

CHAMBERS BURY NEWS

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Working together to become change makers

27th September 2024

Despite the wet weather this week our pupils have been shining brightly as they always do! Even when the weather is less favourable, our pupils still enjoy going outside at lunchtimes and break times to socialise with their friends; it has been very helpful that pupils have brought in coats and wellies to enable them to do so.

Parent & Teacher consultations have been planned for later this half term—please ensure that you attend these so that you are aware of the progress your child is making. Pupils spend 32.5 hours in school each week, which means they spend 135.5 hours at home so it really is imperative that you are aware of how you can support their development.

On Wednesday 2nd October, Mrs Stevens will be holding the first PATCH meeting of the year. This is an opportunity for parents to discuss, plan and organise events that will benefit the pupils and the school. Last year, some of the funds raised by PATCH were used to purchase new resources including outdoor play equipment.

We are receiving a number of work experience requests from past pupils, who have been inspired by their time at Chambersbury, to explore teaching as a potential career path. Whilst it is lovely to have so many pupils want to come back we aren't able to host every request; any such requests for work placements should be supported with a 300 word letter or e-mail stating why a placement at Chambersbury is being sort. As always, we will always endeavour to continue to support our pupils beyond their time with us.

ATTENDANCE 2024-2025—WHOLE YEAR

Nur	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole
73.7%	94.4%	90.7%	98.1%	96.8%	93.3%	94.4%	86.3%	93.1%

iRock

We started this week by holding a rock concert! Rocking Rory joined us from iRock and played a number of well known hits which had the pupils and staff singing and dancing along. Some of our pupils then got the opportunity to form a band and perform the Queen hit, *We will rock you* to the school whilst the rest of the school cheered them on.

If we have enough pupils interested, iRock will be running weekly rock and pop band lessons in our school—please see the attached leaflet for more details and how to sign up.



Parent & Teacher Consultations

Parent & Teacher consultation will be held on Wednesday 23rd October from 15:30 and on Friday 25th October between 8:30-11:30. You will be able to register for your appointment time via Arbor. Registration will open from Monday 14th October.

The Dacorum Mental Health Support Team (MHST) support children's emotional and mental health and work in schools across Dacorum running workshops, groups and 1:1 sessions to provide strategies to support mental health. If your child appears anxious or worried or you have concerns about their behaviour they will be available at our parent & teacher consultations. Please come over for chat.

Clubs

It has been fantastic to have so many pupils sign up for our clubs - these clubs start on Monday 30th September.

Clubs are a great opportunity for pupils to build new skills, develop old ones and socialise with pupils from other classes.

We have booked some additional clubs to run later in the year which include boxing, Mad Science and total taekwondo. Keep an eye out for more information about these!

Homework

Thank you for your understanding while we set up our online learning programmes.

Children in Nursery and Reception can access home learning tasks through Evidence Me. All children from Year 1 - Year 6 now have access to Mathletics and Spelling Shed for their homework but these may be supplemented with other work as appropriate. From Year 2 - Year 6 children also have access to Times Tables Rock Stars and should be practising regularly: keep an eye out for house battles! Your child's logins should be in their school reading diary - it is the same login for all three programmes and links can be found at the top of your child's class page on the school website.

We are still in the process of updating google classroom logins for all children and will update you when this is active again.

OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) Update

This week our trim trail has been fixed and our pupils are having a great time using the equipment at lunchtimes. A special mention must go to our Year 6 pupils who have been supporting our Reception pupils learn how to play new games and navigate lunchtimes.

If pupils wish to go onto the field or use the mud kitchen on wet weather days, they need to have wellington boots to change into. If you have any wellington boots at home that your children have grown out of we would be grateful if you could donate these to the school for other pupils to benefit from.

Attendance

57.9% of our pupils currently have 100% attendance this year.

'All parents of compulsory school-age children between the ages of 5 – 16, who are registered pupils at a school, have a legal duty to make sure that their child attends regularly and on time.' (hertfordshire.gov.uk)

By regularly attending school pupils are able to build friendships, develop social skills as well as learn the curriculum being taught. Our curriculum is carefully organised and sequenced to ensure progression, and therefore if pupils are not attending regularly it will be harder for them to make progress.

A message from the House Captains

This week the House Captains met with me to discuss lunchtime football arrangements. We explored the reasons behind football currently only being played on a Monday lunchtime and not the rest of the week — the House Captains explained that as our pupils have a wide range of football experience and skills (with some even playing for teams that feature in the Premier League) sometimes there is confusion over rules and how to play less competitive games. The solution that the House Captains came up with was to invite a football coach in to school to support the running of games and help the pupils develop the skills to play football. This solution means that football will now be able to be played at lunchtime on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (Friday will remain football free).



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.



How it works:

- There is **no experience necessary** to join and all of the instruments are provided by iRock
- Your child can **choose from drums, keyboard, electric guitar or vocals** (subject to availability). They'll play the same instrument every week and join their bandmates in 30-minute, weekly lessons
- Lessons are held **during the school day** and are led by one of our experienced Band Coaches, who will guide your child through every session. *Some sessions may take place before or after school*
- Lessons are **available from Reception to Year 6**, with children grouped by age. Children can choose their band name and learn their favourite songs
- Band lessons build towards a **concert at the end of each term**, providing a great way to showcase just how far they have come
- Children in Years 2, 4, and 6 will be enrolled in a **Entry Level Ensemble Performance Award** by RSL
- Access the **iRock parent portal** to view your child's progress, band memories, song choices, manage your subscription and much more!

Lessons are offered on a first-come first-served basis!
To reserve your place, visit us at

iROCKSCHOOL.COM/ENROL

if you need any help, just call us on 0330 174 2655

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO LEARN?



DRUMS



KEYS



GUITAR



VOCALS

HASSLE-FREE

Everything is included for just £41.95 per month:

- Payment holiday in August
- First lesson money-back guarantee if your child changes their mind
- Cancel your subscription at any time.

SCAN TO ENROL



We proudly support



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Burger Day

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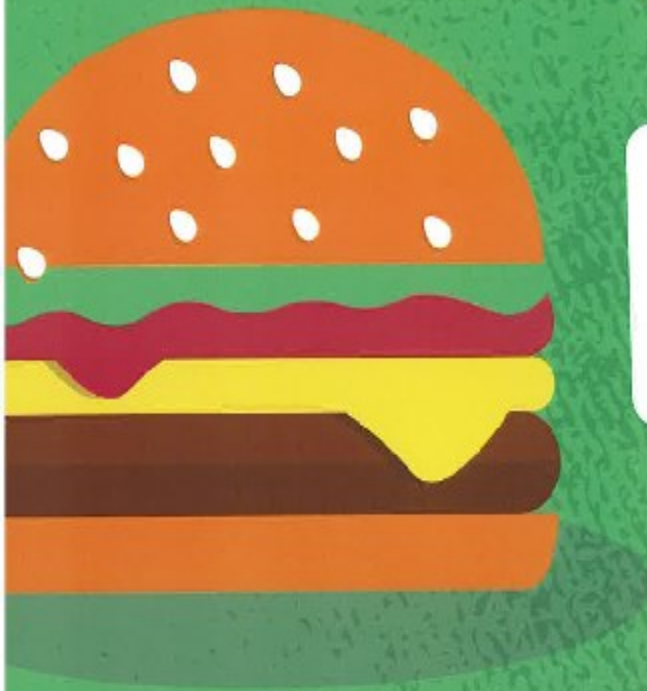
Chicken Burger
or
Quorn Pattie
Burger (v)

Sides

Baked Potato
Wedges
Sweetcorn
Coleslaw

Dessert

Chocolate
Crispie Squares



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*Menus are subject to change due to supplier stock availability.

STORM BASKETBALL - NEXT HOME GAME

KITKING QUARTER FINAL

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LOUGHBOROUGH RIDERS

Saturday 28th September

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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