

CHAMBERS BURY NEWS

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Working together to become change makers

29th November 2024

Charity Rep Meeting

Our Year 6 Charity Representatives met with myself and a couple of parents earlier this week to look at the year ahead and plan out which charities we will be supporting – we hope that by communicating these events early, the whole school community will feel included and be able to get involved.

We will be hosting a number-based cake sale to support the NSPCC's Number day on Friday 7th February – families will be asked to donate cakes that have a number theme – for example they might be iced with numerals or the cake might be baked in the shape of a number. These will then be sold by our Charity Representatives and House Captains with all funds going to the NSPCC.

We will support Comic Relief/Red Nose Day by allowing pupils to wear red noses to school on Friday 15th March. Our plan is to provide every pupil with a red nose and ask those that want to, and are able to, to donate.

Our Charity Reps were passionate about raising money for a cancer charity and whilst dates such as Cancer Awareness Day were explored this clashed with other events we have planned; therefore, we have decided we will link fund raising for a cancer charity with our school sports day in the summer term.

Of course, we will also be continuing to raise money for P.A.T.CH – the money for which is reinvested directly back into our own school to provide resources and opportunities for our pupils.

ATTENDANCE 2024-2025—WHOLE YEAR

Nur	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole
62.6%	94.2%	90.5%	95.2%	94.9%	93.6%	94.1%	87.0%	92.4%

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

Attendance Audit

As you will know, attendance at school is vitally important both for our pupil's academic success and for developing their social skills. Everyday at Chambersbury is full of exciting opportunities for learning and play, whether that be a marvellous maths lesson, a school trip, during OPAL lunchtimes or by attending one of our many clubs – we aim for school to be 'irresistible and unmissable.'

I asked Hertfordshire to visit earlier in the week to review our attendance procedures to ensure we are supporting all families to get their children to school effectively.

The review was very positive and it was particularly commented on that the number of authorised absences is low and that our 'Joint Reasonable Enquiries' are effective. There is still more work for us to do, however, as our whole school attendance isn't where it needs to be; in view of this we will be updating our attendance policy. Some of these changes will include:

- If we haven't heard from a parent when a pupil is absent, we will begin phoning the other contacts we have for them to establish where the pupil is.
- Conducting home visits sooner if no reason is given for absence to check on the welfare of the family.
- Fixed penalty notices where pupils are severely absent.

Chambersbury Stays Open (again!)

On Tuesday morning, we were alerted to a major water leak on Hill Common with water emerging from beneath the road. For a while, it looked like the mains water supply to our school would need turning off which would force us to close, but by working closely with Affinity Water we were able to avoid this and keep our school open for learning!



Exercise Bike & Treadmill

If anyone has an exercise bike or treadmill that they would like to donate to school please e-mail the school office.

Equipment like this would enable pupils that require a movement break to do so even when the weather is unpleasant.

Parking

I have been monitoring our Chambersbury Lane entrance during drop off time this week and during this time, I have seen two 'near misses' with pupils trying to cross the road.

The pupils were trying to cross the road where the dropped curb crossing is, but with cars parked close to it, they were unable to see up the lane and drivers coming down the road equally couldn't see them.

As you will know, I have no control or jurisdiction over the counties highways, however, I would like to ask anyone parking on Chambersbury Lane, to avoid parking close, on either side of the road, to the crossing during drop off/pick up time.



Please don't park close to this crossing

Safeguarding Audit

Thank you to all the parents, pupils, staff and governors that took time to speak to the advisor undertaking our commissioned safeguarding audit earlier this week.

We have had some excellent feedback on the measures that we have already put in place this year to improve safeguarding and make sure it is effective.

I have included a few quotes from our advisor below:

'Pupils at Chambersbury are safe.'

'In class pupils are calm and engaged in learning.'

'During OPAL lunchtimes, pupils are calm, safe and happy.'

I will update you with further feedback once I have received the written report.

Farewell Mrs Stephens

Today is Mrs Stephens last day working at Chambersbury, she has been an incredible asset to our team and we wish her all the best in her new career.

You may have noticed some new adults working around the school as I am looking to recruit a new teaching assistant.

Coffee Morning — Wednesday 4th December

On Wednesday, we will be holding mental health workshops for all pupils in Year 3-6. Prior to this, the team delivering the sessions will be holding a coffee morning to explain to parents what these sessions include and how you can support your children at home afterwards.

I will also be available at this coffee morning for an informal chat should you want to discuss anything. At our last coffee morning, we spoke about everything from developing school communications systems to headlice!

Come to the school hall straight after drop off.

Bletchley Park

Last Tuesday, year 6 had a wonderful, snowy trip to Bletchley Park to support their learning in history about World War II. They had the opportunity to learn about what life was like for the secret code breakers of the war, from exploring the mansion which served as the headquarters, to visiting Alan Turing's office and finding out about his team's work developing the Enigma bombe. The children also took part in workshops to learn about D-Day and the role of the codebreakers in deciphering important messages, and planting false messages and traps to confuse the enemy. They also had a go at some codebreaking themselves, using morse code and ciphers. They even got to test out a real Enigma machine!

Key Events

Wednesday 4th December — **Christmas Disco**

Wednesday 4th December— **Year 3—6 Mental Health workshops**

Wednesday 4th December— **Parents coffee morning focusing on mental health @ 8:50am**

Monday 9th December — **Irock Concert**

Tuesday 10th December — **Nativity production**

Wednesday 11th December — **Nativity production**

Thursday 12th December — **Christmas jumper day & Christmas dinner day**

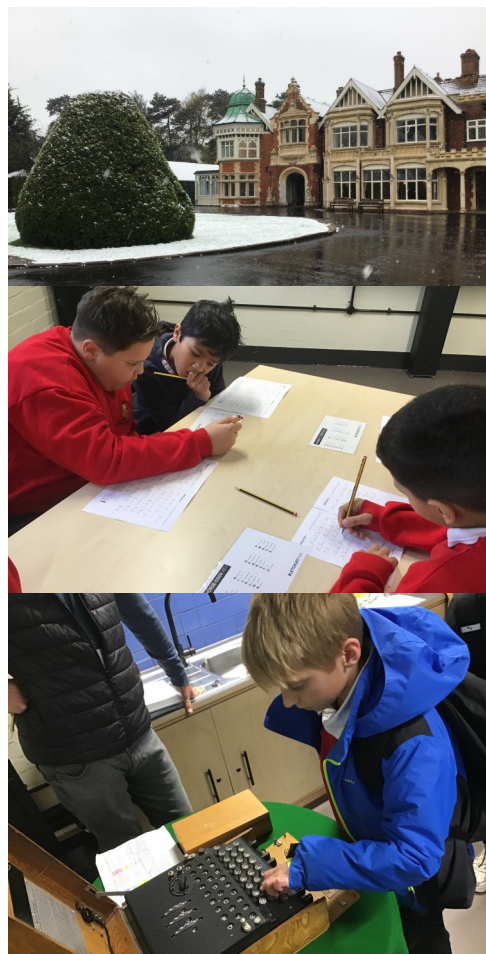
Thursday 19th December — **Panto**

Friday 20th December — **end of term**

Monday 6th January — **Spring term begins**

Monday 27th January — **Maths coffee morning**

Red signifies new events/dates



Football game

Last Friday, the Chambersbury Owls played away at Belswains in a local derby – our team were absolutely fantastic and represented the school brilliantly; it was an honour to come out of retirement to manage the team but a huge thank you must go to Mr Parrish who warmed the team up and coached them throughout the match.

After a rousing speech from Mr Parrish, we started the game at a great pace, with free flowing passing and movement off of the ball. Working together as a team, the Owls were able to build up attacks and created chance after chance. Towards the end of the first half, we finally got the breakthrough goal with Olivia's left footed strike sending the ball flying into the top corner of the net! The game continued in the same fashion with our players showing composure and control as well as skill. The score finished 6 - 0 to the Chambersbury Owls, with Harry scoring a hat-trick and Teddy keeping a clean sheet!

iRock Concert

As you will have seen on the key dates section of the newsletter, we will be holding an iRock Concert on Monday 9th December, this will begin at 9:30am and last for approximately 30minutes.

Our school rock bands will be performing on stage to showcase what they have learnt this term in their jamming sessions. All parents that would like to attend are welcome to (even if you don't have a child in a band) - please e-mail the school office if you plan to attend so that we can safely manage the crowds.

Obviously, this is the first live performance for our bands so bear with them as they may be nervous.

If your child is in a band, you will be allowed to take photographs/videos of them, but as always, try to avoid capturing other pupils and please keep these for your own viewing and don't publish them on social media.

For more information about our music curriculum and how to book a place in iRock, please follow this link:

www.chambersbury.herts.sch.uk/music

JOIN THE FUN

**There are
spaces in
bands at
your school**



iRock



Dacorum Families SEND Information Fayre

DSPL8 are pleased to announce our forth Dacorum Families SEND Information Fayre!

Tuesday 3rd December 2024
9.30am-12pm at
Chaulden Community Centre
Long Chaulden, Hemel Hempstead
HP1 2HX

The Information Fayre will include local provider information stands, activities for children & refreshments! Please register your attendance via the booking link below and you are welcome to drop in any time between 9.30am—12pm.

Booking link: <https://dspl8sendinfofayre071223.eventbrite.co.uk>

(Registration closes on 29th November 2024)



Local Provider Information Stands at Dacorum Families SEND Information Fayre: 03.12.2024, 9.30am-12pm at Chaulden Community Centre



Beezee Bodies



Dacorum Family Services North & East



DS Achieve



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Gade/Kings Langley Schools Family Support



Hemel Hempstead Library services



Hertfordshire Mind Network & NHS Talking Therapies



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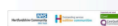
Herts Haven Cafe (Herts Mind Network)



Mental Health Support Team (MHST) Dacorum



Over the Rainbow



Public Health Nursing Service 0 - 5 years: Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust SEND team



Sunnyside Rural Trust



The ADD-vance ADHD and Autism Trust



The Hertfordshire SEND Local Offer website



The Sandbox



Unlocking Children's Potential



This event is organised and funded by DSPL8 for Dacorum SEND Families.