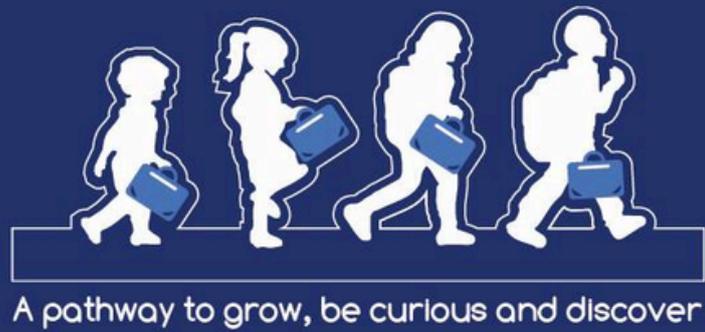




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## Diary dates

### **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

FUDGE at 10am Christmas crafts

### **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

St Johns Church Nativity 10am

### **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

Oak Room Christmas Event 9am

EYFS Christmas Songs 9:15am

KS1 Christmas Performance 2pm

KS1 Christmas Performance 5pm

### **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

Friends of Homerswood wear a christmas accessory and donate a chocolate bar for the Fayre

### **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

Friends of Homerswood Christmas Fayre

Choir singing with the WGC Male Voice Choir

### **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Year 2 Christingles at St John's

### **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Jumper Day

Class Parties

### **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

Carol Service at St John's (9:15am)

Christmas Lunch

Onsite Pantomime

### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

End of Term (Finish at 1:45pm)

After school club will be available until 4:30pm for those that need it on this day.



# Newsletter

Headteacher: Miss Mica Kettle BEd (Hons), MaST  
Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Rebecca Fitts BA, PGCE  
Assistant Headteacher: Mrs Jenny Gregory BA, PGCE

## **Christmas Has Arrived!**

December is finally here, and the school is sparkling with festive cheer. On Tuesday, the children joined together in their house groups to create beautiful decorations using last year's Christmas cards. These handmade touches are now brightening our dining room. Working in house groups continues to be a wonderful opportunity for children of all ages to collaborate, support one another, and feel part of something special.

## **St John's Church Nativity**

A big thank you to Leo in Year 6, who will be proudly representing our school this Sunday at the St John's Church Nativity at 10am. This event is a lovely reminder of how our community comes together; schools, families, and the church united in celebrating this joyful season.

## **Attendance**

Over the past two weeks, our attendance has dipped, which means we are now unlikely to meet our whole-school target of 96% for this term. We appreciate that this time of year can bring additional challenges, and we thank all families who continue to prioritise regular attendance.

Please remember that holidays taken during term time are recorded as unauthorised absences. In the coming weeks, we will be sharing important information about national attendance changes coming into effect from January 2026 in our school. When this arrives, please take the time to read it carefully so we can continue to work together to support every child's learning and progress.

## **New Website**

Our brand-new school website is now live! We invite you to explore the updated layout and features, and we'd love to hear your feedback. We will be discussing the website at the next Parent Forum in the new year.

You can visit it here: <https://www.homerswood.herts.sch.uk/>

## **Behaviour – Working Together**

We know that children thrive when home and school work in partnership, and we truly value the vital role parents play in shaping positive behaviours and attitudes. Together, we can help every child feel confident, supported, and ready to learn.

You can continue to support your child's behaviour by:

Talking positively about our school expectations

Reinforcing polite language and good manners

Maintaining consistent routines at home (sleep, punctuality, attendance)

Listening and offering reassurance when your child is finding something difficult

Getting in touch with us early if you have any concerns

As you know, consistency between home and school has a powerful impact on children's wellbeing, behaviour, and attitudes. This helps to build the strong foundations they need for the future. Thank you for everything you do to support this shared effort

## **Stay Connected**

If you have any questions, please get in touch via email at [admin@homerswood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@homerswood.herts.sch.uk) or call us on 01707 320610. Don't forget – members of the Senior Leadership Team are out on the playground each morning and are always happy to help.



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## Attendance Update



Whole School Attendance this week:  
**93.3%**

Here are this week's attendance figures:

- Nursery: 88.0%
- Reception: 94.4%
- Year 1: 98.1%
- Year 2: 89.1%
- Year 3: 98.8%
- Year 4: 90.6%
- Year 5: 90.6%
- Year 6: 94.0%

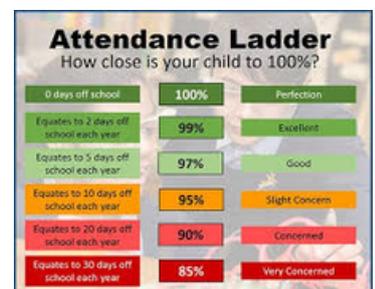
**Congratulations to Year 3 for the best attendance this week. Keep it up! Class Attendance**

Rewards Each DAY a class achieves 100% attendance they get a letter from the word ATTENDANCE. When they have spelt it completely they get a non uniform day. This way everyone can contribute over time #teamwork

- Reception: A T T E N D A N
- Year 1: A T
- Year 2:
- Year 3: A T T E N D
- Year 4: A
- Year 5: A T T
- Year 6: A T

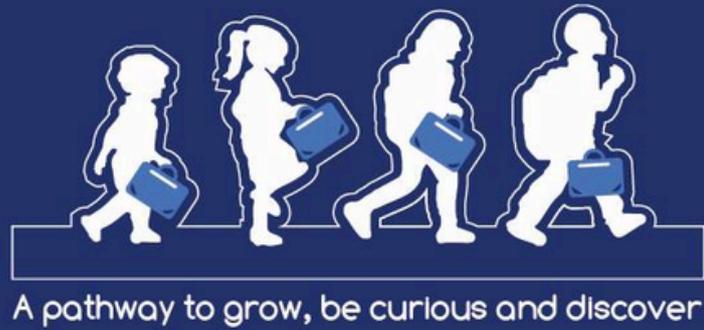
**The importance of regular school attendance explained letter (sent 26.09.25)**

**Term time holidays and leave of absence letter (sent 26.09.25)**





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## Proud Of My Class:



Each week the class staff team will share in assembly why they are particularly proud of their class that week.

**Reception - For renewed attitude to looking after the classroom resources.**

**Year 1 - For effort in rehearsing their Christmas production.**

**Year 2 - For showing resilience with the assessments they have completed this week.**

**Year 3 - For how well they demonstrated the Homerswood values while offsite at football.**

**Year 4 - For their maths learning about measurements and accuracy.**

**Year 5 - For focus in their computing lesson.**

**Year 6 - For excellent focus while completing SATs practice papers this week.**



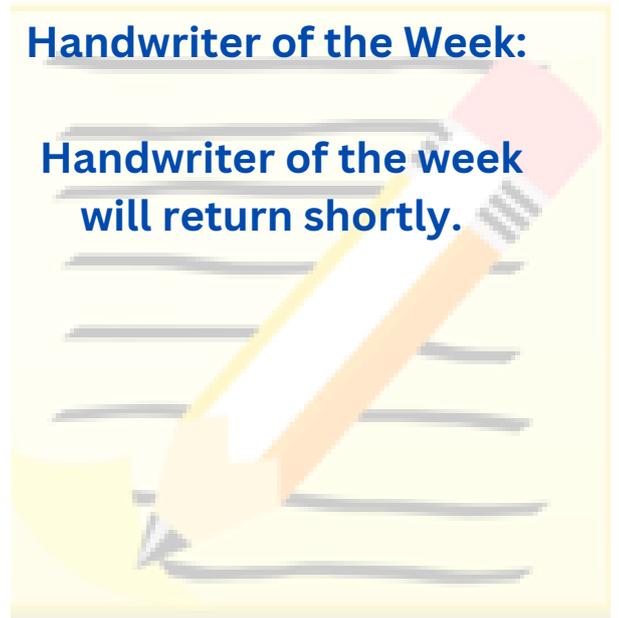
### Superstar Singers:

**Olivia E - Year 6**  
**Cherishya - Year 6**  
**Rubem - Year 4**  
**Jade - Year 6**



### Handwriter of the Week:

Handwriter of the week  
will return shortly.



### Weekly Winners: (Biggest Improvement in Accuracy)

**1<sup>st</sup> - Lorri (Year 5)**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> - Nico (Year 3)**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Fern (Year 3)**



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## Sports Diary Dates

### **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

Mr Williams (Monks Walk SSCO) in for Year 5 / 6 indoor athletics

### **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

Archery festival at Monks Walk

### **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

Chess Festival KS2 at Mill Green Golf club

### **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

Mr Williams (Monks Walk SSCO) in for Year 3 / 4 indoor athletics

## Sports Updates



We are welcoming back Mr Williams from Monks Walk, our school sports co-ordinator, who will be supporting across key stage 2 over the coming weeks in preparation for indoor athletics events upcoming in the spring term.

This week, it was Year 5 and Year 6's turn!



Year 3 attended a whole class football festival at Monks Walk last week. They showed great teamwork, commitment, resilience and maturity both in showcasing what they have been practising in their PE lessons and interacting with multiple other schools. Good job Year 3!



Well done to our football team who played another one of their league games this week! A 2-2 score but their skill, teamwork and sportsmanship shone again.



As always if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

For further updates and information about sports and physical education at Homerswood please visit our webpage: <https://www.homerswood.herts.sch.uk/physical-education/>





**Homerswood has been awarded the 2025  
Equal Access in Schools award. This  
recognises our equal access for all in  
Football.**



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## Key dates

**30<sup>th</sup> November** - Christian -  
Beginning of Advent

**3<sup>rd</sup> December** - International Day  
of Persons with Disabilities

**15<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> December** - Jewish -  
Hanukkah

**25<sup>th</sup> December** - Christian -  
Christmas

## Celebrating Spiritual, Moral and Cultural Diversity

Every day at Homerswood, we encourage our pupils to be curious about the world, respectful of others, and proud of their own identity. Whether through exploring world faiths, celebrating cultural festivals, engaging in thoughtful discussions, or participating in creative projects, we strive to build a school community where diversity is valued and every voice matters.

### International Day of Persons with Disabilities

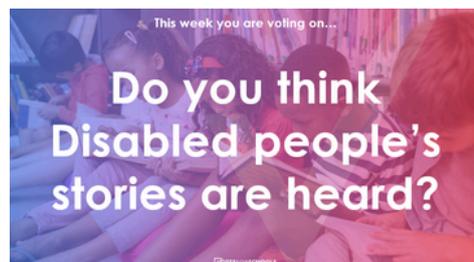
3rd December is the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, a global event that celebrates the achievements, rights and contributions of disabled people.

The day encourages communities to think about inclusion, accessibility and how we can work together to create a world where everyone is able to participate fully. It also reminds us that many disabilities are not immediately visible, and that kindness and understanding are important in every interaction.



We would love to invite families to come into school and share stories, traditions, or special activities that celebrate their culture with us.

If this is something you would be interested in, please contact the school office.



In Votes for Schools this week, we explored the important question: "Do you think disabled people's stories are heard?" Children explored real-life experiences, learned about different types of disabilities, and discussed how society listens to, or sometimes overlooks disabled voices.

Classes then cast their votes, sharing thoughtful ideas about how we can make sure everyone feels respected and represented. The discussions highlighted our pupils' empathy, curiosity and sense of fairness. It was a powerful reminder that listening to others' stories helps build a more understanding and inclusive school community.



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**A FREE\* 8 WEEK COURSE FOR PARENTS/CARERS LIVING WITH A STRONG-WILLED CHILD**

**COURSE COVERS:**

- ENTITLEMENT VERSUS RESPONSIBILITY
- CONSEQUENCES
- ANGER
- ASSERTIVENESS
- SELF-CARE
- COOPERATIVE FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

**PROGRAMME CONSISTS OF 8 X 2 HOUR WEEKLY SESSIONS**

**DATES:**

**Wednesdays from 28th Jan - 25th March (no session in half-term)**

**TIME: 9:30-11:30am**

**LOCATION: Peartree Primary School**

**To book a place, please use the QR code or go to this link:**

**<https://forms.office.com/e/UzmG701hmR>**

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#### DATES:

Monday evenings,  
starts Feb 2026 - exact  
date to be confirmed

TIME: 6:30-8:30pm

LOCATION: Onslow  
St.Audrey's School

To book a place, please use the QR code or go to this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/q1ci0btEX5>



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# Upcoming Events:

## CRAFTY CHEMISTRY AT CHRISTMAS

**29th November** Get ready to mix up some festive fun with Crafty Chemistry at Christmas a hands-on event where you can create holiday-themed science gift.



**18th February** Explore our captivating exhibits, experience a stunning 3D film showcasing the Seven Wonders of the Solar System, and witness a truly rare spectacle, the latest prototype of the ExoMars rover, a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for space enthusiasts and curious minds alike.

## OUR WORLD FROM SPACE



**STEM SUMMER CAMP**  
Join us for one, two or three days of fun and hands-on activities that will spark your child's curiosity and creativity.

### EYES IN THE SKIES

Explore how satellites monitor our planet, try fun experiments, and create take-home items.

### WATER IS WET!

Explore how satellites monitor our planet, try fun experiments, and create take-home items.



**27th July**

**28th July**

[Click here or scan the QR code to learn more and book your place!](#)

