

CHAMBERSBURY NEWS

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Working together to become change makers

9th May 2025

SATs

On Monday-Thursday our Year 6 will be sitting their SATs, breakfast is being provided for them in school each day and we are all here to support them. As mentioned in last weeks newsletter, they do not need to worry about taking these – we are all extremely proud of them whatever the results may be.

Reception Spaces for September

There are still some places still available for our September, Reception intake – perhaps you know someone moving to the area, or someone that hasn't yet decided which school place to accept: it's not too late for them to have a tour and choose to come to Chambersbury.

Facebook

I have thought carefully about including this in the newsletter as I feel Facebook community groups can be pretty unpleasant places at times, however, earlier in the week, I found myself searching 'Chambersbury' on a number of these and...

It was overwhelming to read how positively parents and ex pupils talk about our school and the work being done here – not just this year but in previous years as well. Of course, I am well aware that not everyone will agree with all the decisions we/I make or the feel that we/I always get it right (and at times I don't!) but I was so please to read comments such as:

'...They do really well there and enjoy it.'

'It's a lovely school.'

'...my children absolutely loved it!'

'...we absolutely love it.'

'...very supportive.'

'Absolutely brilliant school.'

'...I couldn't recommend it more highly.'

'Brilliant school, highly recommend.'

'The staff are great.'

'Amazing school, like a family.'

These comments really demonstrate our school culture and ethos of working together in a kind and respectful manner. I am truly grateful for everyone that talks highly of our school.

ATTENDANCE 2024-2025—WHOLE YEAR

Nur	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole
54.2%	92.8%	88.5%	93.0%	94.5%	93.7%	92.3%	88.9%	91.5%

Childcare

It is great to see more and more parents availing of our new childcare offer; the pupils that attend are having a great time socialising with their friends as well as enjoying the activities.



New Pupils

We have had even more new pupils/families join us this week and I really appreciate how our community has welcomed these to our school. Joining a new school can be daunting, not just for pupils but also for parents, so it is heart-warming to see and hear many of you introducing yourselves and checking how our new families are settling in.

iRock Concert date

We have another iRock concert booked in! This will be held on Monday 14th July at approximately 9:00.

All parents/carers are welcome to attend and there is no need to book in advance, just turn up at the school office and be ready to tap your feet and sing along!

P.S Don't forget that all pupils in Year 2-6 have a log in for Times Table Rock Stars, which they can log into at home and rock out their multiplication knowledge!

Transition

Whilst I know pupils and parents get anxious around transition, we are working on this early so that we can support everyone.

Our official transition day is on Thursday 10th July, but of course our transition doesn't happen just on this one, single day. Pupil will know their teachers from assemblies, clubs, School Council/Pupil Parliament and other activities; staff will be working together to share information to ensure in September everything is in place for pupils to be learning from day one, teachers will be assessing pupils work with the next teacher so that areas of improvement are identified and can be worked on; additional support will also be provided for those that need it.

Parents can help support transition by talking positively about all school staff, looking at the class pages on website to know what will be getting taught and continuing to practice basic skills over the holiday (we all know the impact COVID had on pupils learning and 6 weeks is a long time):

Reading everyday (it only takes 10minutes and we all spend longer than that scrolling on our phones).
Writing at any opportunity (a film review, recount of a trip, a letter to a family member, holiday diary, etc.)
Number work – adding, subtracting, times tables and division (keep it simple and the methods you taught in school still work fine!)

Census Day

This is what we have sent previously in a letter for dinners on census day:

For the School Census day on Thursday 15th May the school has to record the number of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 entitled to and taking a school lunch under the Universal Infant Meal arrangement. This has a direct impact on the funding received by the school and if your child does not take a meal, the school loses funds for the year. As you may appreciate, school funds have been cut over the last few years and it is vital that we do all we can to raise funds and not lose any more.

In order not to lose out on this funding, we will be booking and giving a meal to every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. We appreciate that not all the children normally take a meal and so if your child normally has a home packed lunch, you will still be able to send one in – we will not force your child to eat a school dinner. However, it will be a great opportunity for your child to try a school meal if they don't normally have one.

The meal choices for next Thursday are:

- Chicken Fillet Burger
- Beef Burger
- Quorn Pattie Burger
- Jacket potato
- Cheese roll

Dessert - Chocolate Crispie Squares

Key Events

Monday 12th May - Thursday 15th May — Year 6 SATs

Thursday 15th May — Census day

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

Wednesday 4th - Friday 6th June — Residential trip

Friday 23rd May — Class photographs

Friday 30th May — Mad Science Holiday camp

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

Monday 9th June — Year 4 Boxmoor trust trip

Monday 23rd June — Sports Day

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

Thursday 10th July — Transition Day

Monday 14th July — iRock Concert

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

Red signifies new events/dates

Fire Service

On Friday we had a visit from the fire service who were checking that our site and procedure were compliant and appropriate. They were very happy with what they saw including the recently installed fire evacuation points.



MAD SCIENCE

SPECTACULAR SCIENCE DAY

MEET THE MINIBEASTS
MAGNETIC MAGIC

CRAZY CATAPULTS
AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!

JOIN US AT OUR BRAND NEW LOCATION!
CHAMBERSBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL
HEMEL HEMPSTEAD

FRIDAY 30TH MAY

BOOKING & INFO: HERTSBEDS.MADSCIENCE.ORG
CAMP@MADSCIENCEHB.CO.UK
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£49 PER DAY

PERFECT FOR CHILDREN AGED 4-11

9:30-4:00

STIRLING GROUP AND EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT