



Welcome to Homerswood



Diary dates

Thursday 27th November

Full Governing Body at 6pm

Friday 28th November

INSET Day 2

Saturday 29th November

St Johns Christmas market 10am

Monday 1st December

Occasional Day

Tuesday 2nd December

House Afternoon Christmas Decorations

Saturday 6th December

FUDGE at 10am Christmas crafts

Friday 12th December

Friends of Homerswood wear a christmas accessory and donate a chocolate bar

Saturday 13th December

Friends of Homerswood Christmas Fayre

Choir singing with the WGC Male Voice Choir

Monday 15th December

Year 2 Christingles at St John's

Wednesday 17th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Class Parties

Thursday 18th December

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

Christmas Lunch

Onsite Pantomime

Friday 19th 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

Year 4 Class Assembly

Our Year 4 children dazzled everyone with their confidence, in sharing their work this week. Thank you for all of your hardwork and for sharing your learning journey so far this year.

Lunchtime Structure

This week, we introduced a new end-of-lunchtime routine, giving children the final 10 minutes back in the classroom to enjoy a calm, purposeful activity to support their well-being. It's already proving a great success! Today, for our first 'Feel Good Friday', the children took a moment to reflect on their week, think about something exciting they're looking forward to next week, and do a helpful 'brain dump' before the weekend. It's a wonderful way to help everyone feel settled, refreshed, and ready for afternoon learning.

Parent Governor Announcement

We are delighted to welcome our new Parent Governor, Robert Wallace. His skills, enthusiasm, and commitment will be a wonderful asset as we continue to help our school community grow and thrive.

We were fortunate to have two exceptionally strong candidates, making this a very competitive selection process. Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote and support this important role, your parent voice has been heard.

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

Children in Need – Thank You!

A huge thank you to everyone who donated. Together we raised an amazing total of £199 and made a real difference!

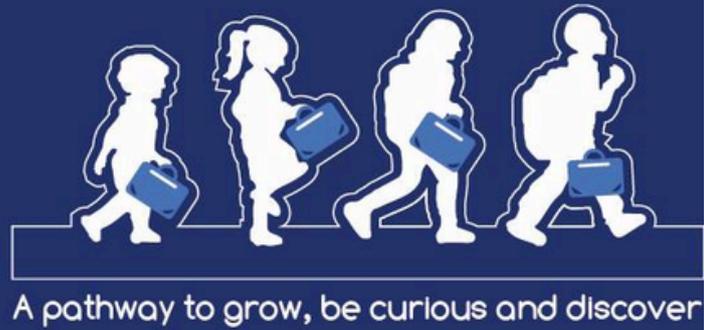
Stay Connected

If you have any questions, please get in touch via email at 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.

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



Welcome to Homerswood



Attendance Update



Whole School Attendance this week:
96.9%

Here are this week's attendance figures:

- Nursery: 93.8%
- Reception: 97.1%
- Year 1: 99.1%
- Year 2: 98.7%
- Year 3: 100%
- Year 4: 93.8%
- Year 5: 95.4%
- Year 6: 94.9%

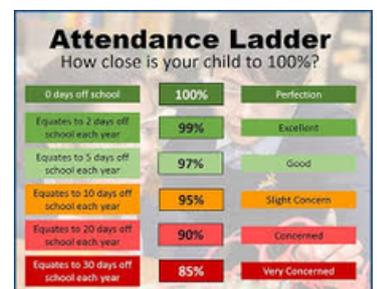
Congratulations to Year 3 for the best attendance this week. Keep it up! Class Attendance

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

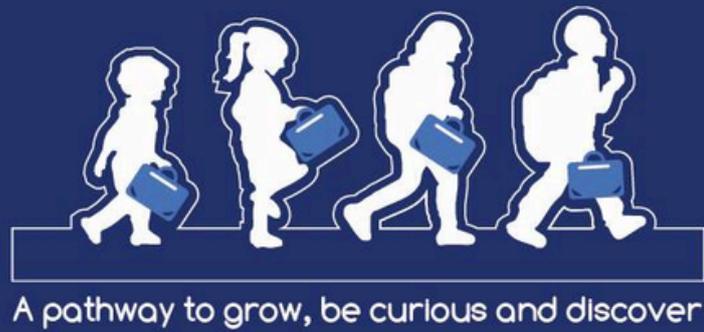
The importance of regular school attendance explained letter (sent 26.09.25)

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





Welcome to Homerswood



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 excellent work with their blending, reading and writing.
- Year 1 - For the effort they have made with the presentation in all their learning.
- Year 2 - For wonderful effort in singing their maths challenge song.
- Year 3 - For their DT learning - they were very mature and independent.
- Year 4 - For the effort they have been putting into their English inventions.
- Year 5 - For the effort and pride they showed in their publishing
- Year 6 - For the tag rugby tournament - everyone gave it their best.



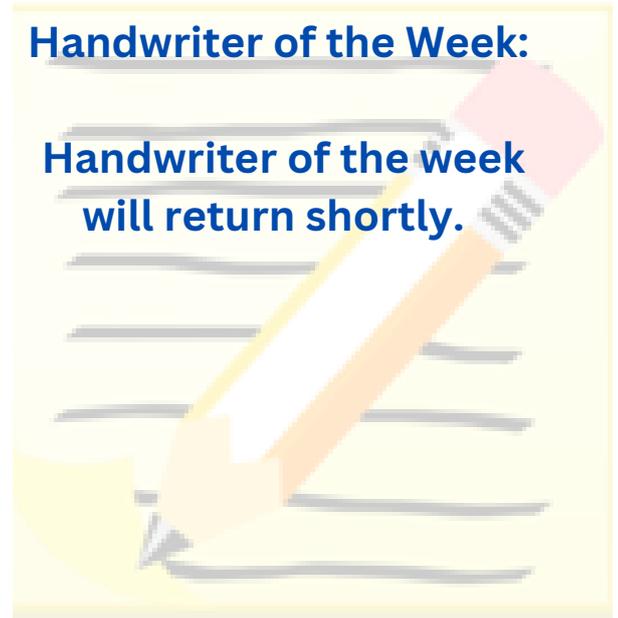
Superstar Singers:

- Miles - Year 4
- William - Year 2
- Jack - Year 6
- Evan - Year 2



Handwriter of the Week:

Handwriter of the week will return shortly.



Weekly Winners: (Biggest Improvement in Studio Speed)

- 1st - Max (Year 4)
- 2nd - Oakley (Year 4)
- 3rd Callie - May (Year 4)



Welcome to Homerswood



Sports Diary Dates

Wednesday 26th November

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

Thursday 27th November

Year 3 Whole Class Football festival at Monks Walk

Thursday 4th December

Archery festival at Monks Walk

Monday 8th December

Chess Festival KS2 at Mill Green Golf club

Wednesday 10th December

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

Sports Updates



Well done to our football team who attended Monks Walk on Tuesday afternoon to compete in some more games to go towards our herts football league! They work as a team and always try their best in any of the games that they play. Having the opportunities to play not only in our school club but against other schools too only enhances our skills and tactics in the game.



Year 6 attended a whole class Tag Rugby festival event at Monks this week. The class were split into three teams and despite the cold, showcased Homerswood sportsmanship and dedication.



Sports leaders are running bi-weekly challenges, with scores being announced in our celebrating me assemblies on Fridays. Everyone has the opportunity to take part and have fun at break or lunch times; just find a sports leader! The challenge currently is shot put.

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/>





Welcome to Homerswood



Key dates

10th - 14th November - Anti-Bullying Week

9th - 16th November - Inter Faith Week

30th November - Christian - Beginning of Advent

15th - 22nd December - Jewish - Hanukkah

25th 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.

Inter Faith Week

Inter Faith Week took place this year from 9th–16th November. It is a national celebration that encourages people of all faiths, and those with no religious belief, to learn about one another and appreciate the rich variety of beliefs found in our communities.

The week highlights the values that many traditions share, such as kindness, respect, peace and caring for others, while also celebrating the unique customs that make each faith special.



Reflection Activity

For a home reflection activity, we invite families to spend a few minutes together thinking about the question:

“What helps our home feel welcoming and respectful to everyone?”

Children might like to draw a picture or write a few sentences about their ideas, which they can share in school next week. This simple reflection helps us all remember that understanding and kindness begin with small actions every day.

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.



Christmas

MARKET 2025

Saturday 29 November

10.00 am – 1.00 pm

St, John's Church, Monks Rise

Grand Raffle Draw at 12.30 pm

Admission: Adults £1 • Children: Free

Cafe • Tombola • Breakfast BBQ • Craft Stalls
Homemade Cakes • Entertainment by Six on Sax

www.digswellparish.org.uk





DRUM LESSONS

All abilities welcome

Sian Clements

07786 836976

sian.clements@hotmail.co.uk



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!](#)

