



# Welcome to Homerswood



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## Diary dates

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

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

### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June

Nursery Sharing Assembly at 9am

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

FUDGE Morning 8:40-10:30am

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June

Fathers Day

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June

'New To' Meetings Reception/Nursery  
Parent Forum 6 at 6:30pm

# Newsletter

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

## Congratulations, Year 6!

A huge congratulations to our Year 6 children for completing their SATs this week. We are incredibly proud of the positive attitude they have shown throughout the assessments.

To celebrate the end of SATs week, the children enjoyed a fun trip to Roller City; a fantastic opportunity to relax and celebrate their hard work together. A special thank you to the staff team for accompanying them and for FOH for kindly funding this activity; helping to make the experience such a memorable one for the children. Well done, Year 6!

## Athlete Visit

This is a reminder that as part of Sports Week we will be welcoming Olympic cyclist Alice Sharpe to the school on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

You should have already received a sponsorship form to use to help raise money for the event. You can sponsor your child by visiting: [www.greatathletes.org](http://www.greatathletes.org) and clicking on the button "Set up a Fundraiser Page".

Alternatively, you can scan the QR code to go directly to the online sponsorship page. Please note this is a cashless event so any sponsorship monies need to be paid online.

Please ensure that the sponsorship form is returned to the school office by Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

## Respect for Our School Site and Community

Unfortunately, over recent weekends and school holidays we have experienced several incidents of unacceptable behaviour on the school site, including vaping, vandalism and graffiti in the Reception and Nursery areas, a smashed window and a missing scooter.

We ask all parents and carers to remind children that the school grounds should not be accessed unsupervised outside of school hours and that trespassing on school property is not permitted. We also ask that children understand the importance of respecting both our environment and the wider community.

This type of unsocial behaviour will not be tolerated, and incidents have been reported to the appropriate authorities where necessary.

## A Gentle Reminder

We would kindly ask all members of our school community to avoid smoking or gathering directly outside the school gates at drop-off and pick-up times. We want to ensure that the entrance to our school remains a safe, welcoming and positive environment for all children, families and visitors. Your support in helping us maintain this atmosphere is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for working with us to set a positive example for our children and to help keep our school community respectful and considerate for everyone.



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## Attendance Update



Whole School Attendance this week:  
**95.1%**

Here are this week's attendance figures:

- Nursery: 94.5%
- Reception: 93.8%
- Year 1: 95.3%
- Year 2: 99.1%
- Year 3: 99.3%
- Year 4: 93.3%
- Year 5: 92.1%
- Year 6: 94.0%

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: ATTEN DA
- Year 2: A
- Year 3: ATTE
- Year 4: ATTEND
- Year 5: ATTEN
- 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 a wonderful DT lesson where they made rice cake faces.**

**Nursery - For being kind and gentle with our Nursery visitors.**

**Reception - For their quick, quiet and efficient learning.**

**Year 1 - For working hard on learning how to tell the time.**

**Year 2 - For their inventive ideas while creating their villain characters in English.**

**Year 3 - For creating a picture using just their imagination in art.**

**Year 4 - For the focus they have shown in their handwriting all week.**

**Year 5 - For the resilience they have shown during all the changes we have had this week.**

**Year 6 - For the determination, focus and resilience they have shown during their SATs.**



### Superstar Singers:

We will be back shortly with more amazing superb singers.



### Handwriter of the Week:

Adelaide - Year 2

We'll be back soon with more weekly winners.



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## Sports Diary Dates

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

17.06.26

Mr Williams visit for Multiskills for KS1

18.06.26

Girls Dance Workshops

## Sports Updates



On Thursday, a group of Year 5 children were fortunate to visit Monks Walk School for an exciting and energetic handball session. The children demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the event, playing brilliantly together and supporting one another in every match. Their hard work and positive attitude paid off as they proudly achieved a fantastic bronze medal finish. We are incredibly proud of their effort, behaviour and team spirit.



To make the day even more enjoyable, we were very fortunate with the weather, as the rain stayed away and the children were able to take part in all of the activities without interruption! Well done to all involved!

We are all very excited for Sports Week next week and preparations are already well underway. Adults and children have been busy organising activities, practising events, and getting everything ready for what promises to be a fun-filled and active week!

**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

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

**14<sup>th</sup> May** - Ascension Day

**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

**8<sup>th</sup> June** - World Oceans Day

**12<sup>th</sup> June** - Empathy Day

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

**22<sup>nd</sup> June** - Windrush Day

**24<sup>th</sup> June** - Pentecost



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.

### Ascension Day

Today, Christians around the world celebrate Ascension Day. This special day takes place 40 days after Easter Sunday and remembers the time when Jesus returned to Heaven after appearing to his disciples following his resurrection. In 2026, Ascension Day falls on Thursday 14th May. Many Christians attend church services, sing hymns and spend time reflecting on hope, peace and faith.

This week, we were also delighted to welcome Father Rob into school to lead a lovely whole school assembly. He shared some of his recent experiences with the children and spoke about the meaning of Ascension Day for Christians. Thank you, Father Rob.



We would like to wish all members of our school community who are celebrating Ascension Day a joyful and peaceful day. May this special occasion bring hope, reflection and happiness to you and your families.

**Free**



# TENNIS

*open day*

**16 MAY 2026**

11 AM - 4 PM

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TENNIS CLUB**

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MEMBER  
COACHING  
OFFER!**

# OPEN DAY PROGRAMME

*Court 1*

*Court 2*

*Court 3*

11am	Junior coaching (11-18)	Junior coaching (11-18)	Tots Tennis (ages 3-4)
<b>11.30am</b>	<b>Junior coaching (11-18)</b>	<b>Junior coaching (11-18)</b>	<b>Junior Tennis (ages 4-8)</b>
12 noon	Adult coaching	Adult coaching	Junior Tennis (ages 8-9)
<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>Adult coaching</b>	<b>Adult coaching</b>	<b>Junior Tennis (ages 10+)</b>
1pm	Pickleball	Adult Tennis Games	Junior Tennis Games
<b>1.30pm</b>	<b>Pickleball</b>	<b>Adult Tennis Games</b>	<b>Junior Tennis Games</b>
2pm	Family Tennis	Family Tennis	Family Tennis
<b>2.30pm</b>	<b>Family Tennis</b>	<b>Family Tennis</b>	<b>Family Tennis</b>
3pm	Fastest serve	Tots Tennis (ages 3-4)	Junior Tennis (ages 4-8)
<b>3.30pm</b>	<b>Fastest serve</b>	<b>Junior Tennis (ages 8-9)</b>	<b>Junior Tennis (ages 10+)</b>

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# ROBOTS

2026

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