



Welcome to Homerswood



Diary dates

WB 2nd February
Storytelling Week

3rd-6th February
Family Book Looks

Thursday 5th February
SEA Visit (all day)

Friday 6th February
FOH Uniform Sale

WB 9th February
Children's Mental Health Day

Tuesday 10th February
Parent Consultations - online

Thursday 12th February
Parent Consultations - face to face

WB 16th February
HALF TERM

Wednesday 25th February
Year 2 Trip to Air Museum

Thursday 26th February
Year 5 Maths Challenge at 1:30pm

Wednesday 4th - Friday 6th March
Year Woodrow

Thursday 5th March
World Book Day
FOH Wonka Bar Event

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

Newsletter

Wicked Sing-a-long

Yesterday afternoon, we were thrilled to host a Wicked sing-a-long, enjoyed by both children and their families, linked to the recent Young Voices performance at the O2 Arena. The event was very well received, with lots of enthusiastic singing and smiles all round. It was especially lovely to welcome our community into school and share such a fun, musical experience together. A big thank you to Mrs Cain for organising this.

Maths at Homerswood

This week, we were delighted to welcome a Teaching and Learning Advisor for Maths into school. She spent time in Key Stage 2 observing fluency sessions and was full of praise for the high-quality teaching and the children's enthusiasm and engagement. It was wonderful to receive such positive feedback on the progress being made and the strong attitudes to learning shown by our pupils.

PANCAKES!

Once again the Cowper Arms in Digswell will be hosting
PARISH PANCAKES
on Shrove Tuesday, 17 Feb 2026
12 Noon - 8pm.

The pub will be open as usual serving a wide range of cold and hot drinks as well as its usual menu but all pancakes purchased on the day will be donated to the parish's work with schools.

Although it is half term we hope that you will be able to attend as it may be something nice to do for those not going away for the holiday.

Pancakes are just £1.50 each including a range of fillings and payment can now be made in cash or card.

Double Paralympian & European Champion Visit

Ayaz Bhuta MBE PLY (Wheelchair Rugby Gold Medallist Tokyo 2020) visited our school on Thursday 22nd January 2026.

He hosted an assembly in the morning then individual class workshops throughout the day where the children asked questions, took part in a Rugby teamwork drill and saw the Paralympic Gold medal up close.

This was a fantastic day and the feedback from pupils was incredibly positive.

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.



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Attendance Update



Whole School Attendance this week:
95.1%

Here are this week's attendance figures:

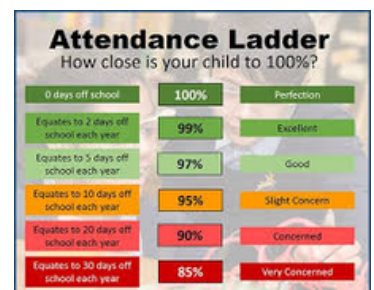
- Nursery: 81.5%
- Reception: 97.1%
- Year 1: 96.2%
- Year 2: 93.5%
- Year 3: 95.9%
- Year 4: 96.6%
- Year 5: 97.4%
- Year 6: 96.0%

Congratulations to **Year 5** 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 extra free play outside on the Friday afternoon. This way everyone can contribute over time #teamwork

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





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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.

- Nursery - For wonderful engagement in our class discussion surrounding animals.
- Reception - For a lovely discussion all about our topic, the weather.
- Year 1 - For using polite and respectful manners this week.
- Year 2 - For excellent listening and participation in our sports workshop.
- Year 3 - For maturity in their computing-art lesson.
- Year 4 - For working hard on symmetry in maths.
- Year 5 - For their superb persuasive letter writing.
- Year 6 - For the dedication they showed to long division in maths.



Superstar Singers:

We'll be back with more superstar singers shortly...



Handwriter of the Week:

Romilly - Year 1



Weekly Winners (Biggest Improvement in Accuracy)

- 1st - Ali (Year 3)
- 2nd - Lea (Year 5)
- 3rd - Leo (Year 3)



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Sports Diary Dates

27.01.2026

Football fixtures at Monks Walk for the football team

21.01.2026 & 28.01.2026

Mr Williams in for handball Year 2 and Year 4

22.01.2026

Paralympian Wheelchair Rugby Gold Medallist Ayaz Bhuta school visit

22.01.2026

Badminton training at Birchwood leisure centre for 8 in Year 6

23.01.2026

Mr Williams in for Curling practise for Year 3

04.02.2026

Rapid fire cricket at Stanborough for 8 in Year 4

06.02.2026

Handball visit for Year 5 to Monks Walk

Sports Updates



Mr Williams joined us again this week for some handball workshops for Year 2 and Year 4, whilst Year 3 took part in a curling workshop!

Some of our year 6 attended Birchwood Leisure centre in preparation for a school games Badminton event coming up later in the term... good luck to them!

However, as mentioned at the beginning, we were very lucky to welcome Ayaz Bhuta, gold medallist Paralympic rugby player to Homerswood this week. His story of determination and resilience really was inspiring to everyone.



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

18th January - World Religion Day

1st February - Tu Bishvat

17th February - Random Acts of Kindness Day

17th February - Lunar New Year

17th February-21st March - Ramadan

18th February - Ash Wednesday

22nd February - World Thinking Day

4th March - Holi

3rd -5th 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.

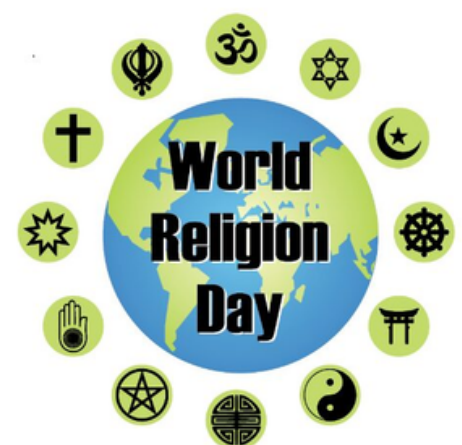
Celebrating Spiritual, Moral and Cultural Diversity

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.

World Religion Day

World Religion Day (Sunday 18 January 2026) is a special day celebrated each year on the third Sunday in January to encourage understanding, respect, and friendship between people of all religions. It reminds us that even though people may have different beliefs and traditions, we all share common values like kindness, honesty, and caring for others.

In our school community, we are proud to welcome families from many different backgrounds. We encourage our children to ask thoughtful questions, and appreciate the diversity around them. Learning about others helps us become more open-minded and respectful.



Children can mark this day by being kind, listening respectfully to others, and showing interest in different cultures and traditions.

In doing so, our school community becomes a place where everyone feels welcomed, respected, and valued.

For more information about different religions, please visit the BBC Bitesize website: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/articles/zfxwpg8>