

CHAMBERS BURY NEWS

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Working together to become change makers

10th January 2025

Welcome Back

Our pupils have come back fantastically well after the Christmas break and have shown that they are keen to make 2025 their year! It has been lovely to speak to pupils about their new year resolutions, with many stating that this year they want to read more books, improve their times table knowledge and be the best version of themselves – we are very lucky to have such aspirational pupils that want to succeed both academically and socially.

ATTENDANCE 2024-2025—WHOLE YEAR

Nur	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole
59.4%	92.0%	91.2%	94.3%	92.8%	94.3%	93.5%	89.6%	92.2%

We Need Your Help!

Last term our whole school attendance was 92.6% (this is below the national average of 94.5%) with 30 pupils having 100% attendance; this term I want to see this figure increase, but we can only do this if we work together.

We will continue to make school irresistible and unmissable by providing a broad and balanced curriculum, celebrating successes and giving pupils new and exciting opportunities (such as Year 5 and 6 bike ability and swimming sessions).

I need you to ensure that your children attend school each and every day this term – the only reason a pupil should be absent from school is if they are too ill to go in.

Whilst there is a single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days), I do not want to have to go down this route for any of our families.

Pupil Premium Funding

Have you checked to see if you are entitled to receive pupil premium funding?

Use the following link to see what funding you can receive: it only takes 5 minutes!

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

Operation Decisions

As you will know, I am on the playground most mornings or afternoons – this is a prime opportunity for you to have a chat with me and discuss school life. I would like to also think that I am a hands on headteacher spending as much time with pupils and staff as I can, but increasingly I am finding myself in my office responding to e-mails and justifying my operational decisions to parents – the time I spend doing this is directly taking away from the time I am able to put to moving the school forward and to drive up standards. Whilst I wish to remain approachable, please be mindful and thoughtful before sending in e-mails questioning the rationale for our operation decisions.

PATCH Working Party

Looking forward to seeing you all tomorrow morning from 9:30 to help us enhance our school environment to make it even better for our pupils.

Upcoming Coffee Mornings

The following coffee mornings are currently planned here in school. Everyone is invited to attend.

Tuesday 14th January — Mental health Support team - **9.00am Please come to the school office**
Monday 27th January — Times Tables and tea with Mrs Stevens
Monday 3rd February — Police Knife crime
Thursday 13th February — Decorum Family Services

Parent Tours

Today was the last parent tour for our September 2025, Reception intake. These tours have been hugely successful and it has been a pleasure to be able to open our doors and show off our school! The deadline for applying for a Reception school place is Wednesday 15th January 2025 – if you need help applying please contact our school office.

Teacher/Parent Consultations

This term Teacher/Parent consultations will be held on the 10th and 13th February – we hope by communicating this to you early every family will be able to attend. These meeting will give you an opportunity to look at your child's books, discuss the progress that they have been making and review previous targets. It will also give you the chance to learn about how you can support them going into the final term of the academic year so that they are able to achieve the highest possible standards.

Swimming Pool

This term will see our swimming pool arriving - this will be used to teach all pupils how to swim in order to meet the national curriculum requirements of:

- swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres
- use a range of strokes effectively [for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke]
- perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations

Clubs

Club bookings need to be made by 9:00am on Monday 13th January – there are just a few remaining spaces in our clubs, including boxing club, multisports and football.

Key Events

Saturday 11th January — PATCH Working party

Monday 13th January - Friday 31st January — Year 4 Official, Unofficial, Multiplication Timestable Check

Tuesday 14th January — Mental health Support team coffee morning

Monday 20th January—Year 5/6 bankability starts

Monday 27th January — Timestables and tea with Mrs Stevens

Monday 3rd February — Police Knife crime coffee morning

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

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

Thursday 13th February — Dacorun Family Services coffee morning

Monday 10th March — Swimming lessons begin

Friday 15th March — Comic Relief/Red Nose Day

Red signifies new events/dates

Facebook Page

Did you know we have a Facebook page?

Our Facebook page gives the community a window into our school where you can see photographs of events and our pupils learning. Currently we have 225 followers, why not join them and give our page a like!

iRock

We now have 25 pupils (13% of our school) enrolled in a rock band!

These pupils will be learning how to play instruments as part of a band, encouraging collaboration and working as a team, all whilst levelling up their musical ability and developing a love of music. At the end of the term, they will take to the stage and perform live in front of a crowd!

Timestable Rockstars

Well done to the Masked Owls who won our Christmas Battle of the Bands by answering 13651 timestable questions!

In the Autumn term 2023, our average studio speed was 5.86 seconds with 89% accuracy, this year over the same time period we have improved on both metrics! To the right you will see the league table for our 'Nearby schools' - we are currently (as of Christmas Day), sat in 16th position which is a huge improvement since the start of the year.

For the Year 4 multiplication timestable check we are aiming for all pupils to have a 100% accuracy (for all timetables up to 12x12) with an average speed under 6 seconds.

For tips of how to help your child learn their timestables please attend the coffee morning on Monday 27th January.

Timestable Rockstars — Nearby Schools

15	Brockswood Primary School	3.67
16	Chambersbury Primary School, Hemel Hempstead	3.79
17	Pixies Hill Primary School	3.81
18	Belswains Primary School	3.81
19	Holtsmere End Junior School	3.89
20	Divine Saviour Roman Catholic Primary School	4.00
21	Bedmond Academy	4.13
22	South Hill Primary School	4.15
23	St Paul's CE Primary School, Kings Langley	4.30
24	Nash Mills CE Primary School	4.41
25	Abbots Langley School, Abbots Langley	4.58
26	Lime Walk Primary School	4.81
27	Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School	4.97
28	Redbourn Park School, Hertfordshire	5.30
29	Abbot's Hill School, Hemel Hempstead	5.79
30	St Paul's CEVA Primary School, Chipperfield	6.08

Behaviour Briefing

Now that you have all had the chance to read our new behaviour policy, I want to invite you to come into school and listen to me explain my philosophy on behaviour and how this policy looks in action.

On Wednesday 29th January from 18:00 to 19:00, I will be holding a behaviour briefing, in which I will go through our policy and bring it to life for you. Whilst there will be no charge for tickets to this event, you will need to book so we can manage the number of attendees.

To book a space at the Behaviour Briefing please sign up via Arbor, under trips.

There won't be an opportunity to ask questions on the evening due to time restrictions, however you can submit a question when you book your ticket by e-mailing the school office, I will endeavour to answer these questions within the presentation.

This event is not suitable for pupils/children to attend.

Assessment Data

As I am sure you are aware, for a number of years the attainment data at Chambersbury has been lower than the national average - with last years data showing 40% of Chambersbury pupils achieving age related expectations in Reading, Writing and Maths.

It will therefore not surprise you that raising the attainment levels is very much my focus to ensure all pupils are prepared for the next step in their education and for later in life.

Obviously this means I am regularly analysing data and looking for trends - I can proudly say that the data so far this year has shown that every class has made progress compared to last year, with more pupils on track to meet age related expectations.

I hope that if we continue making progress at this rate, we will begin to see our data become more inline (if not better than) the national average.

As always, we will only be able to achieve the highest standards if all stakeholders work together - this means pupils being in school and being ready to learn, parents supporting teachers and the schools decisions and staff being able to focus on providing high quality learning experiences.

Assemblies

At Chambersbury, we hold assemblies everyday, which usually follows the format of Monday being values lead, Tuesday—Thursday having a singing, self development, key messages or play assemblies and Friday celebrating achievements. On occasions we have visitors in that take assembly, or we might have a special event take place

This term, our assemblies will include:

Learning Resolutions - how are pupils using a growth mindset to tackle the year ahead?

Embedding our new behaviour policy - including empower pupils to use the 3 step approach to resolving conflict.

Tackling racism - a protected characteristic.

Celebrating and understanding differences including special educational needs.

NSPCC - 'Every Childhood is Worth Fighting For'

Pupil voice/parliament focusing on our writing curriculum and our approach to homework.

Personal Items from Home

We have been made aware that a number of children have been bringing in personal items from home such as small toys and jewellery.

As per our school uniform policy: For safety and security reasons no jewellery should be worn except for ear studs. Hooped or dangling earrings must not be worn. If a child arrives at school wearing either of these earrings or any other jewellery, he/she will be asked to remove the items. If a child is unable to do this, then the parent will be asked to remove the items. Ear studs and watches must be removed before a child participates in PE and Swimming lessons (not taped up). Watches, if worn to school, are the child's own responsibility at all times.

Other personal items, including fidgets, should not be brought in unless agreed with the class teacher and/or SENDCo depending on individual needs.

New Staff Member

Mr Dodd has joined our school, he will be working across the school to support pupils socially and academically. Mr Dodd will be on the playground before school next week so please introduce yourself to him.

DACORUM 'COMMUNITY CLUB' OF THE YEAR 2022



WARRIORS ABC

AFTER SCHOOL BOXING CLUB @
CHAMBERSBURY SCHOOL

LEARN BOXING TECHNIQUES
GET FIT & HEALTHY
HAVE FUN
DEVELOP DISCIPLINE & RESILIENCE
IMPROVE SELF ESTEEM & CONFIDENCE

FRIDAYS 3.15-4.15PM
START DATE: FRIDAY 17TH JANUARY
END DATE: FRIDAY 28TH MARCH

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON CLASSES EMAIL
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TO BOOK ON TO THE CLUB PLEASE EMAIL THE
SCHOOL RECEPTION

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All coaches at Hemel Warriors ABC hold appropriate coaching qualifications & are registered with 'England boxing'. They are fully insured, hold up to date first aid and child protection & safeguarding qualifications and have been DBS checked.



See what we've been up to via
our social media pages:
Facebook - WarriorsABC
instagram - Warriors_ABC



TOTAL TKD



TaeKwon-Do classes for children coming to your
Childs school for all year groups!



Confidence

Focus

Discipline

Respect

Self-Control

Where: Chambersbury Primary School

When: Wednesday before school 8-8.45

Cost: £7.50 per session

Limited availability

Full DBS

Fully Insured

First aid trained

Childcare Certified

Qualified Instructor

Contact Chanelle to book your Childs space;

Chanelle_35@hotmail.co.uk

07912349533



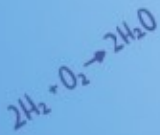
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A SUPER COOL AFTER SCHOOL CLUB IS STARTING SOON AT YOUR SCHOOL!

1 Hour weekly interactive science club full of exciting demonstrations and hands-on projects

Register here: <https://madsciencehb.classforkids.io>



Chambersbury Primary School

Club Day: Monday

Start Date: 13/01/25

Year Groups: 1 -6

End Date: 10/02/25

Club Time: 15:15- 16:15

Skip Dates: None

Club Cost: £55 / 5 wks

Topics: Mad Materials, Green Science, Snowflake Science, Forensics Fun, Slime!



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iRock

JOIN AN iROCK BAND TODAY

Today your child got to experience a taste of what it's like to be in their very own rock and pop band!

Our weekly in-school rock and pop band lessons could be starting at your child's school very soon, depending on interest!

This leaflet will tell you how your child could experience being in a band every week, taught by one of our talented Band Coaches.

"My daughter is so excited when it's iRock day at school! She loves playing in the band."

Proud parent

PERSONAL GROWTH

Discover the **benefits** of band lessons

Not only are our lessons fun, but they also play a significant role in enhancing children's life skills. Lessons focus on boosting confidence, supporting wellbeing, developing social skills, and even improving academic performance.