

CHAMBERS BURY NEWS

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Working together to become change makers

13th September

It has been great to see so many parents attending our Meet the Teacher sessions. Over 105 of our families attended which is really positive. I would like to say thank you to the teachers that gave up their evenings to host these sessions and to the families for attending — it is by working together like this that we will have the biggest, positive impact on our pupils.

This week our assemblies focused on the British Value of democracy, with pupils learning about how voting works. This culminated in the pupils hearing speeches from House Captain candidates and then taking part in a democratic vote. Our new House Captains for 2024 are:

Indian owls: Evie (captain) & Olivia (vice)

Long-legged owls: Beryl (captain) & Millie S (vice)

Masked owls: Isla (captain) & Yoan (vice)

Elf owls: Jacob (captain) & Gabi (vice)

I am looking forward to working with the new House Captains in their position of leadership.

ATTENDANCE 2024-2025—WHOLE YEAR

Nur	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole
89%	94%	93%	98%	96%	92%	98%	83%	93%

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

Did you know you may be entitled to free school meals or pupil premium funding?

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Whilst all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 can get a free school lunch, you can also check to see if you are eligible to receive pupil premium funding. Pupil premium is additional funding that schools are granted to help pay for additional staff time, extra computers, books and trips for students etc.

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6

If you meet the following criteria your child is able to have a free school meal—but you have to apply!

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you don't get more than £16,190 a year)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

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>

Grapes

Grapes are a wonderful fruit and make a great break time snack, however because of their softness and shape, whole grapes can risk blocking the small, tight airway of young children. This, of course causes staff to be concerned, therefore, if possible, we ask that you cut your children's grapes in half.

Attendance

Being in school and having the best attendance possible underpins all the many benefits of school for your child, such as their learning, wellbeing and wider development. For the latest parent guidance from the government, follow this link:

<https://assets.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wpuploads/2024/07/aaa-guide-for-parents-on-school-attendance-19th-Aug-version.pdf>

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones are a great learning resource and I know many pupils use them out of school to access Times Table Rockstars, Duolingo and other educational APPS. However, at school phones can be a distraction and negatively impact pupils social experiences therefore we do not allow mobile phones to be used on the school site - this includes before and after school. If a child needs to bring a mobile phone to school they are locked away in teachers cupboards for the day.

One of my favourite parts of the day is seeing our pupils greeting their parents with a big hug at pick up time, and excitedly telling them about the learning they have been doing. Because this is such a special moment each day, we ask that parents also keep their phones away and wait until they are away from school before using them.

Keeping mobile phones out of sight is also part of our safeguarding measures, thank you for your continued support with this.

ASDA

As you will be aware, the cost of living has impacted everyone; this includes schools budgets so we are always looking for creative ways to increase our revenue.

This week we have signed up to the Asda, Cashpot for Schools campaign. If you shop in Asda, you can download the Asda Rewards app and every time you spend money Asda will donate 0.5% of the cost to us!

If you are aware of any other opportunities for us to raise funds, please get in touch.

Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools

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1

Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards app

Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select a specific primary school or select 'Schools in Need'.

2

Shop in store across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com

Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to your chosen school each time you shop and scan.

3

Asda does the rest

The money raised will be donated through Parentkind to schools to spend on what they need most. This won't affect your own Cashpot earn.

Once opted in and selected a school, we will add £1 to your chosen schools Cashpot to help get them started.

Each school will get an additional £50 added to their Cashpot, after at least one customer has shopped and scanned their Rewards app.



Chambersbury Primary School



TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2024-25

Autumn Term 2024

INSET Day (school closed) – Monday 2nd September

Children start back to school on Tuesday 3rd September

INSET Day (school closed) – Friday 25th October

Half term: Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November

School closes for Christmas on Friday 20th December at 1:30pm

Spring Term 2025

Children start back to school on Monday 6th January 2025

Half term: Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February

School closes for Easter on Friday 4th April at 1:30pm

Summer Term 2025

Bank Holiday (school closed) – Monday 21st April

Children start on Tuesday 22nd April

May Bank Holiday (school closed) – Monday 5th May

Half term: Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May

INSET Day (school closed) – Monday 2nd June

Term ends on Friday 18th July 2023 at 1:30pm

INSET Day (school closed) – Monday 21st July

INSET Day (school closed) – Tuesday 22nd July

Occasional day (school closed) – Wednesday 23rd July

KS1 SATS period (Year 2): Month of May (optional for the school)

SATS Week (Year 6): Week commencing 12th May

KS1 Phonics Test: Week commencing Monday 9th June

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check: Monday 9th June

Requests for term time absence must be submitted in writing to the Headteacher. If permission for an absence is not granted, then the absence is recorded in the school's register as unauthorised and will be included in your child's report.

Please note that the school registers are monitored regularly by the school's Attendance Support Officer at HCC.

STORM BASKETBALL - FIRST HOME GAME

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HEMEL STORM



VS



LONDON ELITE

Saturday 14th September
7pm tip off

Hemel Hempstead Leisure Centre, HP1 1US

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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