



# Welcome to Homerswood



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## Diary dates

### **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

Year 6 SATs Briefing (parents)

### **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

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

HALF TERM

### **WB Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June**

Year 4 Multiplication Check

### **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

Class Photos

### **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 2 Residential

# Newsletter

## **Homerswood Preschool Consultation**

Proposal - to change the age range of Homerswood Primary and Nursery School from 3 to 11 years to 2 to 11 years from 1st September 2026.

We are writing to consult you on a proposal to change the admissions age range of Homerswood Primary and Nursery School by altering the lower age limit. If enacted this will change the age range from 3 to 11 years to 2 to 11 years, to enable the admission of this age of child into Homerswood Primary and Nursery school with effect from 1st September 2026.

This change requires the governing body to follow a process, with their local community which will include a public consultation. We would therefore like to hear your views on this proposal.

You have until 12pm on Tuesday 19th May 2026 to share your views on this proposal. Follow the link to share your views

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSckipqgsU5LQfROf63vdjjML6S7Ygk\\_VkUuBaPFmyfaQTQNug/viewform?usp=publish-editor](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSckipqgsU5LQfROf63vdjjML6S7Ygk_VkUuBaPFmyfaQTQNug/viewform?usp=publish-editor)

## **Earth Day**

This week, we marked Earth Day, a global event that encourages us all to think about how we can care for our planet.

Across the school, children have been learning about the importance of looking after the environment and the small actions we can all take to make a difference. From reducing waste and recycling to saving energy and protecting nature, it has been wonderful to see the children engaging so thoughtfully with these important ideas.

## **Year 4 Maths Challenge**

Year 4 recently took part in the HfL Maths Challenge, where they had the opportunity to apply their skills in a fun and engaging way. The children worked collaboratively to solve a range of problems, demonstrating resilience, teamwork and a positive attitude towards challenge. It was fantastic to see them explaining their reasoning, trying different strategies and supporting one another throughout the activities. Events like this help to build confidence and show that maths can be both enjoyable and rewarding.

Well done to the Year 4 children who took part for their enthusiasm!

## **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:  
**94.8%**

Here are this week's attendance figures:

- Nursery: 94.3%
- Reception: 96.3%
- Year 1: 93.5%
- Year 2: 93.1%
- Year 3: 99.6%
- Year 4: 97.8%
- Year 5: 88.8%
- Year 6: 95.0%

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:

- Year 1: ATTEND
- Year 2: ATTENDA
- Year 3: ATTENDANCE
- Year 4: ATTE
- Year 5: ATTEND
- Year 6: ATTENDANCE

**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 lovely singing this week.**

**Nursery - For fantastic engagement in their 'minibeasts' topic.**

**Reception - For their amazing, detailed drawings of bees while learning in science.**

**Year 1 - For showing excellent team work when creating sketch maps in Geography.**

**Year 2 - For showing their knowledge of English terminology throughout the week.**

**Year 3 - For excellent effort in their golf lessons.**

**Year 4 - For creating wonderful mood boards about rainforests in their art lessons.**

**Year 5 - For excellent team work and communication during cricket.**

**Year 6 - For their dedication to SATs prep.**



### Superstar Singers:

**Jeane - Year 3**

**Elise - Year 5**

**Charlie - Year 5**

**Luna - Year 4**



### Handwriter of the Week:

**Elise - Year 5**



We'll be back soon with more weekly winners.



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## Sports Diary Dates

24.04.2026

Archery for Year 4 at Templewood

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

10.06.26

District Gosling Athletics

10.06.26

Mr Williams visit for Multiskills for KS1

11.06.26

This Girl Can Football for Year 6 girls at Monks Walk

12.06.26

This Girl Can Rounders for Year 5 girls at Monks Walk



## Sports Updates



A group of Year 6 children represented the school brilliantly this week at the District Hockey held at Monks Walk. They demonstrated excellent teamwork throughout, supporting and encouraging one another, and showed outstanding sportsmanship by playing fairly and respecting their opponents.



Their determination, communication, and positive attitude truly set them apart. We are incredibly proud to announce that they were crowned the 2026 champions! The team returned to school beaming with pride after their fantastic achievement. Well done to everyone involved!

Year 4 are excited to be visiting Templewood School today for a special archery session. This is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to practice, develop their focus and coordination, and enjoy learning new skills. We hope they have a brilliant time!



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

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

**23<sup>rd</sup> April** - St George's 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.

### St George's Day

St George's Day is celebrated every year on 23 April in England. It honours St George, the country's patron saint, who is remembered for his bravery and strong sense of right and wrong. The well-known story of St George and the dragon has been shared for hundreds of years and symbolises courage and protecting others.

Across England, people may mark the day by flying the red and white flag of St George, taking part in parades, or enjoying traditional food and music. Although it is not a public holiday, it remains an important part of England's cultural identity and history.



St George's Day also reflects important moral and spiritual ideas. The story of St George encourages people to think about bravery, kindness, and standing up for what is right. Celebrating this day helps us understand how stories and traditions can shape values and bring communities together.

We would like to send our warm wishes to everyone celebrating St George's Day. May it be a joyful occasion filled with pride, reflection, and a sense of community.