

CHAMBERSBURY NEWS

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Working together to become change makers

2nd May 2025

Chambersbury's Increasing Popularity

This week I have shown a number of potential pupils/parents around the school – we always receive great feedback from these tours with visitors commenting on how polite our pupils are and how calm the school is. Did you know since September we have had an additional 20 pupils join our school? I think this is testament to the amazing work that we are doing 'together!'

We do still have a few remaining places for Septembers Reception intake, so if you know someone that is still looking for a Reception place, please put them in touch.

End Of Day Pick Up

It is lovely that pupils want to stay at school after pick up time and enjoy spending time with their friends, however we need pupils and parents to leave site promptly after pick up so that Mr Phillips can lock the school gates as part of our safeguarding measures. If you would like your child to stay later at school you are able to book them onto our new childcare service here: <https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/challenge-sport-education-chambersbury-after-school-childcare-hemel-hempstead-47feb395-0388-4528-a7a4-ac27736dacca>

ATTENDANCE 2024-2025—WHOLE YEAR

Nur	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole
54.4%	93.0%	88.4%	93.1%	94.5%	93.7%	92.4%	88.9%	91.5%

SATs

On the week commencing Monday 12th May, our Year 6 pupils will be sitting their SATs – these are statutory assessments that test pupils reading, grammar, punctuation and spelling (GAPS) and mathematics. They do not simply test what pupils have learnt in Year 6 but rather contain questions from the entire Key Stage 2 curriculum – for this reason it is important that all pupils, in every year group, are striving to do their best at all times. Each pupil will receive their own individual score which some secondary schools may use to group pupils in Year 7. The schools average score is published and used to help inform school improvement decisions and measure standards.

Pupils do not need to worry about taking their SATs or the results they receive as they have had years preparing for them and their hard work will see them receiving the results they deserve. At this stage there is no expectation for pupils to 'cram' or pull 'all-nighters' to revise, they simply need to keep in a good routine, eat and sleep well and stay relaxed.

Good luck Year 6!

EYFS Maths Workshop

On Thursday next week, Miss Alford is hosting a maths workshop for parents of pupils in Reception. In this session you will be working alongside your child. There is no need to book a place just come to the Reception classroom for 14:00. This session is free of charge.

Half Term Science Day

You will have noticed that attached to last weeks newsletter was a flyer about a Mad Science holiday camp being held at our school during half term. This holiday camp is open to pupils that attend Chambersbury as well as those from other schools – another great example of us working ‘together’ with the local community. I have attached the flier again to this newsletter and would recommend you book your child’s place swiftly.

End of Term

There are now just 10 weeks left of term before the summer holidays – every day counts. Please continue to support us by ensuring your child is reading every day, completing their homework and arriving at school each day ready to learn. We need your help to ensure all pupils are being as successful as they can be.

Change of Date

Unfortunately, due to circumstances out of our control, the date of class photographs has changed. Class photographs will now take place on Friday 23rd May. Please ensure your child is in school, looking smart and in their school uniform for these.

Year 6 Hoodies

Having spoken with the House Captains, we have decided that Year 6 pupils will be able to wear their leavers hoodies from Friday 16th May. (Please remember Year 6 pupils will need to have their red sweatshirt or cardigan with them for the class photographs).

I would like to say thank you to Mrs Webb, who has given up her own time to organise the hoodies for the class; without support from parents such as Mrs Webb we simply aren’t able to offer opportunities like this.

Cheap Uniform

Following on from last weeks request for you to ensure that your children are wearing their correct school uniform, Brigade are offering a 10% discount on orders made over the weekend:

Offer: 10% Discount on all orders
Date: Saturday 3rd May – Monday 5th May
Promo Code: BANKHOL10
Website: <https://www.brigade.uk.com/parents/>

EYFS Advisor Visit

This week we invited a Hertfordshire advisor in to see the amazing work we are doing in our EYFS setting. The advisor was impressed with the high standards we have and the opportunities on offer to our pupils as well as the high levels of staffing.

We will be working with this advisor to develop our EYFS setting further in the coming year to make it even better — exciting times ahead!

Mrs Steel Joins The Team

We would like to welcome Mrs Steel to the team – she will be working as a teaching assistant in Year 4 this term as well as being part of the breakfast club. Mrs Steel has a wealth of experience and will play a key role in supporting our pupils to become change makers.

Abbott’s Hill School

Our friends from Abbott’s Hill School have returned this term to continue to support our pupils. They are working in various classes to help pupils secure their understanding and make increased progress.

This partnership is going from strength to strength.

Sports Day

This year we will be holding Sports Day on Monday 23rd June; more information about this will follow.

Watford FC

Whilst we make no apologies for having a strong focus on the core subjects of English and Mathematics as we know these will support our pupils throughout their educational journey, we also maintain a broad and balanced curriculum. Watford FC have linked up with our school to work with our Year 4 pupils as part of their Joy of Movement programme. This programme is designed to inspire children to move through play and captures the fun approach, focusing on developing key skills in four major areas:

- Physical fitness
- Motor coordination
- Cognitive functions & creativity
- Life skills

Year 4 MTC

This week Year 4 have taken part in the final, Official, Unofficial, Multiplication Times Tables Check before they sit the statutory assessment in June.

Across this year our Year 4 pupils have almost doubled their average score, going from an average of 9 correct answers in the Autumn to an average of 17 now! Incredible progress like this only happens by being relentless in our aspirations for all pupils and having the mentality that, 'If we let you off, we let you down.'

To highlight what we have put in place in Year 4 to raise attainment I've listed a few actions below:

- Put laptops in the class,
- Added additional laptops,
- Additional staffing to run interventions,
- Held Times Tables Rockstars workshop for parents,
- Purchased additional 'statistics' package to specifically target individual pupils gaps,
- Sent home timetable 'heat maps' at parents evenings,
- Held Times Tables Rockstars assemblies,
- Regular times tables competitions,
- Abbots Hill pupils visiting weekly to support learning of times tables,

This list doesn't even begin to cover the day to day, quality first teaching that takes place at Chambersbury or the work that you have been doing at home with your children such as listening/singing to times tables songs in the car, ensuring your children are using Times Tables Rockstars daily, tutoring, etc.

EYFS Profile For Parents

If you have a child in Reception they will be assessed using the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile — the video link below from Hertfordshire will explain more information about this and it also includes lots of ideas about how you can support at home.

Video link: <https://vimeo.com/1065001176?share=copy>

Password: EYFSPparentscarers



Key Events

Monday 5th May — Bank holiday

Tuesday 6th May — Year 3 Verulamium trip

Thursday 8th May — EYFS Maths parent workshop

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

Friday 23rd May — Class photographs

Friday 30th May — Mad Science Holiday camp

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

Wednesday 4th - 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

Monday 23rd June — Sports Day

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

Thursday 10th July — Transition Day

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

Red signifies new events/dates



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

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