



# Welcome to Homerswood



## Diary dates

### **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

Full Governing Body at 6pm

### **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

Year 4 Woodrow

### **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

World Book Day  
FOH Wonka Bar Event

### **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

FOH Uniform Sale

### **W/B 9<sup>th</sup> March**

British Science Week

### **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

Year 1 Class Assembly  
Year 5 and Year 6 K'Nex Challenge  
Parent Forum at 6:30pm

### **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

GLAM Morning

### **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

Y6 Online Health Questionnaire

### **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

Year 3 trip to Hertford Museum

### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

Red Nose Day

### **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

Easter Service St Johns at 9:15am  
all welcome  
Easter Lunch Menu  
Dance Festival, Campus West 2-8pm

### **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

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

### **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

End of Term 1:45pm  
After School Club to 4:30pm ONLY  
Please let the office know if you  
would like a space  
FOH Easter Egg Hunt

# Newsletter

## **Welcome Back after Half term**

We are now officially halfway through the academic year! Spring term always brings with it a renewed sense of energy and purpose, and it has been lovely to welcome the children back; ready to learn.

There are already small signs of spring beginning to appear: lighter mornings, brighter afternoons. This season reminds us that growth takes time, care, and patience; much like learning itself. Each day brings new opportunities to build confidence, develop resilience, and celebrate progress, however small.

As we move into the second half of the year, we are focusing on positivity; noticing the things that bring us joy, celebrating effort as well as achievement, and supporting one another as a community. Whether it is a kind word from a friend, mastering something that once felt tricky, enjoying time outdoors, or sharing a good book, these moments all help create a happy and nurturing school environment.

## **Outdoor Achievements**

We love celebrating your children's achievements beyond the classroom!

Please do share photos, certificates, or information about your child's accomplishments outside of school. This could be anything your family is proud of and would like to celebrate with our school community during our Friday assemblies.

Recently, we have recognised children mastering bike riding, earning reading medals, and receiving a range of sporting certificates and trophies. It is always a joy to hear about the children's interests and to celebrate their successes together.

## **Got Caught Reading!**

We are continuing our 'Got Caught Reading' initiative and would love you to get involved. Photograph your child reading in strange, surprising, or wonderful places and send the pictures in for them to share during our Friday pupil-led assembly.

So far, we have seen children reading on park benches, under climbing frames, upside down on sofas, and in many other imaginative spots! This initiative is a fun way to promote a love of reading and encourage reading for pleasure. In our Year of Reading, we can all play a part in championing books and building lifelong readers.

## **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. Remember, 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



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## Attendance Update



Whole School Attendance this week:  
**93.9%**

Here are this week's attendance figures:

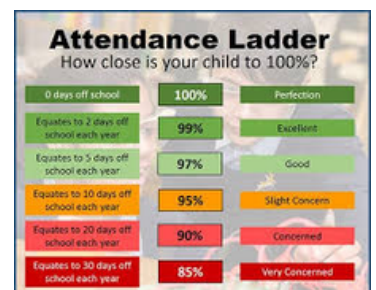
- Nursery: 95.2%
- Reception: 92.1%
- Year 1: 96.5%
- Year 2: 94.8%
- Year 3: 92.7%
- Year 4: 98.2%
- Year 5: 87.5%
- Year 6: 95.5%

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

**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 making such a wonderful start to our 'growing' topic.

**Reception** - For wonderful sentence writing.

**Year 1** - For returning from the holiday with enthusiasm and motivation to learn

**Year 2** - For fantastic engagement and enthusiasm while on their school trip.

**Year 3** - For focus and fantastic teamwork during their archery session.

**Year 4** - For working so hard to include speech punctuation in their narrative writing.

**Year 5** - For good engagement in their new history unit.

**Year 6** - For coming up with great ideas for their biographies.



### Superstar Singers:

- Lily (Year 4)
- Scarlett Wh (Year 5)



### Handwriter of the Week:

**Cherishya - Year 6**



### Weekly Winners (biggest improvement in accuracy)

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Rio (Year 5)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Callie-Mae (Year 4)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Luca (Year 3)



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## Sports Diary Dates

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

19.03.2026

Football festival at Monks Walk for some in Year 4

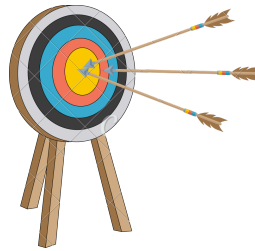
25.03.2026

Dance Festival at Campus West Theatre for dance club in the evening

## Sports Updates



This week we got straight back into our sport with Mr Williams supporting Years 3 and 4 in archery! They all had fun, supported each other and tried their hardest to get their own PB throughout the session. He'll be back next week to work with Year 3 again and Year 5.



All classes are back into their curriculum this half term, ranging from gymnastics to golf to dodgeball.

Each class has 2 hours of PE every week and additionally take part in their active blasts every afternoon to support their physical, mental and emotional wellbeing.



### All Four, I Score



**What you need:** four socks and a partner

**How to play:**

- Tuck two socks into your waistband, one on either side, so that they hang down.
- Stand facing your partner.
- Try to take your partner's socks. If you manage to get one, hold it in the air and shout 'tag'. At this point, the game stops so that you can tuck the additional sock into your waistband.
- Restart the game. To win, you need to get all four socks tucked into your waistband.



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

**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

**1<sup>st</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> April** - Passover

**3<sup>rd</sup> April** - Good Friday

**5<sup>th</sup> April** - Easter Sunday

**6<sup>th</sup> April** - Easter Monday

**14<sup>th</sup> April** - Vaisakhi

**23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### Lunar New Year 2026

Lunar New Year is a joyful celebration observed by millions of people around the world. In 2026, Lunar New Year begins on Tuesday 17th February 2026. Celebrations last for around 15 days and end with the Lantern Festival. This festival is celebrated in many countries, including China, Vietnam, South Korea and Singapore, as well as in communities across the world.

Each year in the traditional zodiac calendar is linked to an animal. 2026 is the Year of the Horse, a symbol of energy, determination and kindness. Families often spend time cleaning their homes to welcome good fortune, sharing special meals together, giving red envelopes for luck and watching colourful dragon or lion dances. Red decorations are used to symbolise happiness and good luck for the year ahead.



Lunar New Year is a wonderful opportunity for reflection. It encourages us to think about new beginnings, forgiveness and hope.

As a family, you might like to talk about:

- What are you proud of from last year?
- What kindness would you like to show others this year?
- What new goal could you set together



## March 2026 Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

**£24 each or FREE with School Membership**

Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](https://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Improving Family Communication	2 Mar 10am
Autism - Improving Communication	2 Mar 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	3 Mar 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 Mar 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	9 Mar 10am
Understanding Anger	9 Mar 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	10 Mar 10am
Facing Defiance	10 Mar 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	16 Mar 10am
Anxiety Explained	16 Mar 7pm
Introduction to OCD	17 Mar 10am
What is ACT	17 Mar 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	23 Mar 10am
Decreasing Depression	23 Mar 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	24 Mar 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 Mar 7pm
<b>FREE Anxiety Based School Avoidance</b>	26 Mar 7-8pm