



Welcome to Homerswood



Diary dates

WB 16th February

HALF TERM - Premier Holiday Club

Tuesday 17th February

Parish Pancakes at Cowper Arms
Digswell 12-8pm

Monday 23rd February

Reception (birthdays up to March)
Screening

Wednesday 25th February

Year 2 Trip to Air Museum

Thursday 26th February

Luna New Year Lunch
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
Year 5 and Year 6 K'Nex Challenge

Friday 13th March

GLAM Morning

Thursday 19th March

Year 3 trip to Hertford Museum

Wednesday 25th March

Easter Service St Johns at 9:15am
all welcome

Thursday 26th March

Year 3/4 Spring Soiree at 2pm and
5:30pm

Friday 27th March

End of Term 1:45pm
FOH Easter Egg Hunt

Newsletter

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

School Effectiveness Advisor (SEA)

Last week, we were delighted to welcome our SEA into school for the day, and we are proud to share how impressed she was with the behaviours for learning she observed across Early Years and Key Stage 1.

In our Early Years classes, the SEA noted the calm, purposeful atmosphere and the strong foundations being laid for future success. They commented: *"The consistency and quality of provision enabled children to access learning successfully and contributed to the calm, secure atmosphere evident in both nursery and reception classes."* It was wonderful to see our youngest learners demonstrating independence, curiosity and resilience, supported by carefully planned environments and skilled adult guidance.

Across Key Stage 1, the positive learning culture continues to shine. The SEA recognised the strong routines, high expectations and thoughtful classroom organisation that enable pupils to thrive. They observed that *"The strength of classroom organisation, learning behaviours and adult guidance indicates that foundational writing is being implemented effectively and that pupils are well placed to make further progress."*

We are incredibly proud of our children, whose focus, enthusiasm and positive attitudes to learning make our school such a special place. Thank you to our staff for their continued dedication, and to our families for your ongoing support in nurturing these excellent behaviours for learning.

Key Stage 2 learning will be the focus of the next monitoring visit in the summer term, and we look forward to sharing further positive developments with you then.

A Fond Farewell

This week, we said a goodbye to two members of our school family, Mrs Walsh and Mrs Brewis.

Mrs Walsh (Reception), is leaving us to begin an exciting new chapter as she retrains at university. We are incredibly proud of her as she takes this next step in her professional journey. During her time with us, Mrs Walsh has shown great dedication and commitment to our youngest learners, helping them to settle, grow in confidence and develop a love of learning.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Brewis (Oak Room), who will be stepping away from her role to focus on family commitments. Mrs Brewis has been a caring and consistent presence for the children she supports, and her calm approach has made a real difference to the pupils.

We wish them every success and happiness in the future.



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Year 5 Assembly

Last week, Year 5 proudly shared their learning with the school and their families. It was wonderful to see the children speak so confidently as they took us through their learning journey so far this academic year. One of my favourite pieces of work you shared with us was seeing how hard you worked on the Doodlebugs in Design Technology.

Thank you, Year 5, for showcasing your hard work, enthusiasm, and the progress you have made; we are very proud of you!

Parish Pancakes!

Cowper Arms in Digswell

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 - 13.02.26



Whole School Attendance this week:
93.1%

Here are this week's attendance figures:

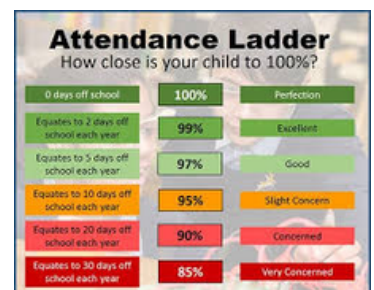
- Nursery: 81.0%
- Reception: 94.6%
- Year 1: 92.1%
- Year 2: 93.6%
- Year 3: 98.7%
- Year 4: 96.5%
- Year 5: 87.9%
- Year 6: 94.5%

Congratulations to **Year 3** 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
- Year 1: A T T
- Year 2: A T T E
- Year 3: A T T E N D A
- Year 4: A T T E N D A N C
- Year 5: A T T E N
- 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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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 - they have all been making good choices this week

Reception - for their digraph work in their phonics learning

Year 1 - for their effort and listening skills in their music learning this week.

Year 2 - their fantastic time telling this week in maths and trying really hard.

Year 3 - for demonstrating their key behaviour for learning skills and attributes.

Year 4 - being kind and supportive to one another this week.

Year 5 - a busy week: their non-chronological reports, their science, their geography!

Year 6 - for their sportsmanship, teamwork and representing Homerswood exceptionally at sporting events.



Superstar Singers:

- Fern (Year 3)
- Charlie (Year 6)
- Sophia (Year 4)



Handwriter of the Week:

We will be back next week!



Weekly Winners (biggest improvement in accuracy)

- 1st - Seyit (Year 4)
- 2nd - Minnie H (Year 5)
- 3rd - Josh D (Year 4)



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Sports Diary Dates

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



There has been many events on this week across the school:

Year 6 attended Stanborough school for a school games mark indoor athletics event! They had their individual events but also encouraged and supported each other as a team - great work Year 6.

Year 6 also had a badminton event this week at Ridgeway school. They previously had a practise event so they were prepared for this competitive event. Well done Year 6 team badminton! Again showing resilience, sportsmanship and team work. Well done girls coming 2nd place and boys 4th place!

Year 3 had a curling event this week that was hosted here at Homerswood! Not only did they compete and work hard as a team, they represented our school wonderfully and supported the other schools joining us.



Have you been keeping track of the Winter Olympics this year? There has been so many incredible sports men and women competing for themselves and their countries - what inspirational athletes!

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

9th - 15th February - Children's Mental Health Week

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

1st - 9th April - Passover

3rd April - Good Friday

5th April - Easter Sunday

6th April - Easter Monday

14th April - Vaisakhi

23rd April - St Georges 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.

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.

Random Acts of Kindness Day

Random Acts of Kindness Day will be taking place during half term on Tuesday 17th February. This special day reminds us that even the smallest acts of kindness can make a big difference to someone's day. Holding a door open, sharing a smile, helping a neighbour or saying thank you are simple ways we can show care and respect for others.

Kindness is valued in all cultures, religions and communities around the world. It helps us to understand one another, celebrate our differences and build a strong, supportive community. When we choose to be kind, we show empathy, compassion and respect – important values that help us grow morally and spiritually as individuals.



Reflection Activity

Over half term, we encourage our children and families to take part in some simple reflection activities:

- **Kindness Calendar:** Create a simple 7-day kindness chart and complete one act of kindness each day. It could be at home, in your neighbourhood or when out and about.
- **Kindness Conversation:** As a family, talk about how different cultures and faiths show kindness. Are there special traditions or teachings about caring for others?
- **Gratitude Jar:** Write down kind things that happen during the week and place them in a jar. Read them together at the end of half term and reflect on how they made you feel.
- **Kindness Diary:** Children could draw or write about one act of kindness they gave and one they received. How did it feel? Why is kindness important?

We look forward to hearing about the wonderful ways our families have spread kindness.