

CHAMBERSBURY NEWS

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Working together to become change makers

27th February 2026

ATTENDANCE 2025-2026—WHOLE YEAR

Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole
91.4%	93.1%	90.2%	92.7%	92.6%	94.9%	92.5%	92.6%

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

Working Together

At Chambersbury we are passionate about working together — thank you to all of the year 1 parents, grandparents, carers, etc. that attended the Phonics lesson this week. Your support makes a real difference to the outcomes your children achieve. Reading is a true cornerstone of education, and being able to access information long beyond their time at school; if I can encourage you to do anything with your children, it is to read with them every day.

We often share our TTRS data and successes but this improvement in achievement and standards is reflected across the board.

Sewing

Last half term in Year 1, the pupils learnt how to sew and had lots of fun practising their new skills; learning how to use running stitch and over stitch. They then designed their own puppets, sewed them together and decorated them with their chosen designs. We're so proud of their creativity and effort, just look at our fabulous creations!



Parking

Parking around schools is often challenging at the start and the end of the day. Please be mindful of others with where you park your car to avoid blocking paths, drives or crossings. I have been in touch with the Chambersbury Lane Residents Association to see if we can work together to find a solution that works for everyone.

If you do notice illegal parking, please report this via the appropriate channels — whilst we will always do our best to support, my jurisdiction finishes at the school gate and it is the council and highways that manage the roads.

Learning Assemblies

Our Learning Assemblies return for Year 2, 3 & 4 this half term. These are yet another opportunity for parents to get into school and see, first hand, the progress that our pupils make and view our pupils behaviour (which is 25.4% better than last year!)

Please make sure you attend these assemblies if you can.

World Book Day — Reminder

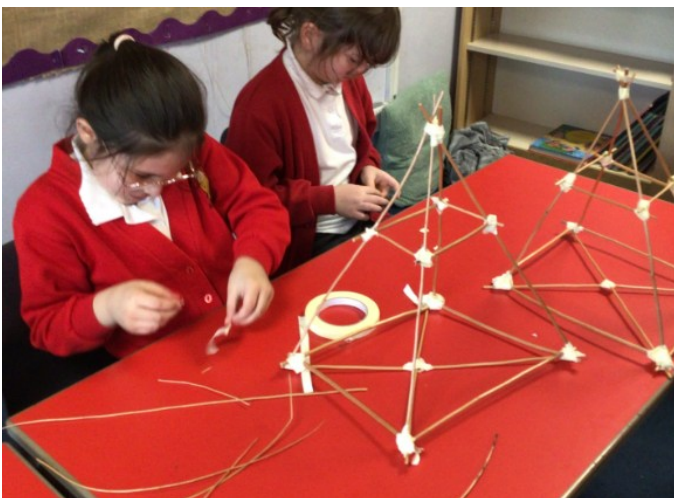
Please check out the newsletter dated 6th February for the information on how we are celebrating World Book Day this year! Arbor is now open for donations.

River of Light Lantern Parade

This week Year 3 welcomed two special guests to help us celebrate the upcoming River of Light Lantern Parade, which will light up Hemel Hempstead Town Centre.

Throughout the day, pupils took part in exciting, hands-on activities to create their own lanterns. In the morning, they carefully shaped and glued willow sticks together to form a pyramid frame. In the afternoon, they used PVA glue to attach paper to their lanterns and cover them.

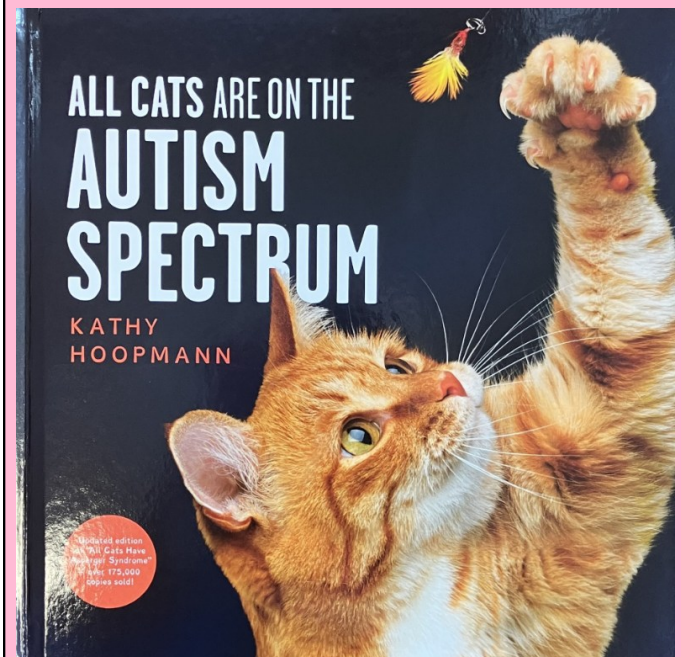
Each lantern was fitted with a light, ready to be switched on at the event. The pupils were very excited to see their finished creations and are looking forward to the parade on 14th March.



White Paper and World Autism Acceptance Month

I am sure you will have noticed in the news the talk around SEND reform and the White Paper. The good news is that, as you would expect, Chambersbury is already leading the way — last half term all staff had two training sessions from the autism advisory team; this of course is following the ADHD training that took place last year. Whilst we await more information on the 'Individual Support Plans (ISPs),' we believe they will build upon the strong practice we already have with our Personal Learning Plans (PLPs).

Of course, we at Chambersbury won't sit back on our laurels, we will continue to develop and improve our practice even further. Part of this is that we will be working with the National Autistic Society to celebrate World Autism Acceptance Month in April. In this month there will be various pieces of work going on, some very obvious, and some less obvious, whereby pupils will begin to learn what autism is, understand acceptance and think about how we can support and celebrate each other.



The White Paper also talks about the importance of 'measures to tackle the recruitment and retention of teachers.' I want the best professionals working at Chambersbury and to do this, I need your support. I need you to back my staff, talk highly of them, know that we (parents and staff) are all on the same team doing our best for the children, and above all, remember that staff are professionals but that they are also people too. Gossiping, judging and undermining them has a real, human impact as it would anyone.

Red Nose Day

For Red Nose Day this year, on Friday 20th March, pupils may wear Red Noses to school (and a Comic Relief T-shirt if they wish). We won't be selling noses ourselves but they can be purchased from the Comic Relief website: [Comic Relief Shop](#).

One of the reasons that we don't allow pupils to bring toys etc. to school is because of the risk of them going missing and the subsequent learning time lost managing the upset; they can also become a distraction. If your child brings a nose to school, please speak to them about looking after it and wearing it responsibly; If they become a distraction in lessons, teachers may need to keep them until home time.

Dough Gym Workshop for Reception Parents Tuesday 10th March @ 2.00pm-3.00pm

During this half term we will be running a Dough Gym parent/child workshop. This will provide you with some information on how we teach at Chambersbury Primary School, give you some practical ideas to use at home and include an interactive session where children will be able to join in.

The workshop will include:

1. A session to discuss children's physical development- gross and fine motor skills
2. Parent and child will make playdough together
3. We will do a workout together using the dough

Please confirm your attendance of the workshop by going into Trips on Arbor.

Tutoring

At Teacher Parent Consultations some parents asked about tutoring options. At Chambersbury we work with Teach Me Please who runs sessions after school on a Wednesday. If you are interested in using this service, contact Teach Me Please directly.

New Books!

We have just spent over £1200 on new guided reading books for our Year 1 classes — this is a significant investment that we know will help our pupils become confident readers and develop a love for books.

I have been told previously that I have perhaps made more changes than some parents would like, but improvements like purchasing new books are what is pushing our school forward and will ensure that we can help our pupils to achieve the highest standards.

Think Equal

If you follow our Instagram or Facebook pages you will have seen that we have been gifted about 50 books from Think Equal. We are a school that upholds British values and believes that everyone is important. One of the British values is that of 'Tolerance of different faiths and beliefs' and at Chambersbury we actually go a step further, not simply showing tolerance, but celebrating each other and being a place where each person is respected and valued equally.

Forest School/Outdoor Learning

Please look out for information being sent out about forest school/outdoor learning. Over the coming weeks there will be a consent form we need you to complete so that your child can take part in these sessions.

A Message From the House Captains

In recognition of our incredible achievement in the NSPCC rocks competition, finishing in the top 10 schools in the East of England, we have decided that on the day of our next iRock concert, pupils can dress up as rockstars for the day! Do your hair, wear a band t-shirt, put on make up — just make sure what you are wearing is appropriate and safe for a school day!

Easter Childcare

Mr D will once again be running a fantastic holiday camp - please see the flyer attached to this newsletter. This isn't just for Chambersbury pupils, so if you know someone who has a child at another school, that might need childcare, be a good friend and let them know!

Saturday Coding Academy

We are working with Computer Xplorers to open up our school on a Saturday for children to learn how to code — this is open to pupils from all schools, not just Chambersbury (when we talk about working together, this is exactly what we mean, using our facilities and expertise to give opportunities to the whole community).



A promotional graphic for a Saturday Minecraft Coding Academy. The background is a Minecraft-style building interior with stone walls and a green floor. Several Minecraft characters are visible. The text is overlaid in large, bold, cyan and yellow fonts. A circular logo for 'Computer Xplorers' is in the top right corner. A red button at the bottom says 'CLICK OR TAP HERE TO BOOK NOW'.

SATURDAY MINECRAFT CODING ACADEMY

Computer Xplorers

MINECRAFT CODING

FREE TRIAL FOR 1ST SESSION

£10.20 PER SESSION

[CLICK OR TAP HERE TO BOOK NOW](#)



A graphic with a blue and green background featuring various icons related to technology and learning, such as a brain, a gear, a lightbulb, and a computer mouse. The text is presented in white boxes with icons.

 **SATURDYS**

 **CHAMBERSBURY PRIMARY**

 **MINECRAFT CODING**

 **10AM - 11AM**

 **5-11 YEARS OLD**

Key Events:

Friday 27th February — P.A.T.CH doughnut sale

Monday 2nd March — Reception visit to Hemel library

Friday 6th March — World Book Day

Friday 6th March — Year 4 Learning assembly

Monday 9th March — Year 2 & Year 3 Glow Dance

Tuesday 10th March — Dough Gym Workshop for Reception Parents

Thursday 12th March — Year 4 Speed Stacking

Thursday 12th March — P.A.T.CH Movie night

Friday 13th March — Year 2 Learning assembly

Saturday 14th March — Year 3 lantern parade

Monday 16th March — iRock concert

Friday 20th March — Year 3 Learning assembly

Friday 20th March — Red Nose Day

Tuesday 24th March — Cross Country at Lockers Park

Friday 27th March at 13:30 — End of term

Red signifies new events/dates

Chambersbury



HOLIDAY CAMP

Lead By Mr
Dumford



FOR AGES 4-11

WEEK ONE

MON 30TH MARCH - THURS
2ND APRIL

WEEK TWO

TUES 7TH APRIL - FRI
10TH APRIL

Get ready for a
Easter full of fun,
friends, sports and
arts and crafts

Your child will participate in
a thrilling lineup of sports
activities including Football,
Basketball, Hockey as well
as Arts and Crafts



Spots fill fast - Sign up
today for a Easter they
won't forget!

Where / Price / Time

- CHAMBERSBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL, HILL COMMON, HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HP3 8JF
- 8:30AM - 3:30PM
- £17.50 A DAY
- FULL WEEK £60
- LATE PICK UP 5PM £7 EXTRA

SCAN HERE



For more information:

<https://sports2inspire.classforkids.io/camp/32>

07932688067



TeachMePlease

Tutoring for ages 6+



Engage, Enjoy,
Empower!



Parent
My son goes to school
happy knowing he has a
TMP club on that day!

FIRST SESSION FREE

AFTERSCHOOL CLUB
EVERY WEDNESDAY (term time)
3:30PM - 4:30PM



Maths

English

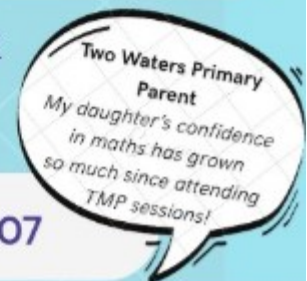
Reading

www.teachmeplease.co.uk

Contact us for info!

info@teachmeplease.co.uk

07591 - 115 - 207



**Two Waters Primary
Parent**
My daughter's confidence
in maths has grown
so much since attending
TMP sessions!

CHAMBERSBURY AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



Summer Term

Lead by Mr Dumford
and Mr Hall



After Club

£6



- Safe, welcoming, and nurturing environment for all children
- Fun-filled before and after school sessions
- Range of engaging activities including sports, arts & crafts, games, and creative play
- Encourages friendship, confidence, and independence
- Qualified, caring staff focused on children's well-being

New Pick Up Times and Prices

4:30pm

£5



5pm

£6.50



6pm

£10



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or follow the link
<https://sports2inspire.classforkids.io/cms/camps>

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Provision Locally

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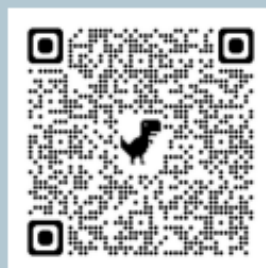
Thursday 5th March 2026

9.30am - 12.30pm

At the Bennetts End Community Centre
Gatecroft, Bennetts End
Hemel Hempstead
HP3 9LZ

*This **FREE** event is for Parents and Carers of Children with SEN or Disabilities; we will have local services/providers information stands, activities for children & refreshments!*

You can register your interest by scanning this QR code



Any questions email: dspl@kls.herts.sch.uk

2026

P.A.T.CH

Parents And Teachers of CHambersbury



UPCOMING Events....



Doughnut Sale

Friday 27th February



World Book Day
Friday 6th March

Book in a box
& Book Sale



Movie Night

Thursday 12th March