



# Welcome to Homerswood



## Diary dates

### **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.

### **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January**

INSET Day 3

### **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

Term Starts

### **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January**

FOH New Year Celebration

Rec and Yr1 Magical Story Elves  
3:20pm – 4:30pm (show starts at  
3:45pm, after snack)

Yr2, Yr3, Yr4 Disco 5:30pm –  
6:30pm

Yr5 and Yr6 Disco 7pm – 8pm



# Newsletter

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

## **Birthday Sweets**

In line with **guidance from the Local Authority**, we will no longer be able to share sweets or other food items brought in from home to celebrate children's birthdays, effective in our school from January 2026. This means that items brought in from home such as sweets, chocolates, cakes, or biscuits cannot be distributed to pupils in school. We would like to reassure you that we will continue to celebrate children's birthdays through assemblies; other inclusive and meaningful ways that do not involve food so that every child still feels recognised on their special day.

## **Knightsfield Preschool**

Today we say goodbye to Knightsfield Preschool and their staff as they close their doors after many years of partnership with our school. We are deeply grateful for the care, dedication, and joy they've given to the children and families. We wish the staff the best of luck as they part and take on new roles elsewhere - thank you for everything.

## **Free Maths & English Tutoring Sessions for Homerswood Pupils**

We're pleased to share an opportunity from Tutors Together for pupils in Years 4, 5, and 6.

They're offering Homerswood families two free online tutoring sessions in either Maths or English this January. Sessions are led by experienced tutors in small online groups.

To register your child, visit: [www.tutorstogether.co.uk/homerswood](http://www.tutorstogether.co.uk/homerswood)

Please see the attached flyer for full details about the offer and information about Tutors Together's tutoring programmes.

## **FOH - thank you**

A huge thank you to Friends of Homerswood for their generosity this term. They have arranged wonderful events for our families to enjoy and they provided the small snack and the christmas crackers for our christmas festivities this week. To all of you - thank you for your hard work!

## **New Website**

Thank you for your feedback so far. I am pleased that so many of you have explored our new web page and have found it useful. Please do continue to give us feedback.

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

## **Happy Holidays**

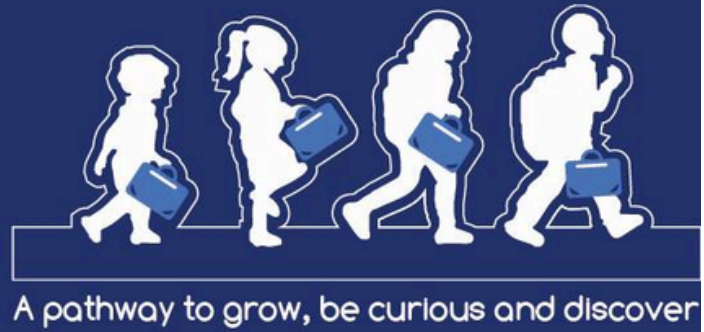
May we take this opportunity to wish all those who are celebrating a very Merry Christmas. To those who are not celebrating, we wish you a happy, restful, and enjoyable two-week break. We hope everyone has a wonderful holiday and returns refreshed in the new year.

## **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:  
**94.2%**

Here are this week's attendance figures:

- Nursery: 74.2%
- Reception: 87.9%
- Year 1: 100%
- Year 2: 98.7%
- Year 3: 96.6%
- Year 4: 97.9%
- Year 5: 91.7%
- Year 6: 94.0%

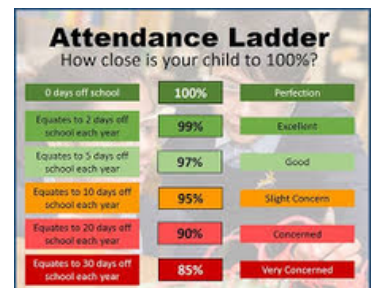
Congratulations to **Year 1** for the best attendance this week. Keep it up!

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

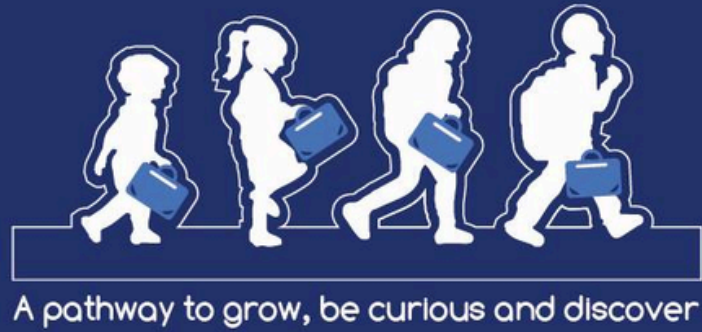
**The importance of regular school attendance explained letter (sent 26.09.25)**

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





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A pathway to grow, be curious and discover



## 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 getting through a tricky week of timetable changes.

Year 1 - For their increased independence.

Year 2 - For the resilience they have shown with all the timetable changes.

Year 3 - For their commitment and dedication to their writing.

Year 4 - For their English narratives and the interesting exciting ideas they have come up with.

Year 5 - For showing maturity and good listening during their class party.

Year 6 - For their persuasive speech writing and presentation in English.



**Superstar Singers:**  
Well done to everyone  
for such wonderful  
singing in the church  
for the Christmas carol  
service.



## Handwriter of the Week:

**Sonny - Year 3**

**Weekly Winners (Biggest improvement in studio speed)**

**1<sup>st</sup> - Martin (Year 4)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> - William (Year 5)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> - Joey (Year 4)**

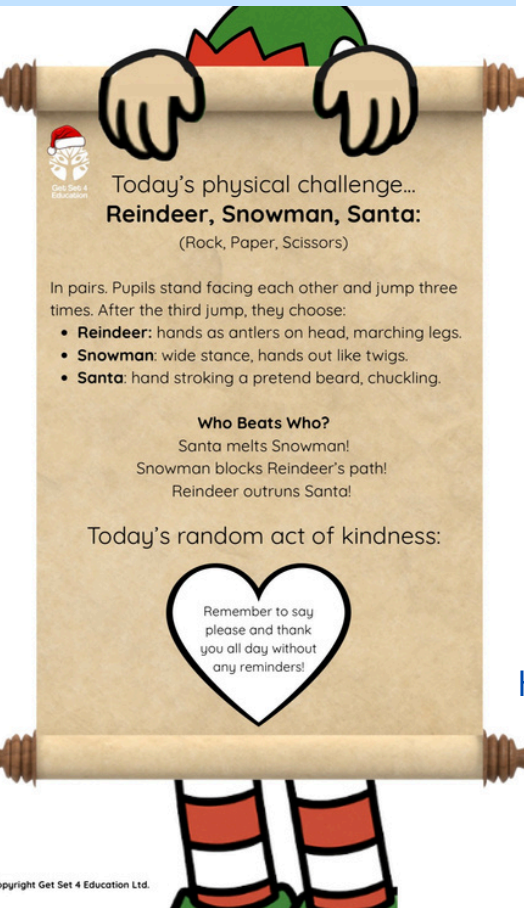
## Sports Diary Dates

**\*\*Pending\*\***

# Sports Updates



Mr Williams was back last week to support with Year 3 and 4 PE lessons; practising indoor athletics for upcoming school games mark events. A big thank you for his support! Our wonderful Year 6 sports leaders also supported the Year 3 lesson.



Each class has still been undertaking their active blasts in their classrooms, mostly with an extra Christmas theme! Can you complete any more over the holidays with your families? Maybe a fun version of rock, paper, scissors!

Have a wonderful break! We cannot wait to get started for all of our Spring term events in the new year - keep an eye out for the next newsletter for the next set of dates.



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.





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## Key dates

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

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

**6<sup>th</sup> January** - Epiphany

**19<sup>th</sup> January** - World Religion Day

**1<sup>st</sup> February** - Tu Bishvat

**17<sup>th</sup> February** - Random Acts of Kindness Day

**17<sup>th</sup> February** - Lunar New Year

**17<sup>th</sup> February-21<sup>st</sup> March** - Ramadan

**18<sup>th</sup> February** - Ash Wednesday

**22<sup>nd</sup> February** - World Thinking Day

**4<sup>th</sup> March** - Holi

**3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> April** - Easter



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.

## 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.

### Christmas

As we come to the end of Advent, our school community is looking forward to the excitement and warmth of Christmas. Advent has been a time of waiting and preparing, reminding us to slow down, be thoughtful, and show care for others as the season approaches.

Christmas is a special time filled with joy, generosity, and togetherness. It is a chance to enjoy time with family and friends, appreciate the little moments, and spread kindness through simple actions like helping others, sharing, and saying thank you.



Over the Christmas holidays begin, we invite children to take part in a short reflection activity:

Ask your child to draw or write about something kind they did during Advent, something they are grateful for, and one way they can be kind or helpful during the Christmas holidays. This can be a picture, a few words, or a short sentence. We hope this activity helps our pupils to carry positive feelings and kindness with them throughout the holiday season.

🎄 Merry Christmas! 🎄