

# CHAMBERSBURY NEWS

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*Working together to become change makers*

16th May 2025

What a wonderful week it has been at Chambersbury! The sun has been shining and everyone has been working hard. My favourite moments, however, both came after school on Monday: one of these moments was watching an ex-pupil and a current pupil give each other a friendly hug on the playground. The second was a parent politely supporting me with managing inconsiderate parking outside the school gates. This is what makes Chambersbury such a special school – it is filled with genuine love and care for each other.

## ATTENDANCE 2024-2025—WHOLE YEAR

Nur	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole
54.3%	92.8%	88.6%	92.8%	94.5%	93.9%	92.2%	89.2%	91.5%

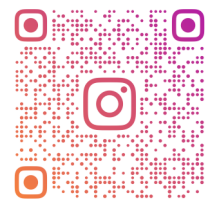
### SATs

Well done to Year 6 who have taken their SATs tests and to the staff that have been involved. Pupils will receive the results of these with their end of year reports in July. Thank you to Year 5 who kindly vacated their room for most of the week to allow Year 6 space to spread out in order to do their best.

The next set of statutory assessments are the Year 4 Multiplication Times Table Check which takes place after half term – our Year 4's have made brilliant progress with their times tables this year, with a third of them on track to get full marks! Please encourage your child to use Times Tables Rockstars regularly to practice for this.

### Instagram

In last week's newsletter I mentioned the positive comments written about the school on Facebook; and this week we have joined Instagram! Our newsletter will still remain our main, official source of communication, with the Instagram page giving a 'behind the scenes' insight into what is happening day to day. If you would like to give us a follow or share our posts, you can use the QR link below or follow [@chambersburyprimaryschool](https://www.instagram.com/chambersburyprimaryschool)



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### Playground Piano

You may have seen in a number of public spaces, such as train stations and shopping centres, that there are pianos that can be used freely; we now have our own piano on the playground for pupils/parents to use. It is located in our beautiful outdoor classroom and can be used at drop off/pick up time or at break and lunchtimes.

Thank you to the group of parents that worked TOGETHER with Mr Phillips and the team to move this piano — I am told it was very heavy!



## Chair of Governors and Vice Chair of Governors

I would like to introduce to you our new Chair of Governors, Mr Montgomery; and our new Vice Chair of Governors, Ms Mitchell. Both have been school governors for a number of years and have been busy in their new rolls working with me to develop our new 5-year strategic plan. Governors plays a vital role in school life, whilst it is my job to run the school, they are responsible for:

Ensuring the strategic direction, vision and ethos of a school.  
Holding leaders within a school to account on various issues.  
Overseeing financial performance and ensuring money is well spent across a school.

## Lost Property

Please claim lost property - it is kept in the black container near the outside toilet. Naming your children's items clearly will help ensure that items are easily returned to the rightful owner.

## FREE Friday Childcare!

Due to the positive impact our new afterschool childcare offer is having for our pupils, we are offering it FREE every Friday after half term!

This means that you can sign your child up to stay at school, having fun until 5pm FREE OF CHARGE!

You will still need to book your child's place (there are 20) using the following link:

<https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/challenge-sport-education-chambersbury-friday-fun-club-free-club-hemel-hempstead-8722676d-873f-4fa7-8cdd-3518c3539d8e>



**CHALLENGE**  
SPORT & EDUCATION

# CHAMBERSBURY AFTER SCHOOL CHILDCARE

Daily after school childcare  
until 6pm each day for  
children in Reception -  
Year 6

- Outside sports
- Inside games / activities
- Flexible Booking

## Punctuality

Being late for any event increases anxiety and creates a very uncomfortable feeling – the same is true for being late for school. Our school day starts at 8:45 with well-being and learning activities starting straight away, this includes work supporting pupils recognising and managing their feelings and emotions. When pupils arrive late, not only does it cause distress to them but it also disturbs the rest of the class who have already begun their learning. Please ensure you bring your children to school everyday and on time. Of course, on the rare occasion you arrive late with your child due to unforeseen circumstances, you must bring them to the school office to register and give a valid reason.

## INSET Day Reminder

Monday 2nd June is an in-service training (INSET) day, whilst the school will be open for staff who will be undertaking Therapeutic Thinking behaviour training, it is closed for pupils.

Key Events:

Thursday 22nd May — Year 1 Phonics Screening Parent workshop

Friday 23rd May — Class photographs

Monday 2nd June — INSET Day

Monday 2nd June - Friday 13th June — Year 4 MTC assessment

Wednesday 4th June - Friday 6th June — Residential trip

Monday 9th June - Friday 13th June — Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Monday 9th June — Year 4 Box Moor Trust trip

Tuesday 10th June — EYFS Pirate day

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

Monday 23rd June — Sports Day

Monday 7th July — Year 5 & 6 production

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 — 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

*Red signifies new events/dates*

## **Become a Parent Governor at Chambersbury Primary School - Shape Your Child's Education!**

**Do you want to play a vital role in the strategic direction of Chambersbury Primary School and make a real difference to the education and wellbeing of our pupils?**

We currently have two Parent Governor vacancies on our Governing Body and are looking for enthusiastic and committed parents to join our team.

### **What is a Parent Governor?**

Parent Governors are elected by the parents of children attending the school. They bring a valuable parental perspective to the Governing Body, ensuring that the best interests of the pupils are at the heart of all discussions and decisions.

### **As a Parent Governor, you will contribute to:**

Setting the strategic direction and overall aims of the school.  
Monitoring the educational performance of the school and the progress of pupils.  
Ensuring the school is well-managed and provides a safe and supportive environment.  
Contributing to the development and review of school policies.  
Acting as a link between the parent body and the Governing Body.

This is a rewarding opportunity to work collaboratively with other governors, the Headteacher, and staff to ensure Chambersbury Primary School continues to thrive and provide an excellent education for all its students.

### **The Election Process:**

As outlined by national guidance, the election process for Parent Governors at Chambersbury Primary School will follow these key steps:

**Nomination Period:** We will shortly be inviting nominations from all parents of children currently attending Chambersbury Primary School. Information on how to submit a nomination will be sent out to all parents. This will include details about the eligibility criteria for Parent Governors and what the role entails.

**Candidate Statements:** Nominees will be invited to submit a brief statement outlining why they wish to become a Parent Governor and what skills and experience they would bring to the role. These statements will be shared with the parent body.

**Voting Period:** Once all nominations are received, a ballot will be held, allowing all parents to cast their vote for their preferred candidates. Details on how to vote, including the timeframe and method (which may be postal or electronic), will be communicated to all parents.

**Count and Announcement:** Following the close of the voting period, the ballot papers will be counted, and the names of the elected Parent Governors will be announced to the school community.

**Uncontested Elections:** In the event that the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies (two in this case), the nominated candidates may be elected without the need for a ballot (unopposed).

### **Interested in finding out more?**

We encourage any parents who are interested in learning more about the role of a Parent Governor and the election process to contact [admin@chambersbury.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@chambersbury.herts.sch.uk) or the School Office on **01442 256435** for further information.

**Your voice matters. Consider becoming a Parent Governor and help shape the future of Chambersbury Primary School.**

# Need a cheap healthy recipe to make this weekend?

At Beezee Families, we work with hundreds of families who want to eat healthier, but struggle with time AND finding something everyone will eat. Sounds familiar?

Check out our healthy pizza below for a taste of our recipe selection!



## Ingredients:

1x8 inch tortilla wrap (or you can use pitta bread)

Tomato passata

30g grated light mozzarella or cheddar

Toppings of your choice, such as:

- Peppers
- Ham
- Mushrooms
- Spinach
- Sweetcorn
- Tomatoes
- Pineapple



## Method

- Place tortilla/pitta bread on a plate and spread tomato passata over it
- Add your chosen toppings
- Sprinkle with the grated cheese
- Microwave on high until the cheese is just melted (45 seconds), or place in a pre-heated oven at 200/gas mark 6 for 5-10 minutes
- Leave to cool for a few minutes and then enjoy!

## Want more help with recipes?

We run FREE healthy lifestyle programmes to help families like yours make healthy habits, and have fun while doing so! Secure your spot today

Our courses are for families with children aged 5+ and above their first weight.

Scan the code  
...or click here  
to find out more

Sign up today!



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