

# CHAMBERS BURY NEWS

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*Working together to become change makers*

20th September

We have come to the end of another wonderful week at Chambersbury: This week I have spent time observing the OPAL project and how our pupils engage with the lunchtime resources provided to them - it's lovely to see them explore and problem solve as they play and learn. Pupils have been busy building camps, making up shows as well as creating art sculptures from tyres and crates amongst other active games. Our play team do an amazing job supporting play and helping our pupils develop their social skills. We also have a buddy bench that pupils can use if they aren't sure who to play with or what they want to play. If seen sitting on this bench another pupil will quickly come over and include them in their games.

In PE lessons this week pupils have been learning a range of skills that help them develop their team work and gain a sense of belonging as well as having a lot of fun! Our new English scheme, that I wrote about previously, has been engaging and captivating pupils across the school. One lesson I visited this week was particularly moving with pupils exploring the story of a house which escaped from its suburban foundations and set off on an epic journey. What has really impressed me this week is how our pupils talk about their learning and their understanding of how they are making progress.

## ATTENDANCE 2024-2025—WHOLE YEAR

Nur	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole
81.4%	95.8%	89.7%	97.7%	96.4%	92.3%	95.4%	85.6%	93.1%

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

### Applying for Secondary School - Top Tips (Part 1)

**Date** Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024

**Time** 10.00-11.00 am  
Session will be held virtually via MS Teams

### Are you applying for Secondary school this year?

A **free** workshop for year 6 parents/carers:

- Key dates to look out for
- School open evenings
- What to consider when choosing a school
- General tips & advice



For more details and to book, please email:

[jnethercoat@hobbshillwood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:jnethercoat@hobbshillwood.herts.sch.uk)

Please include contact details and name of child's primary school when booking

Tel: 01442 401222 Ext: 5

### Chambersbury Lane

We have been notified that Chambersbury Lane will be resurfaced on Thursday 3rd October to Thursday 17th October. This will be from the junction of Bedmond Road to the junction of Bunkers Lane. Vehicles may not be able to access through the road closure during the works.

Please ensure you leave enough time to get to school for the start of the day. You may want to set off very early to avoid the traffic and make use of our breakfast club offer which runs from 8:00am and cost just £1.50 per pupil.

### Playground Toilet

Due to the potential safeguarding risks we have made the decision to close the playground toilet before and after school. As we are lucky enough to have toilet facilities in every classroom, therefore if pupils have a long journey home they can use these as they get ready for pick up time. Our House Captains are reviewing how we manage the lost property that is normally stored in this toilet.

### Scooters & Bikes

Many of our pupils and parents enjoy scooting or cycling to and from school and this is a great way to keep fit and reduce traffic. We do ask that scooters and bikes are dismantled at the school gates and not ridden on the playground or school paths in order to avoid accidents. Thank you for your continued support with this.

### Phonics Parent Workshop

Thank you to Miss Alford for hosting a phonics workshop on Thursday evening. It was great to see so many parents in attendance; this is yet another example of us working **together** to benefit our learners.

The phonics scheme we use is called Essential Letters and Sounds (ELS). It teaches children to read by identifying the phonemes (smallest unit of sound) and graphemes (written version of the sound) within words and using these to read words. Children experience the joy of books and language whilst rapidly acquiring the skills they need to become fluent independent readers and writers.

If, unfortunately, you were unable to log into the parent workshop, you can visit our website which contains some helpful information for parents: <https://www.chambersbury.herts.sch.uk/phonics-information-for-parents/>

### Assemblies

Assemblies this week have focused on reading, with pupils and staff discussing what they have been reading recently and sharing their favourite books.

Reading gives pupils the opportunities to find out about new and interesting ideas, understand other peoples perspectives and helps develop their vocabulary — a good book is a window to the world. Often I am asked how parents can encourage pupils to read and my best advice is to model it. Find a book you enjoy and read regularly, talk to your children about what you are reading, visit the library and show how special books are.

### Clubs

A letter regarding enhanced clubs has been sent out by Mrs Stevens earlier this week. As the year progresses, we will be looking to increase our range of clubs to give our pupils an even wider range of opportunities. As these clubs will be from external providers there will be a cost unlike those run by our own staff.

### Snapchat

Snapchat's age rating is 13+ which means that no pupil at our school should be using it. Whilst monitoring your child's device each evening, if you find this app please delete it. As a parent myself, I would be hugely concerned as to why a child would be sending or receiving messages that then 'disappear.'



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**THAMES VALLEY CAVALIERS**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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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Talks are delivered online via zoom 7pm to 9pm £24 each

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<b>FREE SESSIONS</b>	
<b>Supporting Kids with School Anxiety</b> <b>Introduction to Facing Defiance</b>	<b>26 SEP</b> <b>24 OCT</b>
Understanding Anger	23 SEP
Supporting a Child with ADHD	24 SEP
Understanding the Teenage Brain	7 OCT
Raising Self-Esteem	8 OCT
Decreasing Depression	15 OCT
Anxiety Explained	17 OCT
Understanding Anger	21 OCT
Drug Awareness for Parents	22 OCT
Autism: Improving Communication	28 OCT
Introduction to OCD	29 OCT
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	31 OCT
Improving Family Communication	4 NOV
Raising Self-Esteem	5 NOV

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