

# CHAMBERSBURY NEWS

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*Working together to become change makers*

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## Behaviour

If our attendance was at 95% and if our academic outcomes were at 95% we would be one of the best schools in the country...

Having looked over our behaviour data – 95% of our 196 pupils are consistently following our school expectations and having no behaviour incidents recorded each week because they are always doing the right thing! This is absolutely brilliant!

Perhaps it's the new behaviour policy we have introduced, perhaps it's the additional staff we have employed, perhaps it's the behaviour training staff have received, perhaps it's the exciting curriculum and new opportunities on offer, perhaps it's the improved chances for parental engagement, whatever it is, **together** we are getting it right and setting our pupils up for the brightest of futures!

Thank you for your hard work in supporting our journey with behaviour, whether that be by closely monitoring mobile phone use outside of school, encouraging our 3 step processes for resolving issues, helping your child develop their social skills or simply talking highly of our staff around your children – it is hugely appreciated and has had a really positive impact.

## ATTENDANCE 2024-2025—WHOLE YEAR

Nur	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole
54.1%	92.5%	87.8%	94.0%	93.7%	94.1%	92.3%	88.6%	91.5%

## School Effectiveness Adviser Visit

I have invited our School Effectiveness Adviser, Amanda Abley, to visit on Tuesday 11th March so that she can capture the substantial progress and improvements we have made as a school over the last 6 months. As part of this visit, I have asked her to be on the playground before school to talk to parents and gain your views and opinions of the changes we have made. Please do share your views with her; you may want to talk about the following:

Our new behaviour policy — including staff wearing Hi-Viz jackets, pupils being trained in the 3 step process for managing conflicts, the parent behaviour briefing and the role of Mr Dodd.

The new opportunities for pupils, e.g. iRock, Forest School and Bikeability.

The work of the Charity Reps & House Captains — such as the NSPCC cake sale.

The OPAL project — including the increased chance to play football.

The number of coffee mornings, workshops and opportunities for parents to get involved in our school (for example seeing the swimming pool before the lessons began or the P.A.T.CH events).

How our safeguarding measures have been improved with more Designated Safeguarding Leaders being trained.

Our partnership with Abbots Hill School and how some of our pupils are being supported by them academically.

### Red Nose Day

As you know, on Red Nose Day our Charity Reps will be on the playground painting pupils noses; on this occasion we will not be collecting funds for the charity but if you wish to donate you can do so directly to the charity.

Whilst we are letting pupils have their noses painted red, we are asking that plastic/foam/rubber red noses stay at home — this is because of the amount of lost learning time that comes from pupils losing noses and becoming distracted by them.

### Taekwondo — Parent Workshop

It's great to hear a number of parents are looking forward to attending the Taekwondo workshop on Wednesday 19th March straight after drop off — please do attend if you can even if you have no interest in the Taekwondo club itself. I want all parents to be involved in our school, see what is on offer and work with us — it's vital that pupils see us working **together**.

If you haven't attended a workshop/coffee morning yet this year, this is the perfect chance to!

### Swimming — Please Contribute

It was great to have so many parents avail of the opportunity to see what our swimming pool looks like on Tuesday—I'm sure you all agree it is pretty special!

Obviously, having a pool on site incurs a cost which is why we ask for contributions to it—for example we estimate that to have the pool heated for our pupils it is going to cost us an extra £1000 in electricity but I couldn't have them getting into a cold pool!

If you are unable to pay all of the voluntary contribution, please pay what you can. On the other hand, if you are able to and would like to make an over payment this is much appreciated and can be done via Arbor.

We don't anticipate having a pool every year so this won't be an annual cost.

### Notice Boards

You may have spotted that we are beginning to update some of our notice boards with beautiful artwork such as the piece pictured here. This work has been produced by Beryl in year 6 who is capturing the essence of Chambersbury.

### Key Events

Monday 10th March — Swimming lessons begin

Thursday 13th March — Chambersbury celebrates British Science week

Wednesday 19th March — Parent taekwondo workshop

Thursday 20th March — Year 1 Hudnall Park Trip

Friday 21st March — Comic Relief/Red Nose Day

Monday 31st March — iRock Concert

Tuesday 1st April — Year 2, 3 & 4 production

Wednesday 2nd April — Year 2, 3 & 4 production

Friday 4th April — P.A.T.CH Creative Hair Day

Thursday 8th May — EYFS Maths parent workshop

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

*Red signifies new events/dates*



## Homework

This week during Pupil Voice, our House Captains discussed our current homework arrangements with their houses — this feedback will be taken on-board and will shape how we set homework in the future. If you would like to share your view of homework with me directly you can: I will be at the Taekwondo workshop and am happy to chat then.

What online learning can I access?

	Nur	Rec	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
Evidence Me	X	X						
Espresso - good for all subjects and ages	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mathletics			X	X	X	X	X	X
Google Classroom			X	X	X	X	X	X
TT Rockstars				X	X	X	X	X
Hour of Code - computing				X	X	X	X	X
Accelerated Reading					X	X	X	X

## Attendance — Thank you!

Before half term I asked you to,

*'Please help us improve our attendance figures by ensuring that your children are in school every day unless, of course, they are genuinely unable to attend due to illness.'*

As always our community has responded in a fantastic manner — our attendance figures are increasing! The attendance for this week is below:

Monday: 92.95%  
 Tuesday: 94.55%  
 Wednesday 94.4%  
 Thursday: 96.4%  
 Friday: 94.3%

It is only by working **together** on attendance that we can improve our school and the educational outcomes for our pupils. Please continue to support us with this and send your children into school unless that really can't attend.

## Times Tables Rock Stars

As you can see from the graph below our pupils average response time for answering times tables correctly is getting faster— with an average speed of about 3 seconds! All pupils in Year 2 - 6 have a log in for Times Tables Rockstars, please encourage them to play regularly! Other ways you can help your children learn their times tables is to play times tables songs in your car and use times tables colouring sheets—these can be found with a quick google search.

Studio Speed for the whole school (response time to any question up to 12×12)



