

CHAMBERS BURY NEWS

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Working together to become change makers

22nd November 2024

Chambersbury Stays Open!

Despite the huge flurry of snow that descended upon our school on Tuesday morning, we managed to keep the school open to all of our pupils!

Mr Philips worked relentlessly throughout the morning to clear paths and spread salt so that our pupils and staff could arrive to their lessons safely – it made me hugely proud to hear pupils and parents thanking him for his hard work. It was also really appreciated that some of our local residents cleared the paths outside their properties so that our pupils were still able to walk to school without slipping or falling, another great example of us working **together**.

In the event that the weather is extreme enough that we can't make the site safe or have enough staff attend (some of our staff travel from out of county such is the attraction of our school), we will notify parents via e-mail and work will be set for pupils on Google Classroom.

ATTENDANCE 2024-2025—WHOLE YEAR

Nur	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole
62.6%	94.1%	91.0%	95.7%	95.1%	93.8%	94.5%	87.3%	92.7%

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

Safeguarding Improvements

It will come of no surprise to you that safeguarding our pupils is my main priority and some of you may have even heard that I was involved in Hertfordshire's recent Joint Targeted Area Inspection (JTAI), on the theme of domestic abuse - a JTAI is a type of multi-agency inspection of Local Authorities carried out by inspectors from Ofsted, the Care Quality Commission (CQC) and His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS).

However, having spoken to a number of you this week, I understand that not all of our parents are aware of some of the safeguarding improvements we have made since September so I have highlighted them below.

Since September we have:

- Doubled our number of Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL),
- Increased our lunchtime staffing ratios,
- Received visits from the school nursing team,
- Closed our outside toilet to the public,
- Continued to promote Zones of Regulation, for pupils to indicate how they are feeling.
- Updated our Child Protection policy,
- Appointed a safeguarding governor,
- All staff have received bespoke training on reporting and recording
- Held whole school assemblies on personal safety, 'seen safe, be seen', as well as regular play assemblies.

Following these improvements, I have commissioned Hertfordshire to complete a safeguarding audit for the school. This audit will take place on Thursday 28th November. If you would like to talk to the team undertaking this audit for us they will be on the playground before school.

A message from School Council

With Christmas Jumper day fast approaching, the school council are asking for donations of clean, Christmas jumpers that are no longer wanted. These jumpers will then be made available for anyone that hasn't got one.

JTAI

As mentioned on the previous page, as a school who prioritises safeguarding, we were keen to engage with the Local Authority and Hertfordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership's invitation to contribute and show that safeguarding is both embedded and entwined in our everyday practice.

Being involved in such an opportunity and discussion allows the school to contribute to keeping children safe as well as demonstrates our commitment to doing so - something that is encapsulated in our Child Protection policy.

Wraparound Childcare Update

We have had a great response to our childcare survey – we are now in the process of exploring options to meet these needs.

Christmas Dinner Deadline

School Christmas Dinners must be ordered by Friday 29th November.

Coffee Morning

On Thursday, we welcomed all current and prospective parents into our school for a coffee and to meet the school nursing team. A number of parents attended this event and it was lovely to meet you all. We plan to hold many more informal coffee mornings across the year so if you weren't able to attend this one, hopefully we will see you next time.

Dream. Believe. Achieve

You may have seen the team from the DBA project with me on our school playground on Monday morning and today. They are working with us this term and are available for any pupil to speak to during Monday and Friday break times.

Football Match

As you read this newsletter, our Year 5 & 6 football team will be playing in their first match of the season - this is a friendly, local derby against Belswains. Look out for an update in next weeks newsletter!

Cinema Trip

Next week Years 2 – 6 will be visiting the cinema to watch 'Butterfly Tale.' Whilst, obviously, this trip has been planned to develop pupil's cultural capital and the film has been selected to support our PSHE work, it will also simply be a lovely social experience for our pupils as we continue to make each day at Chambersbury irresistible and unmissable.

Reception Tours

Due to Chambersbury being a very popular school, spaces on our tours for prospective parents are filling up quickly. If you, or someone you know, is considering applying for a place in our 2025 Reception intake, I encourage you to contact our office as soon as possible to book on to one of the tours.

Christmas Tree

Next week our school Christmas tree will arrive. Rather than throwing the tree away at the end of the term, we would like to donate it to a good cause. If you would benefit from our real Christmas tree or know anyone else that would, please get in touch.

Christmas Key Events

Tuesday 26th November — **Year 2-6 cinema trip**

Thursday 28th November — **Year 5 Hampton Court trip**

Friday 29th November— **Christmas dinner deadline**

Wednesday 4th December — **Christmas Disco**

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

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

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**

School Trips

As part of our carefully constructed curriculum, we have built in a range of exciting experiences and trips to help bring learning to life; we are working on booking these early to give parents more notice of these.

Victorian Day

On Monday, Year 2 went back in time to enjoy a fabulous and fun day of learning, immersing themselves into the lives of a Victorian child. They experienced how learning would have been in a Victorian classroom, played Victorian games and enjoyed a variety of activities to develop their understanding of life in the Victorian age. Our visitor commented on how brilliant our pupils' concentration was and noticed the high standard of their penmanship.



Year 6 enjoyed a day out at Bletchley Park on Tuesday. The snow downpour didn't stop the children and staff from having an enjoyable but cold day out. Please see Newsletter next week for photos and more detail.

Year 3 and 4 visited the Chiltern Open Air Museum on Thursday, another bitterly cold day but the children and staff had a fun filled day. Information and photos to follow in next week's newsletter, so please keep a look out for this next Friday.



WINTER TIMETABLE

Talks are delivered online via zoom 7pm to 9pm £24 each

If you can't make the date ask for the link to the recording, available for 48 hours afterwards

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

go to the PARENT page

FREE - Decreasing Depression FREE - Anxiety Explained	25 NOV 20 JAN
What is ACT?	26 NOV, 21 JAN
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	28 NOV
Supporting a Child with ADHD	5 DEC, 2 JAN
Understanding Anger	16 DEC, 13 JAN
Facing Defiance	17 DEC, 14 JAN
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	19 DEC, 16 JAN
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	7 JAN
AUTISM: Improving Communication	9 JAN
Raising Self-Esteem	27 JAN
Supporting Healthy Sleep	28 JAN
Improving Family Communication	4 FEB
Introduction to OCD	18 FEB

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Winter 2024/2025

Newsletter

FREE
until
JAN 25



Understanding the Teenage Brain
Watch this recorded session in your own time, to learn why our teens think, feel and behave very differently from adults and how we can support them.

Thursday
5th Dec
19:00 - 21:00
£24



Supporting a Child with ADHD
Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Tuesday
17th Dec
19:00 - 21:00
£24



Facing Defiance
Effective interventions for handling defiant behaviour. ADHD, ODD and PDA relevant as well as regular challenging behaviour. Introduction to the FACE programme - Facing Defiance - 6 week course

Tuesday
7th Jan
19:00 - 21:00
£24



Anxiety-Based School Avoidance
Understanding and supporting children who are anxious about school. Steps you can take to help them back into the classroom.

Thursday
9 Jan
19:00 - 21:00
£24



AUTISM:
Improving Communication
Looking at how small changes in how we communicate with children on the spectrum can lead to big improvements.

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STORM BASKETBALL - NEXT HOME GAME

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HEMEL STORM

Vs

NOTTINGHAM HOODS

Saturday 23rd November
7pm tip off

Hemel Hempstead Leisure Centre, HP1 1JS

To guarantee entry purchase tickets via
the Fanbase app or scan QR code.

Visit www.stormbasketball.net for more details.

Tickets may be purchased on the night subject to availability.



Family*: £30 Mini Family: £15**
Adult: £10.50 u18: £6.00
Concessions: £8.00

** family ticket maximum 2 adults*

*** mini family 1 adult & 1 u18*



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