



Welcome to Homerswood



A pathway to grow, be curious and discover

Diary dates

WB 2nd February
Storytelling Week

Wednesday 4th February
Year 5 Sharing Assembly

WB 2nd 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
Premier Holiday Club

Tuesday 17th February
Parish Pancakes at Cowper Arms
Digswell 12-8pm

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 4 Woodrow

Thursday 5th March
World Book Day
FOH Wonka Bar Event

Friday 6th March
FOH Uniform Sale

W/B 9th March
British Science Week

Wednesday 11th March
Year 1 Class Assembly

Newsletter

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

Pupil Voice Assembly

Thursday morning, we held a pupil voice assembly in house groups, giving children the opportunity to share their thoughts and experiences about their learning across the curriculum. The children were thoughtful, honest, and articulate as they spoke about what they enjoy in each subject, what helps them learn best, and where they would like to see further opportunities. They also made some excellent suggestions about activities and approaches they would like to explore, and these ideas will help inform our ongoing curriculum development. Listening to pupil voice is an important part of how we continue to improve, and we are proud of how confidently and respectfully the children shared their views.

Writing Around the School

A walk around the school this week highlighted the fantastic learning taking place across all year groups.

Drawing club in Reception showed the ambitious vocabulary the children are learning and using.

In Year 4, children were fully engaged in a shared experience (who burnt the book?) designed to inspire their writing, using curiosity and discussion to develop ideas together. Many of us were suspects and put in the hot seat for questioning.

In Year 2, some children have proudly shared their writing, showing great progress in both spelling and handwriting.

Toys at Home, Please

To help children stay focused and avoid distractions, we kindly ask that toys remain at home are not brought to school. Thank you for your support in helping us create a calm and productive learning environment for everyone.

Parish Pancakes!

Cowper Arms in Digswell on Shrove

Tuesday 17th Feb 2026

12 Noon - 8pm.

All pancakes purchased on the day will be donated to the parish's work with schools.

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

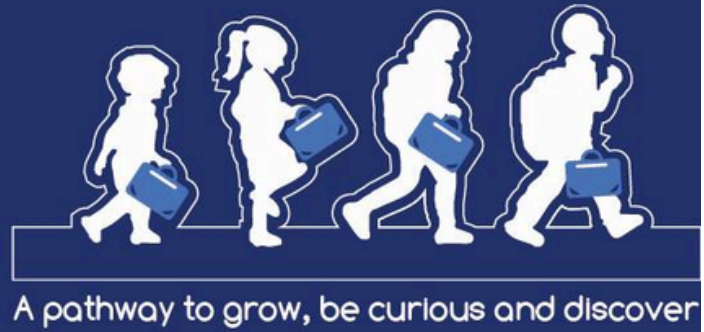
Stay Connected

If you have any questions, please get in touch via email at admin@homerswood.herts.sch.uk or call us on 01707 320610.

Remember, 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:

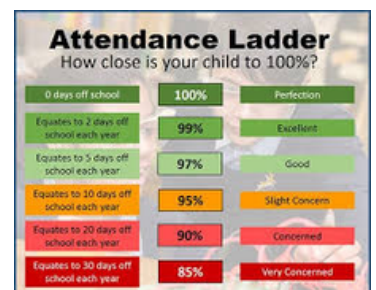
- Nursery: 74.3%
- Reception: 98.5%
- Year 1: 97%
- Year 2: 81.6%
- Year 3: 93.3%
- Year 4: 94.3%
- Year 5: 87%
- Year 6: 90.2%

Congratulations to **Reception** 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

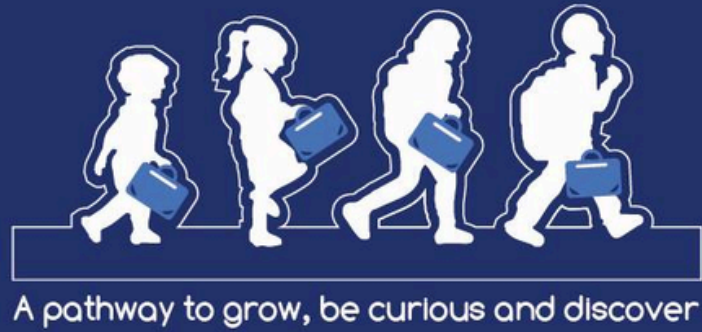
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- Year 3: ATTE
- Year 4: ATTEN DA
- Year 5: ATTEN
- Year 6: ATTENDANC

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 amazing listening while going to the hall for PE.

Reception - For how well their writing is coming along.

Year 1 - For their wonderful, inventive writing in English.

Year 2 - For their positive approach to a new concept in maths

Year 3 - For resilience during times of change and their participation RE learning.

Year 4 - For their impressive learning in geography.

Year 5 - For showing resilience and determination with a tricky concept in maths.

Year 6 - For diligence and focus in their English writing.



Superstar Singers:

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



Handwriter of the Week:

Ivy S - Year 2

Weekly Winners (Accuracy in the Last Seven Days)

1st - Zara (Year 4)

2nd - Ollie (Year 5)

3rd - Luna CL (Year 3)



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Sports Diary Dates

04.02.2026

Rapid fire cricket at Stanborough for 8 in Year 4

06.02.2026

Handball visit for Year 5 to Monks Walk

11.02.2026

Indoor athletics for Yr6 whole class at Stanborough

12.02.2026

Badminton event for some Year 6 at Ridgeway

12.02.2026

Curling event for some Year 3 at Homerswood!

24.02.2026

Football fixtures for football club at Monks Walk Astro

25.02.2026 & 04.03.2026

Mr Williams in for PE lessons for archery Years 3 and 4

12.03.2026

Tag Rugby finals for some Year 6 at Monks Walk

17.03.2026

Football fixtures for football club at Monks Walk Astro

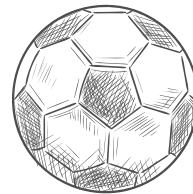


Sports Updates



Mr Williams joined us again this week for some handball workshops for Year 2 and Year 4.

Well done to our football team for heading to Monks Walk this week for some more games played towards the Welwyn Hatfield league.



The children are busy all week completing their PE lessons and active blasts - all adding together to achieve their active minutes. This week try the alphabet walk as your own family active blast:

Alphabet Walk

Get Set 4 Education

Play: Outside

How to play:

- Head out for a walk.
- On the way, try to spot something beginning with the letter 'A', the Z the letter 'B' and so on until you get to 'Z'.
- Make this easier if there are some letters that are difficult to find by finding something that contains the letter instead of 'starts with the letter...'

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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

1st - 2nd 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.

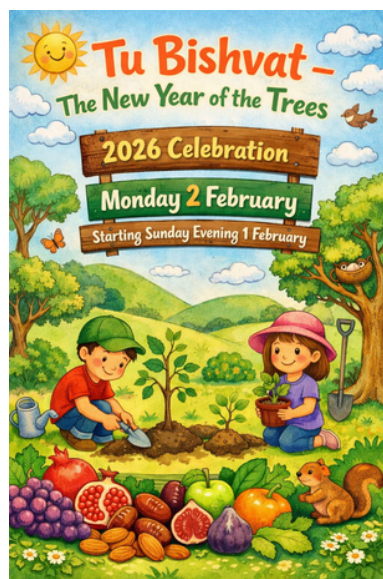
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Celebrating Spiritual, Moral and Cultural Diversity

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.

Tu Bishvat

Tu Bishvat is a special day in the Jewish religion and is often called the “New Year of the Trees.” It comes from the Jewish (Hebrew) calendar and is celebrated each year on the 15th day of the month of Shevat. In 2026, Tu Bishvat will be celebrated on Monday 2 February, beginning at sunset on Sunday 1 February.



Tu Bishvat is a time to celebrate nature, especially trees and plants. Long ago, it helped farmers know when to count the fruit from their trees. Today, it is a day when many Jewish people think about caring for the environment and showing respect for the natural world.

People celebrate Tu Bishvat in different ways. Some families plant trees or flowers, eat fruit and nuts, or learn about how to protect the planet. It is a lovely opportunity for children to think about how trees help us by giving us oxygen, food, shade, and beauty, and how we can all play a part in looking after the world around us.



Nature EXPLORERS

COME AND JOIN OUR MONTHLY NATURE EXPLORERS SESSION FOR 8-12 YEAR OLDS, WHERE CURIOSITY LEADS THE WAY 🌿

OUR SESSIONS ARE PACKED WITH FUN, HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES THAT HELP CHILDREN LEARN AND DEVELOP OUTDOOR SKILLS WHILE NURTURING A LOVE FOR THE NATURAL WORLD. EVERY SESSION IS DIFFERENT, WITH A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO BUILD BOTH KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICAL SKILLS.

 **SUNDAY 15TH FEBRUARY**

 **10:00-12:00**

 **THIS SESSION WILL FOCUS ON THE FANTASTIC ARRAY OF TREES IN THE PARK. YOU'LL BE LEARNING HOW TO:**

- **IDENTIFY TREES IN THEIR WINTER STATE**
- **MEASURE THEM**
- **DISCOVER HOW TO AGE TREES**

PERFECT FOR YOUNG EXPLORERS WHO LOVE BEING OUTDOORS AND GETTING STUCK IN!



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