



# Welcome to Homerswood



A pathway to grow, be curious and discover

## Diary dates

### Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April

FUDGE/GLAM event Mini K'Nex Challenge 10am-12pm

### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Earth Day (wear a green accessory)

### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Year 4 Maths Challenge  
SEND Cafe 2:30pm Staffroom

### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April

Year 2 Class Assembly 9am

### Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April

SEA Visit (am)  
Year 5 Mini Police Workshops

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May

Bank Holiday

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Parent Forum 6:30pm

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May

Polling Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May

Year 3 and Year 4 CPR and Dressing a wound workshops with Keep A Beat

### WB Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May

Mental Health Week  
SATs Breakfast  
SATs Week  
Year 5 Mini Police Workshop

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May

Gulliver's Parent Meeting 3pm

### WB Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May

Walk to School Week  
Sports Week

- Opening Ceremony Monday
- Carousel Activities Tuesday
- Athlete Visit Wednesday
- Sports Workshops Thursday
- Sports Races Friday

More information to follow soon!

### WB Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May

HALF TERM

# Newsletter

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

## Welcome back

We hope you all enjoyed a restful and happy Easter break. It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school, refreshed and ready for the new term ahead. We are looking forward to an exciting few weeks of learning, events, and opportunities, and we thank you for your continued support as we work together to make this a successful term for all.

## Online Safety – A Shared Responsibility

Please be reminded of the crucial role you play in safeguarding your children when they are using devices at home. Monitoring online activity is not optional; it is **necessary to protect** them from potential harm. Children are natural explorers, and this curiosity absolutely extends to the digital world. Without supervision, they can easily access inappropriate or unsafe content.

To support you in this, please take time to review the following parent resources from Internet Matters - <https://www.internetmatters.org/>

We urge families not to be naive to the risks. In addition online kindness and respectful communication should be reinforced regularly, including when children are using platforms such as WhatsApp.

## Safeguarding and Attendance

Please remember that it is your responsibility as parents and carers to inform school each morning if your child is absent. If we do not receive notification, the school will follow safeguarding procedures, which include phone calls, text messages, and emails. Continued lack of communication will result in a home visit.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation in helping us keep all our children safe and accounted for.

## Polling Day – School Closure Information

We would like to clarify arrangements for Polling Day. During the current academic year (**Thursday 7th May 2026**), the school will be **closed** to pupils as this day has been designated as an INSET day. Please note that in the next academic year (**Thursday 6th May 2027**), the school will be **open** with safeguarding restrictions as expressed in the parent forum notes on Polling Day.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

## 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.



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## Attendance Update



Whole School Attendance this week:  
**95.4%**

Here are this week's attendance figures:

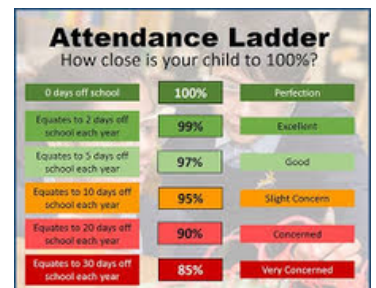
- Nursery: 97.3%
- Reception: 96.7%
- Year 1: 96.5%
- Year 2: 94.8%
- Year 3: 97.4%
- Year 4: 97.8%
- Year 5: 87.9%
- Year 6: 96.0%

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
- Year 2: A T T E N D A
- Year 3: A T T E N
- Year 4: A
- Year 5: A T T E N D
- Year 6: A

**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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## Sports Diary Dates

16.04.2026

SGO Inspire & Engage (TAP Multisports) Year 5/6 at Gosling

17.04.2026

Year 6 to visit Monks Walk for rounders practise

22.04.2026

Hockey for Years 5/6 at Monks Walk

23.04.2026

Archery for Year 4 at Monks Walk

29.04.2026

Mr Williams visit for Athletics for Year 3

14.05.2026

Handball for Year 5 at Monks Walk

20.05.2026

Swimming Gala for KS2 at Monks Walk

21.05.2026

Dodgeball Festival for Year 6 at Monks Walk

04.06.2026

Cricket festival for KS2 at Monks Walk

## Sports Updates



We've had a fantastic start to the summer term, kicking things off with a brilliant TAP Multisports event with some children in Year 5 and 6. It was a lovely event, focused on taking part, having fun, and enjoying the experience together. The children worked incredibly hard throughout the session, represented the school with pride, and showed excellent sportsmanship in every activity.

There was a carousel of events, including tug of war, dodgeball, sprints, relay races, football, rounders, and handball. While many said their favourite was the tug of war, it was great to see that everyone joined in with every activity, cheering each other on and showing real teamwork.



Today, we are also lucky to have our Year 6 pupils visiting Monks Walk for a rounders practice session, giving them another great opportunity to develop their skills and enjoy competitive sport as they continue their final term with us.



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

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

**22<sup>nd</sup> April** - Earth Day

**23<sup>rd</sup> April** - St Georges Day

**1<sup>st</sup> May** - Buddha Day

**8<sup>th</sup> May** - VE Day

**8<sup>th</sup> May** - World Red Cross Day

**11<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> May** - Mental Health Awareness Week

**21<sup>st</sup> May** - Cultural Diversity Day

**21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> May** - Shavuot

**24<sup>th</sup> May** - Pentacost

**27<sup>th</sup> May** - Eid al-Adha

**31<sup>st</sup> May** - Vesak (Buddha Day)

**5<sup>th</sup> June** - World Environment Day

**16<sup>th</sup> June** - Islamic New Year



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.

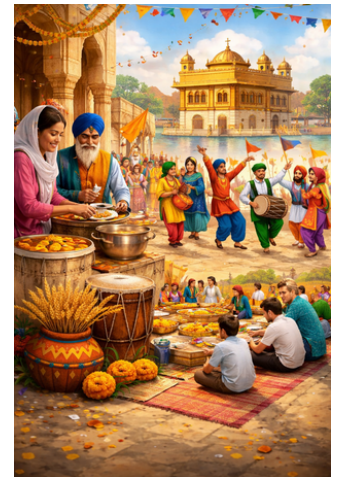
## Celebrating Spiritual, Moral and Cultural Diversity

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.

### Vaisakhi

Vaisakhi is an important festival celebrated by people who follow the religion of Sikhism. It usually takes place on 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> April each year, and it marks the Sikh New Year as well as the spring harvest festival in Punjab, a region in India. Vaisakhi is a time of joy, reflection, and community celebration.

For Sikhs, Vaisakhi has a special religious meaning. It celebrates the founding of the Khalsa in 1699 by Guru Gobind Singh, the tenth Sikh Guru. The Khalsa is a group of Sikhs who are committed to living a life of courage, equality, and helping others. On this day, Sikhs remember these values and think about how they can show kindness and fairness in their own lives.



Vaisakhi is often celebrated by visiting the Gurdwara (Sikh place of worship), where people pray, sing hymns, and share food in a community meal called langar. There are also colourful parades, music, and dancing called bhangra. Vaisakhi helps children understand the importance of respecting different cultures, beliefs, and traditions, which is an important part of living in a diverse society.

Warm wishes to all members of our school community celebrating Vaisakhi—may this special festival bring you joy, peace, and a strong sense of togetherness.



**NATIONAL  
BADMINTON**

## Free Junior Badminton Roadshow!

All Ability Groups  
Welcome at Wodson  
Park Leisure Centre  
Ware on Friday 24<sup>th</sup>  
April

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both our community and new  
Academy programmes



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