

CHAMBERSBURY NEWS

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Working together to become change makers

13th June 2025

DFS Coffee Afternoon

On Wednesday we gave parents yet another opportunity to come into school and work TOGETHER with us: this time it was a coffee afternoon supported by Dacorum Family Services. This year we have offered more chances to come into school and be involved than ever before - we do need parents to take advantage of these coffee afternoons/mornings, workshops, rock concerts, P.A.T.CH events, etc if we are to continue to offer them in the future.

If you haven't attended events this year, I would be interested to hear from you to understand why and what we can do further to enable you to be fully involved in school life.



ATTENDANCE 2024-2025—WHOLE YEAR

Nur	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole
54.4%	92.8%	89.0%	92.5%	94.3%	94.0%	91.9%	88.8%	91.5%

Assessments — Phonics Screening

Recently our Year 1 pupils have been undertaking their phonics screening check — this statutory assessment is to evaluate whether pupils have learned phonic decoding to an age-appropriate standard. The results of these will be shared with parents later this term.

I would like to take a moment to acknowledge how incredibly hard the Year 1 staff team have worked this year to ensure pupils have made rapid progress with their phonics, and to thank parents that have been following this work up at home. This is vital to getting the best outcomes for all pupils.

At Chambersbury we use the Essential Letters and Sounds phonics programme which you can find out more about here: <https://www.chambersbury.herts.sch.uk/reading-including-phonics/>

Assessments — Multiplication Times Table Check

Our Year 4 pupils have been sitting their Multiplication Times Table Check. This check has no pass mark: pupils answer 25 randomised times table questions and are given 6 seconds to correctly answer each question. This year we have had a big focus on this, and you will know from previous newsletters, in the unofficial checks we have made better progress than the National and County averages.

We pay for Times Table Rockstars so all pupils in Year 2-6 can practice their times tables at home, please do ensure your children are using this to the fullest.

Menu Tasting — You asked for it...

With the vast majority of our large, Instagram following indicating that they would like to taste our dinner menu, we are please to announce that we are going to make this happen!

On Monday 23rd June (at the afternoon picnic), our wonderful chef, Laura, and her team, will be providing samples of what is on offer on our dinner menu (as these are 'tasters,' this should not replace whatever you are packing in your picnic basket).

Best of all, there will be no charge to taste these!



WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAMPLE
OUR DINNER MENU?

Yes 😊

73%

No

27%

@hclcatering



Year 4 Box Moor Trip

On Monday, Year 4 enjoyed a fantastic hands-on day at the Box Moor Trust as part of their rivers topic. The pupils took part in a biological sampling activity, stepping into the river to discover and investigate the many creatures living beneath the surface. They also profiled the river bed, learning how to measure and map its features. It was a fun and memorable way to bring their classroom learning to life!

Thank you to everyone that paid the voluntary contribution and those that made over payments, without this support trips like this cannot take place.



More Sporting Success!

We are pleased to announce that our Year 3 pupils came 3rd in their tennis competition this week at Leverstock Tennis Club. This is our highest ever finish in this competition — Well done Year 3!

Our next sporting event sees Year 4 travelling to Longdean to take part in a carousel of sport-specific activities, including golf, archery, badminton, quidditch and more!

Pirate Day

The children in Nursery and Reception enjoyed a fun packed day with learning linked to pirates! We discovered that Pirate Pete had stolen all of our gold coins and we made 'Wanted' posters to find him. In the afternoon, Pirate Pete left some maps to read to find clues in socks, hidden around our grounds, that made a sentence to read to tell us where the treasure was hidden. As a reward the children made Swashbuckle fruit smoothies, which were liked by all.



Year 2 Graduation

On Tuesday 15th July, Year 2 will have their Graduation Ceremony. It will be a lovely memory for the pupils to have and a chance to celebrate all the hard work your child has put in during their time in Key Stage 1.

The graduation ceremony will take place at 10am and last approximately 30 minutes. Gates and doors will open at 9:45am.

On this day, pupils should wear their smart school uniform. Group and general photos can be taken. However, as always, these must be for your personal memories and not shared on social media/online.

Mobile Phones - Pupils and Adults

Please be reminded that we do not allow pupils to use mobile phones on the school site — this includes before and after school. This is partly due to safeguarding reasons but also because we encourage pupils to socialise and develop those skills to support them to be assets in society. If a pupil absolutely has to bring a phone to school (Year 5 & 6 pupils that walk home), these must be turned off and handed to their class teacher on arrival.

We also ask adults not to use phones on school site — again, partly for safeguarding reasons but also because we think that the 10 minutes at drop off and pick up are so important for pupils to be able to hug their adults goodbye and tell them how their day has been.

Following a discussion with parents this week, we are looking into what support we can provide to help families keep pupils off of phones (unless it is to complete learning activities such as Times Tables Rockstars).

Spread the Word!

As much as we try to ensure our communications are timely and accessible for all, we are aware that there are some families that are missing out on events and information - please help us and them by reminding your friends to read the newsletter — I am sure they will appreciate it.

OPAL Development — Athletics Track Open

At Chambersbury we use our athletics track for run together sessions (similar to what some schools call The Daily Mile) - but we can now proudly announce that we have opened the track for pupils to use at lunchtimes as well.

This development continues our drive to become a fully accredited OPAL school, which we are aiming to be by October 2025.

With the opening of the athletics track we have put measures in place to help pupils safely cross our service road, this has included an assembly on road safety, installing traffic cones, monitoring the crossing and new procedures for deliveries. Please reinforce road safety with your children at home.

If you arrive at school during lunchtime, please be mindful of pupils and ensure you head straight to the school office.

Key Events:

Thursday 19th June — Year 1 Great Fire of London workshop

Monday 23rd June — Sports Day

Monday 23rd June — Parent Picnic

Monday 23rd June — Menu tasting

Tuesday 8th July — Year 5 & 6 production

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

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

Friday 18th July — Leavers assembly

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

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