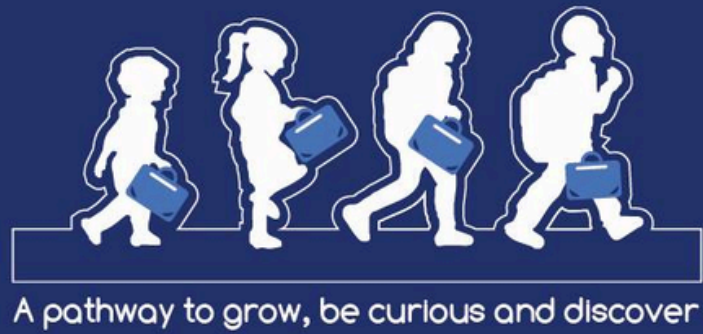




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A pathway to grow, be curious and discover

## Diary dates

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

Mental Health Week  
SATs Breakfast  
SATs Week

### **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

### **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

Full Governing Body meeting at 6pm

### **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

Census Day  
Yr5 Mini Police Workshops

### **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

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

Year 3 Maths Challenge

### **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

FOH Uniform Sale

### **W/B Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 4 Multiplication Check

### **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June**

Reception Sharing Assembly at 9am

### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June**

FUDGE Morning 8:40-10:30am

# Newsletter

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

## **Year 2 Sharing Assembly**

Year 2 completed their sharing assembly beautifully last week, confidently showcasing their learning and achievements to families and the rest of the school.

The children spoke clearly and enthusiastically, sharing their knowledge with great pride and demonstrating how much they have learned across the curriculum. It was wonderful to see their confidence shine through as they performed and worked together so positively.

Well done, Year 2, on a fantastic assembly – we are very proud of you!

## **Keep A Beat Workshops**

Today, children in Year 3 and Year 4 took part in the fantastic Keep A Beat workshops, developing important life-saving skills in a practical and engaging way. This marks off another of their footprints.

During the sessions, the children learned how to respond in an emergency, including how to dress a wound and perform CPR. They approached the workshops with maturity, enthusiasm and excellent listening skills, showing great confidence when practising these important techniques.

Learning valuable life skills such as these helps to build children's confidence, resilience and sense of responsibility. We are very proud of how thoughtfully the children participated throughout the day.

## **Good Luck, Year 6!**

We would like to wish all of our Year 6 children the very best of luck for their SATs next week. We are incredibly proud of the hard work, and resilience they have shown throughout the year in preparing for these assessments.

Most importantly, we remind the children that SATs are simply a way of assessing some of their core skills in reading, grammar and maths. They do not measure the many other wonderful qualities that make each child unique – creativity, kindness, teamwork, curiosity and character are just as important.

We encourage the children to do their best, stay positive and remember how far they have already come. We know they will approach next week with confidence and maturity, and we are all very proud of them already.

## **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:  
**94.6%**

Here are this week's attendance figures:

- Nursery: 90.5%
- Reception: 92.5%
- Year 1: 91.7%
- Year 2: 100%
- Year 3: 92.2%
- Year 4: 99.1%
- Year 5: 92.6%
- Year 6: 96.0%

Congratulations to **Year 2** 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: ATTENDA
- Year 2: ATTENDAN
- Year 3: ATT
- Year 4: ATTEN
- Year 5: ATTEND
- Year 6: ATTE

**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 their joining in during sensory circuit.
- Nursery - For walking to and from lunch so beautifully.
- Reception - For enthusiastic reading and passionate interest in Invertebrates.
- Year 1 - For being so helpful to one another and to the adults around them.
- Year 2 - For showing enthusiasm and effort in writing their 'This is Summer' poems.
- Year 3 - For their science learning all about 'exploring magnets'.
- Year 4 - For effort and great sportsmanship in athletics when Monk's Walk visited.
- Year 5 - For focus and great listening during their cricket lessons.
- Year 6 - For designing 3D houses in computing and the determination towards upcoming SATs.



### Superstar Singers:

- Sophia - Year 4
- Fern - Year 3
- Oscar - Year 3



### Handwriter of the Week:

Tabitha - Year 4



We'll be back soon with more weekly winners.



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## Sports Diary Dates

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



We were pleased to welcome back Mr Williams from Monks Walk School this week for another excellent athletics session with our Year 3 and Year 4 children. The pupils enjoyed consolidating the skills they learned during last week's session and showed great enthusiasm throughout. Thank you, Mr Williams, for your continued support and encouragement.

Classes have been working hard in preparation for our exciting upcoming Sports Week. We are looking forward to a fun-filled week packed with sporting activities, including our sports carousel, races, workshops led by Mr Williams and Mr O'Neill, and even a special visit from a guest athlete!



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

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.

### World Red Cross Day

World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day is celebrated every year on 8th May. It recognises the work of volunteers and organisations around the world who help people during emergencies, disasters and times of need. The date marks the birthday of Henry Dunant, the founder of the International Red Cross movement.



The Red Cross and Red Crescent organisations work in many different countries and cultures, supporting communities with kindness, care and compassion. Their work reminds us that people can come together to help one another, whatever their background, beliefs or way of life.

This links closely with our focus on cultural, moral and spiritual diversity. World Red Cross Day encourages us to value humanity, respect differences and recognise the importance of helping others. It is a chance to reflect on how acts of kindness and understanding can make a positive difference both locally and globally.