding to support pupils in school. Pupils that qualify for expanded FSM receive free school meals.

Please use the following link to see if your child qualifies:

[Free School Meals](#)

Champions Choose Chambersbury

Next week we have 3 more Change-Makers joining us! If you see a new parent on the playground please introduce yourself to them and give them a warm welcome as you always do.

SEND Pathway

To help support parents I have attached to this newsletter our SEND Pathway. This is a flow diagram showing the process of how we recognise and support pupils with SEND. If you have any questions about this please speak to Mrs Gerber.

It is worth keeping in mind that we have high expectations for all pupils both in terms of their academic learning, their behaviour and attendance. The support we put in place for pupils is to help them reach those expectations.

OPAL Play – Wet Weather Reminder

As part of our OPAL Play policy, we aim to play outdoors in all weathers when we can! Please ensure your child comes to school prepared every day.

Please ensure that your child brings a waterproof jacket every day and a pair of named wellies to keep in school daily.

Thank you for helping us make outdoor play possible in all weathers!

Forest School

Year 6 began Forest School this week, continuing to build our new Wild Chambersbury shelter. The work pupils undertook in Forest School last year has really paid off and we have seen an increase in wildlife visiting us including a pair of foxes.

Reminder — Therapeutic Thinking

Parents are invited to meet myself and the Therapeutic Thinking team straight after school on Monday 28th September. This session will help you better understand how we manage and teach behaviour expectation.

If you can't make it, perhaps you could ask a grandparent, uncle or aunty to come instead.

Please book your place via Arbor.

Key Dates Error

Last week, on the Key Dates page, I made an error— Year 4 Forest School begins on 9th December. Year 3 Forest School sessions begin on 3rd February.

Golden Welly

At Chambersbury Primary School, we believe that play is an important part of learning, growing and achieving together. Through our OPAL play programme, the Golden Welly Award celebrates classes that demonstrate fantastic play, teamwork and positive behaviour at playtime.

We are excited to relaunch the Golden Welly Award. Each week, the award is presented to a class that has shown outstanding play and demonstrated our school ethos of "Learning, Growing, Achieving, TOGETHER."

There is just one small problem... our original Golden Welly has seen better days...

We are looking for a kind volunteer to help us create a brand-new Golden Welly trophy. Are you creative? Perhaps handy with wood? Could you help us give a welly boot a golden makeover?

Please see the examples below of what we are hoping to create.



Timetable Rockstars (TTRS)

Pupils in Year 2-6 have been gifted a login to TTRS, please make sure they are logging in and using it.

**CHAMBERSBURY**
PRIMARY SCHOOL
Learning, Growing, Achieving, TOGETHER

Looking for the right primary school for your child?

Come and see what makes Chambersbury special

A welcoming one-form entry primary school where every child is known, valued and supported.
Discover our engaging curriculum, caring staff and inclusive community support.



**WRAPAROUND CARE**
7:40AM - 6:00PM
Breakfast Club, After School Club and Holiday Club available

**GOLD SCHOOL GAMES AWARD**
Nationally Recognised for Sport
Celebrating excellence in PE, physical activity and healthy lifestyles

**OPAL PLAY**
Award-Winning Outdoor Play
Developing creativity, resilience, teamwork & independence through outdoor play

BOOK A SCHOOL TOUR

Come and meet our pupils, staff and Headteacher.





Key Events:

Monday 14th September — Year 6 Meet the teacher

Tuesday 15th September — Year 1 Meet the teacher

Wednesday 16th September — Year 2 Meet the teacher

Thursday 17th September — Year 5 Meet the teacher

Friday 18th September — Flu Vaccinations

Friday 25th September — National Teaching Assistants Day

Monday 28th September — Therapeutic Thinking Parent Session

Monday 5th October — Year 6 Height and Weight

Wednesday 21st October — Year 5 Forest School begins

Wednesday 21st October — Teacher/Parent Consultations

Thursday 22nd October — Teacher/Parent Consultations

Monday 26th October — Half term

Monday 2nd November — INSET day

Wednesday 4th November — Year 6 School trip (Children at War)

Wednesday 11th November — Year 3 & Year 4 School trip (Chiltern Open Air Museum)

Friday 13th November — Year 4 Class assembly

Friday 20th November — Year 3 Class assembly

Thursday 25th November — Year 5 School trip (Hampton Court Palace)

Friday 27th November — INSET day

Monday 30th November — Occasional Day (school closed)

Tuesday 1st December — Year 5 & 6 Bikeability

Friday 4th December — Year 2 Class assembly

Wednesday 9th December — Year 4 Forest school begins

Thursday 10th December — Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 10th December — Christmas craft day

Friday 18th December — End of Term (School finishes at 13:30)

Red signifies new events/dates

CHAMBERSBURY SEND SUPPORT PATHWAY

We all want the best for your child. If we notice that they may need extra support, we will work with you every step of the way



**CHAMBERSBURY
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TOTAL TKD

TaeKwon-Do Classes

at
Chambersbury
Primary School



All year groups
Every Thursday
3.15-4.15pm

*I will also have a class at
4.15-5.15 open to all
children in and out of the
school*



Self Defence



Focus



Fitness



Discipline

Book your Childs space;



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Love swimming and want to compete? Join our club!



We are a community club welcoming swimmers of all ages and abilities, competing at local, county, regional and national levels.

Our structured training programme, ranges from junior squads with swimmers who are beginning their competitive swimming journey, through to our more experienced Masters level.



Is your child ready to take their swimming to the next level?

Galas are an exciting part of the swimming calendar, where children have the opportunity to compete for medals.

Do you have children in Swim England swimming lessons stages 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9/10 that are looking for the next step in swimming?

Children can join the club from age 6 upwards, where they will be taught the necessary skills to progress into our training squads.

To join us, simply sign up for a trial at hhsc.org.uk/join and we'll be in touch.

*Must have achieved Swim England Level 4 and above

