

# CHAMBERSBURY NEWS

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*Working together to become change makers*

12<sup>th</sup> December 2025

## ATTENDANCE 2025-2026—WHOLE YEAR

Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole
94.6%	95.7%	91.9%	93.8%	94.4%	94.8%	93.2%	94.0%

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

### 25% Better Behaviour

When I took on the Headship at Chambersbury last year, I wanted to make sure behaviour was of a standard that meant all pupils could get on and learn — we introduced a new behaviour policy, run training for staff, offered parents a behaviour briefing and guided the pupils. Whilst managing and teaching behaviour never ends, I am incredibly pleased to report that there has been a 25% reduction in behaviour incidents this term compared to this time last year. Equally pleasing, is that from the responses on our Instagram poll parent are also seeing this reduction.

In January, I will be formally reviewing the behaviour policy and I will be asking for parental feedback and views as part of this.

### iRock

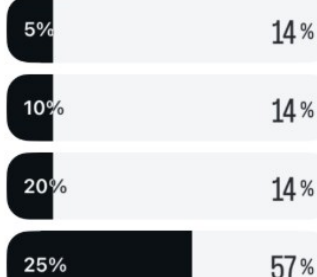
Remember iRock Concert is on Monday morning — the timing of this is always a little tricky to get right, but we aim to start at approximately 9:10am. You can take your seat straight after drop off.

### New Friends

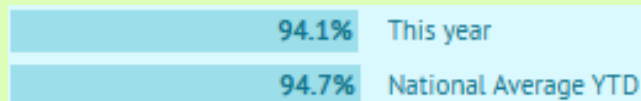
We have had 8 new pupils join us already this term and I am incredibly proud of how everyone, pupils, staff and parents, has made each of them feel welcome — a sense of belonging to a community is extremely important to us as we work together for the best outcomes for everyone.

The fact that so many pupils are joining us in year is testament to what is going on day to day here and how, when prospective parents tour the school, they see hard working, well behaved Change-Makers enjoying school life.

By what percentage have behaviour incidents reduced by compared to this time last year? (1st September - 8th December)



### Attendance



Our attendance this year is the best it has been during the Autumn term since pre covid times!

We are now just 0.6% away from the National Average — I really hope that before the end of the year we are at least in line with the National Average, if not exceeding it.

Please help us with this target by bringing your child to school everyday and on time. Thank you for your support with this.

Attendance recognition certificates for this half term will be given out next week!

## Year 2 Learning Assembly

This afternoon Year 2 held their Learning Assembly, and what an assembly it was! We work pupils hard at Chambersbury and it is great that you are now getting the opportunity to see this!

Despite the fact that Mrs Gardner had not been in for a few weeks recently, we didn't want to postpone this as I know many of you had taken time off work to join us, so thank you for coming and we hope you enjoyed the assembly.

## Performing Herts

On Wednesday night pupils from Performing Herts club put on a show for their parents and for pupils attending after school club. This showcased the learning they have been doing after hours and it was marvellous to see how pupils from different year groups can work together in truly spectator fashion.

Information about after school clubs will be coming out soon.

## P.A.T.CH

It has been an extremely busy few weeks for P.A.T.CH — this term they have raised more money than ever before at this stage in the year.

Thank you to everyone that has got involved to support P.A.T.CH; it has been particularly noticed that we have had some new recruits to the P.A.T.CH team. The more people that help out with P.A.T.CH, the more events we can run and, of course, lots of hands make for lighter work for everyone.

Some of the funds raised by P.A.T.CH were used to pay for the Panto that came in on Thursday — without these funds being raised we wouldn't be able to give opportunities such as this. I thoroughly appreciate all the donations, time and effort that has gone into developing P.A.T.CH this term - thank you.

## Winter Fair

The Winter Fair was a huge success with many attendees saying it is the best event Chambersbury has ever put on! The hall was extremely busy and Santa's grotto was completely sold out! Next year, P.A.T.CH will look to expand out into other areas of the school to build upon this success! Thank you to everyone that made this event such a highlight of the year, your effort doesn't go unnoticed! The Winter Fair made over £1500 which is a significant sum of money for the school — but not only did it raise funds for the school, it brought the whole community together and put us all in the mood for Christmas!

## Nativity Performance

This week our Reception and Year 1 pupils put on a wonderful production — the Wriggly Nativity. The pupils were absolutely brilliant and blew us away with their singing, dancing and acting.

We had a great turn out of parents to watch these performances — your support makes a huge difference and I absolutely love you being able to come in to see what is going on in school.

A big thank you must go to our Charity Reps as well for selling mince pies and hot drinks for the audience to enjoy.

I am aware that we are putting on a lot of events that parents are invited into school for and, obviously, these are during school time so I completely understand when you can't attend everything.

## Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Jumper Day is on Tuesday 16th December — pupils should wear their usual school uniform and can wear a Christmas jumper if they wish — we aren't asking for a donation for this as I appreciate that we have been asking for contributions a lot at the moment.



## A Trip to the Palace

Our Year 5 trip to Hampton Court Palace was a huge success and gave us an exciting chance to walk through real Tudor history! We began by recalling that the Tudor dynasty started after the War of the Roses. At the palace, we conducted our own self-led tour, exploring Henry VIII's apartments, imagining life in the Great Hall and the grand rooms where the king and his court lived and worked. We walked through the Tudor kitchens, seeing where amazing feasts were prepared for the king and his large household. We also learned that chocolate was considered a rare luxury in Tudor and early Stuart times, enjoyed only by the wealthy. During our visit, we found out how chocolate drinks were prepared, discovering the tools, ingredients and methods used to make this precious treat centuries ago. We enjoyed the gardens, discovering how outdoor spaces were part of Tudor palace life, and even spotted the royal tennis courts, which showed how Tudor royalty played sport. The palace trail helped us use historical enquiry skills to notice details, ask questions and think about how people lived in Tudor times. Finally, we connected our visit to our classroom learning by remembering that the Tudor period ended with Elizabeth I, Henry VIII's younger daughter, who became queen after her siblings. Seeing where her family once lived helped bring Tudor history to life and showed how the palace links to the whole story, from the start of the dynasty to the Elizabethan age.

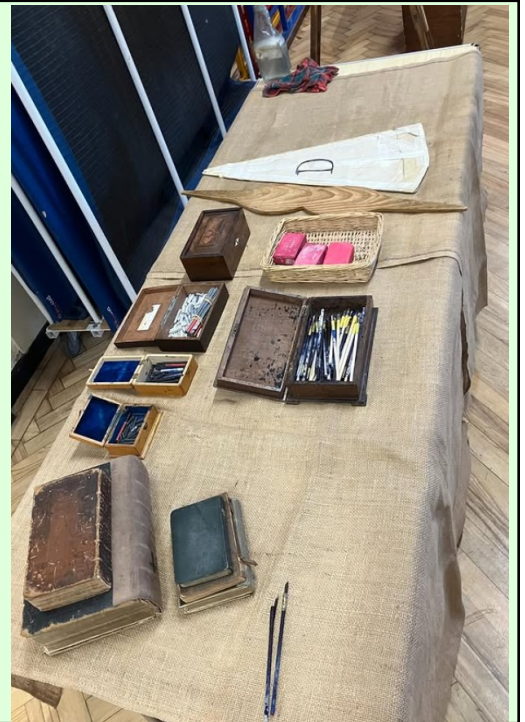
## Contributions

The reason we ask for unusual amounts when requesting contributions towards trips, is because we share the cost of the trip out by the number of pupils — we never make a profit from a school trip/workshop. Without contributions, we unfortunately have to cancel these experiences as we simply can't afford to swallow the costs. I greatly appreciate every contribution we receive and notice every overpayment made.



## Victorian Day

Year 2 enjoyed a fabulous and fun day of learning on Wednesday, immersing themselves into the lives of a Victorian child. They experienced how learning would have been in a Victorian classroom, played Victorian games and enjoyed a variety of activities to develop their understanding of life in the Victorian age.



### Key Events:

Monday 15th December — iRock concert

Tuesday 16th December — Christmas dinner

**Tuesday 16th December — Christmas Jumper day**

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

# CHAMBERSBURY AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



Starting January 2026



- 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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2<sup>ND</sup>, 5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

8:45AM - 3:15 PM

AGE 6-11 YEARS

£35 PER DAY

CHAMBERSBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

HILL COMMON, BENNETTS END, HEMEL HEMPSTEAD. HP3 8JH



FRI 2<sup>ND</sup> JAN

ROCKSTAR CAMP

DESIGN YOUR OWN  
ROCK/POP INSPIRED 3D  
HEAD AND INSTRUMENT



MON 5<sup>TH</sup> JAN

FASHION & SHOE DESIGN

EXPERIMENT WITH FABRICS,  
PAINTS AND GEMSTONES TO  
DESIGN YOUR OWN 3D SHOE  
AND 2D OUTFITS



TUES 6<sup>TH</sup> JAN

PORTRAITS

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