

# CHAMBERSBURY NEWS

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*Working together to become change makers*

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## Mobile Phones

Drop up and pick up are some of the most important times of the day for our pupils. It is wonderful to see many pupils skipping or running into school ready for learning at the start of the day and excitedly telling their parents about what they have learnt at the end of the day. As mentioned in previous newsletters, because these 10 minutes are such a special time, we ask that parents also refrain from using their mobiles phones and keep them put away and wait until they are away from school before using them.

## Parking

Following on from Bikeability and teaching our pupils how to travel safely, we would like remind parents that if you notice dangerous or illegal parking it can be reported on:

<https://www.dacorum.gov.uk/home/community-living/parking-and-travel/problem-parking/report-a-parking-problem>

## ATTENDANCE 2024-2025—WHOLE YEAR

Nur	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole
55.7%	92.7%	90.3%	94.1%	93.5%	94.1%	92.4%	88.6%	91.8%

<https://www.chambersbury.herts.sch.uk/attendance/>

## Parent/Grandparents Readers

To help our pupils with their reading and to get them to experience an even wider range of books, we would love to have some volunteers join our school team to read regularly with pupils - if you have spare time and would like to work **together** with us please contact the school office.

## Teacher/Parent Consultations

It is brilliant to see that almost every parent has already signed up for a Teacher/Parent Consultation - it shows how invested you are in your children's academic performance as well as their social development. If you haven't been able to book an appointment yet, please make sure you book your appointment as soon as possible!

## In Year Admissions

Whilst applications for Reception 2025 have closed, there are some year groups that have places that we are still able to allocate - if you know anyone that is moving to the area, shares the same values as us and wants their child to succeed academically and socially, feel free to put them in touch with us.

## NSPCC Cake Sale

Our Charity Reps are very excited to hold our cake sale at 3:15 on Friday 7th February in support of the NSPCC.

We look forward to seeing (and tasting) your amazing creations — these could be shop bought cakes decorated in hundreds and thousands, or doughnuts in the shape of an '0' or other number based designs.

**Please remember to send in an ingredients list with your cakes so that we are able to guide those that have allergies.**



## Behaviour Briefing

Thank you to all of the parents that attended the Behaviour Briefing on Wednesday evening. This was a fantastic opportunity for parents to come into school and learn about how we approach behaviour management and implement the therapeutic approach.

This year we have offered many chances for parents to get involved with school life to understand how we support our 'change makers,' this has included:

Online Meet the Teacher evenings,  
A phonics evening webinar,  
iRock Concert,  
Mental Health Support Team coffee morning,  
School nursing coffee morning,  
Timestable Rockstars coffee morning,  
Wellbeing coffee morning,  
Parent/teacher consultations,  
P.A.T.CH meetings,  
P.A.T.CH work party  
The Behaviour Briefing.

It would be great to see you all at the next event!

## OPAL Update

It is our vision that every pupil at Chambersbury has an amazing hour of high quality play every day, no matter the weather.



To enable pupils to make the very most of what OPAL has to offer it is essential that all pupil are kitted out with waterproof coats and wellington boots (clearly named). This will enable the pupils to access all play areas to get the most of the OPAL experience.

We have introduced new play areas and moved our mud kitchen, as pupils play and socialise their clothes can get wet and dirty — Waterproof trousers for playtime are highly recommended to protect the pupils school uniform.

If you wish for your child to bring in a change of clothes in case they get muddy/wet, please provide these in a named bag in your child's backpack/school bag so that they can change into them after playtime when necessary.



## Key Events

**Monday 3rd February — Police coffee morning**

Monday 3rd February — Year 5 & 6 'knife crime' workshops

**Tuesday 4th February — Hertfordshire Hero's assembly**

Thursday 6th February — Year 5 & 6 Police 'exploitation' workshops

Friday 7th February — NSPCC's Number day/ cake sale

Monday 10th & Thursday 13th February — Teacher/Parent consultations

Thursday 13th February — ~~Dacorum Family Services coffee morning~~ (cancelled)

Friday 14th February— P.A.T.CH doughnut sale

Friday 28th February — P.A.T.CH Race night

Monday 10th March — Swimming lessons begin

Friday 15th March — Comic Relief/Red Nose Day

**Thursday 20th March — Year 1 Hudnall Park Trip**

Monday 31st March — iRock Concert

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

**Red signifies new events/dates**

## Police Knife Crime coffee morning

On Monday morning straight after drop off, we will be hosting a coffee morning in conjunction with the police - Following this coffee morning the police will be running workshops with our Year 5 & Year 6 pupils focusing on knife crime.

I highly recommend, in particular, that all parents of Year 5 and Year 6 pupils attend the coffee morning so that you are able to understand the work the police will be doing with your children and be able follow up this work at home.