

CHAMBERSBURY NEWS

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Working together to become change makers

19th December 2025

ATTENDANCE 2025-2026—WHOLE YEAR

Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole
93.1%	95.7%	91.9%	93.5%	94.2%	94.8%	93.3%	93.8%

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

Back to School

Pupils return to school on Wednesday 7th January - let's work together to make our attendance next term the best it has ever been and see how many pupils will earn attendance awards!

INSET

INSET days are often misunderstood and seen as an extra days holiday for staff — this couldn't be further from the truth at Chambersbury. We use the 5 IN SERVICE Training days each year to develop our practice, keep updated with our knowledge and plan for the future. An example being on Monday 5th January, teachers will be attending The Big INSET, hosted by Herts for Learning — on this day we will be focusing on using assessment to help pupils make quicker progress with their academic studies.

On Tuesday 6th January, all staff will be undertaking level 2 autism training. We already follow Hertfordshire's Ordinarily Available Provision and believe that, *'to a great extent, good teaching for children and young people with SEND is good teaching for all'* (Education Endowment Foundation) and this training will support the high quality provision and practice we already have in place.

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Home Visits

This week, I have visited pupils home addresses because they have been absent from school without a parent contacting the office with a reason.

This takes up a considerable amount of time, and whilst it is lovely to see the homes pupils live in, I would much prefer to use this time strategically to develop the school.

A pupil not attending school without a valid reason given is a safeguarding concern - potentially anything could have happened to that child or that family resulting in them not being able to contact us.

Please contact the school office on day one of any absence.

School Tours

We are still hosting school tours for prospective parents — if you know someone that might want to send their child to our school, please encourage them to e-mail the school office: admin@chambersbury.herts.sch.uk

Merry Christmas

We would like to wish all of our community a very merry Christmas and happy New Year! Christmas is an opportunity to enjoy time with family and friends, relax, unwind and create precious memories, especially for children.

Mrs Martin Joins Chambersbury

In January, Mrs Martin joins our team at Chambersbury; she will be teaching in Reception, Year 3 and Year 5 at various times, but who is Mrs Martin?

Mrs Martin is an experienced teacher and has worked in a range of different settings having originally trained in South Africa. She has a real passion for reading and absolutely loves books, knowing that early reading has a huge impact on pupils progress across the curriculum.

In the classroom, Mrs Martin is creative, bringing learning to life and she considers the big picture of a pupils learning journey. Building positive relationships based on respect is a key aspect of her behaviour management approach and this aligns with our school philosophy.

Having already visited the school and met with myself on a number of occasions, Mrs Martin understands that at Chambersbury we work together, and I am sure that you will all welcome her, like you have myself and the other staff and families that have joined our school over the last 2 years.



Champions Choose Chambersbury!

This week the Mayor of Dacorum visited our school; she spent time with Year 5 talking about Henry VIII and the impact that he had on Hemel Hempstead. The Mayor, and her security team, were impressed with our pupils and the questions that they asked, commenting that Year 5 are an 'Exemplarily class.' When I was asked about how the pupils know so much about Henry VIII, the answer was simple: we have the best teachers, teaching the best lessons!

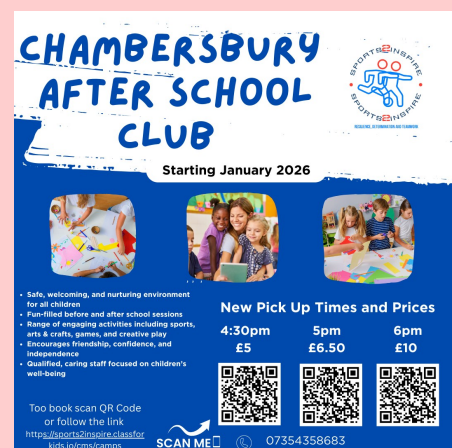


The Mayor also gave each Year 5 pupil a Christmas treat in recognition of their classmate winning the Christmas card competition earlier this term.

Clubs

Reminder: our new childcare provider starts in January. Please use this service to support you.

Please keep an eye out for an e-mail regarding our club offer so that you are able to book your child a place.



CHAMBERSBURY AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Starting January 2026

- Safe, welcoming, and nurturing environment for all children
- Facilities 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	5pm	6pm
£5	£6.50	£10

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Autumn Term Highlights

There have been many highlights this term, with new records being set in many areas of school life. We have made many changes again this term, driving the school forward and not only raising standards of education but also making life easier for parents. Below are a few highlights:

9 New pupils — since the start of the term, 9 more pupils have joined our school, showing Chambersbury is the number one choice!

Bikeability — 100% of Year 5 & 6 pupils that took part, pass with level 2.

Chambersbury in the top 6% of schools — In the England Rocks competition, our school finished in the top 6% of all schools in England!

Cross Country — Working with our friends at Longdean, we hosted a cross country competition that other schools were able to attend.

Behaviour incidents down by 25% — We reduced behaviour incidents by 25% on this time last year.

MP visit — David Taylor, our local Member of Parliament, visited our school and met the winner of his Christmas card competition.

Hertfordshire Heroes Christmas Card Competition — all 3 winners of this competition attend our school.

Mayor Visit — the Mayor visited and met the winner of her Christmas card competition.

Learning Assemblies — We introduced learning assemblies for Year 2, 3 & 4; these were well attended and gave a window into our school.

iRock Concert — We held our termly iRock concert and one of the bands was joined by a celebrity guest!

Better Access — We opened the Chambersbury Lane gate during breakfast club, making it easier for parents to get off to work quickly.

OUMTC — Year 4 achieved our best ever results in the Autumn OUMTC.

P.A.T.CH — P.A.T.CH held an art exhibition, doughnut sale, quiz night, Winter Wonderland Disco and the hugely successful, Winter Fair! This has led to them raising more money than any other Autumn term previously!

Reception Refurb — We opened our new reception classroom, which was described by Hertfordshire as, 'inspiring.'

Earlier opening — We opened breakfast club from 7:40 enabling parents to get to work on time!

Local Artist Visit — Katherine Harper joined us, helping every class with their art work.

DSSN PE events — from rugby to athletics, we have attended them all, and had great success!

Cheaper Childcare — We have been able to introduce a new pricing structure for after school childcare.

Football teams — both of our teams have been competing, playing regularly and giving opportunities to lots of pupils.

Cinema and other trips — Hampton Court Palace, Chiltern Open Air, Cinema, etc. We have been getting out and about with hands on learning experiences.

Key Events:

Friday 19th December at 13:30 — End of term

Wednesday 7th January — Pupils return to school

Thursday 8th January — Member of Parliament visiting for lunch

Thursday 15th January — Football match away at Oakleaf

Friday 16th January — Football match away at Hobbletts Manor

Thursday 22nd January — Football match away at Belswains

Friday 30th January — Football match at home Thomas Moore

Wednesday 4th February — Year 5 & 6 Young Voices

Monday 16th February — Half term

Monday 23rd February — Pupils return to school

Tuesday 24th February — Cross Country at Locker Park

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

Red signifies new events/dates

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HEAD AND INSTRUMENT



MON 5TH JAN

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PAINTS AND GEMSTONES TO
DESIGN YOUR OWN 3D SHOE
AND 2D OUTFITS



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PORTRAITS



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This wonderful representation of our school
was drawn by a Chambersbury pupil

School Tours – September 2026 Intake

Come and see what learning looks like at Chambersbury

Book a school tour

To book a school tour, please contact the school office at
admin@chambersbury.herts.sch.uk

Upcoming Tour Date

Saturday 10 January 2026

Apply for a Place

Applications must be submitted by

Thursday 15 January 2026

for entry into Chambersbury - 2026/27 Academic Year

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