



Welcome to Homerswood



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Diary dates

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

Parent Forum at 6:30pm

Friday 13th March
GLAM Morning

Tuesday 17th March
Y6 Online Health Questionnaire

Thursday 19th March
Year 3 trip to Hertford Museum

Friday 20th March
Red Nose Day

Wednesday 25th March
Easter Service St Johns at 9:15am
all welcome

Easter Lunch Menu

Dance Festival, Campus West 2-8pm

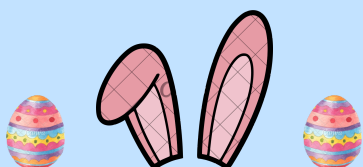
Thursday 26th March
Year 3/4 Spring Soiree at 2pm and
5:30pm

Friday 27th 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

A Week of Reading

What a fantastic celebration of reading we have enjoyed this week as part of World Book Day. A huge thank you to Mrs Cain for organising such a wonderful week, full of activities that truly placed books and reading at the heart of our school.

The Book and Breakfast sessions in house groups were a particular highlight, giving children the opportunity to share stories together and with their families. It was lovely to see people of all ages enjoying books side by side.

From creative costumes on dressing-up day to the many other reading-focused activities throughout the week, the enthusiasm across the school has been fantastic. Events like this play such an important role in nurturing a lifelong love of reading, and it has been a joy to see our community come together to celebrate it.

Science Week

We are very much looking forward to celebrating British Science Week next week. This is always an exciting opportunity for the children to explore, question, investigate and discover just how fascinating the world around them can be.

As part of the week, we will be holding a special STEM GLAM Day, highlighting the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, alongside creativity, the arts and innovation. By bringing these areas together, we aim to show children that curiosity and imagination go hand in hand.

We are excited to see the children thinking like scientists, engineers, designers and inventors, and we look forward to sharing some of their learning with you.

Preloved Shoes

Thank you to everyone who continues to donate and make use of our preloved uniform.

We are always grateful for good-quality uniform donations, and at the moment we would particularly welcome any pre-loved school shoes that are still in wearable condition.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

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:
96.1%

Here are this week's attendance figures:

- Nursery: 93.6%
- Reception: 96.7%
- Year 1: 99.0%
- Year 2: 98.3%
- Year 3: 94.8%
- Year 4: 98.2%
- Year 5: 94.8%
- Year 6: 92.0%

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 extra free play outside on the Friday afternoon. This way everyone can contribute over time #teamwork

- Reception: A T T E N
- Year 1: A T T E N D A N C
- Year 2: A T T E N D
- Year 3: A T T E N D A N C E
- Year 4: A
- Year 5: A T T E N D
- Year 6: A T T 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)

Attendance Ladder		
How close is your child to 100%?		
0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned



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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.

Oak Room - For coping well with a week full of change.

Nursery - For fantastic listening to all of the wonderful books this week.

Reception - For sharing books with each other so enthusiastically.

Year 1 - For showing such motivation and enthusiasm during World Book Day.

Year 2 - For all the wonderful costumes that were worn on World Book Day.

Year 3 - For how adaptable to all the timetable changes they have been.

Year 5 - For the superb suspense narratives which they have been working on.

Year 6 - For their contribution in music lessons - they are sounding amazing.



Superstar Singers:

We'll be back shortly with more wonderful singing superstars!



Handwriter of the Week:

Lorri -Year 5

Weekly Winners (Biggest Improvement in Studio Speed)

1st - Scarlett Wh (Year 5)

2nd - Ava (Year 5)

3rd - Phoebe (Year 4)



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Sports Diary Dates

25.02.2026 & 04.03.2026

Mr Williams in for PE lessons for archery Years 3 and 4 and 5

11.03.2026

Football fixtures for football club at Monks Walk Astro

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

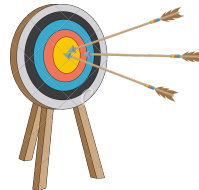
25.03.2026

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

Sports Updates



This week Mr Williams returned for some focused **archery** sessions with years 3 and 5. They worked hard together, supporting and encouraging each other whilst showing respect and dedication for their own PB.



Our **Year 6 sports leaders** have been working hard each week, supporting both KS1 and KS2 playgrounds to be active and enjoy their break and lunchtimes. They take time from their own breaks to be able to ensure the rest of the school have fun sports, games and competitions to be involved with. They run bi-weekly challenges too, this week is obstacle course which everyone can have a go at!

They even help organise and tidy all of our sports resources so the school are ready for their PE curriculum - they are all super stars!

Our boys and girls **football club** have excelled this term, working hard on their teamwork and game skills. Our football team have then attended Monks Walk to compete against other schools regularly in a Welwyn North league. Every time they show up and represent Homerswood superbly, playing with sportsmanship and determination. There are a couple more fixtures nights to come before the end of term and I'm sure our team will do so well! We look forward to hearing the results.



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

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.

Holi Festival

The festival of Holi is one of the most joyful and colourful celebrations in India and around the world. Known as the “Festival of Colours,” it marks the arrival of spring and is celebrated by millions of Hindus each year.



Families and friends gather to throw bright coloured powders, splash water, sing, dance and share special foods. Many communities light a bonfire on the evening before the main celebrations, symbolising the victory of good over evil. The traditional story linked to Holi reminds us that kindness, courage and honesty are important values in our lives.

Holi also celebrates new beginnings, friendship and forgiveness. It encourages people to come together, put aside differences and spread happiness. By learning about festivals like Holi, inspired by traditions from countries such as India and Nepal, we celebrate moral, spiritual and cultural diversity within our school community

We would like to wish a very Happy Holi to all our families celebrating. May this special festival bring joy, harmony and bright new beginnings to you all.