



Welcome to Homerswood



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Diary dates

Monday 21st September

Year 6 PGL

Reception Phonics Open Week

Thursday 24th September

Stanborough Open Evening
SFW 'Drop Down' Session

Wednesday 30th September

Speak Out Stay Safe

Friday 2nd September

Grandparents Afternoon (TBC)

Tuesday 6th October

Flu Vaccinations (afternoon)
Tesco Ground Works

Wednesday 7th October

SFW 'Drop Down' Session

Thursday 8th October

Harvest Festival at St Johns
10:45am

Week beginning

Wednesday 14th October

Year 6 Assembly

Thursday 15th October

Maths Information at 9am and
5:30pm all year groups

Friday 16th October

Individual Photos

Saturday 17th October

EYFS Open Day

W/B Monday 19th October

Take One Picture/Writing Week

Newsletter

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

Welcome Back!

It has been a wonderful start to the new school year, and it has been lovely to see our children and families back in school. There is already lots happening across Homerswood, with plenty to celebrate!

A Visit to the House of Lords

We were incredibly proud to visit the House of Lords with Lifting Limits to celebrate the work Homerswood is doing around challenging gender stereotypes and creating opportunities for all children to be themselves and reach their full potential. It was a fantastic opportunity to share and celebrate the hard work taking place in our school to help develop the next generation.

Year 6 PGL

Our Year 6 children are off on their PGL adventure next week! We hope they have an amazing time, embracing new challenges, building confidence, working as a team and, of course, having lots of fun. We look forward to hearing all about their adventures when they return!

Meet and Greet

Thank you to everyone who attended our Meet and Greet. It was lovely to see so many families taking the opportunity to meet teachers, find out more about the year ahead and begin building those important relationships between home and school. We really value this partnership.

Phonics Workshop

A big thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our Phonics Workshop run by Mrs Cain. We hope it gave you a helpful insight into how phonics is taught at Homerswood and the progress children make throughout EYFS and Key Stage 1. Understanding how we teach reading and how you can support at home makes such a difference, and we really appreciate your engagement.

Preschool Update

Our new Preschool is now up and running, and although we are still very much in the early stages, we are pleased with the progress being made. We are working closely with an Early Years Adviser as we continue to develop the provision and ensure we are creating the best possible environment and experience for our youngest children.

A huge thank you to the families who have already shared such positive and constructive feedback. We really appreciate your understanding that the provision is in its infancy and that, like any new setting, there is development work to do. We are committed to listening, learning and continually improving as we grow. Thank you for being part of that journey with us!

As always please do not hesitate to contact us with your questions or queries.
01707 320610 or admin@homerswood.herts.sch.uk



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Attendance Update



Whole School Attendance this week:
96%

Here are this week's attendance figures:

Preschool: 97.18%

Nursery: 97.69%

Reception: 93.04%

Year 1: 98%

Year 2: 98.26%

Year 3: 96.81%

Year 4: 98.33%

Year 5: 94.14%

Year 6: 90.37%

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: ATTENDAN

Year 1: ATTENDA

Year 2: ATTENDANCE A

Year 3: ATTE

Year 4: ATT

Year 5: AT

Year 6: ATT

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 - Second week in and the children are settling in well and working well together.

Preschool - For settling in well to new routines.

Nursery - For settling in well to new routines.

Reception - Second week back and the children are amazing at adapting to routines.

Year 1 - First week of drawing club and the children have remembered their capital letters, spaces and full stops.

Year 2 - Great teamwork and problem solving in maths games.

Year 3 - Most interesting ideas ever seen around work on the Holy trinity.

Year 4 - Beautiful work on graphic novels; artistic, creative work.

Year 5 - Art: learning about adding depth. Concentration and skill was amazing as well.

Year 6 - First SATs practice and the children worked quietly recognising hard work involved.



Superstar Singers:

We will be back in the new term with more superb singers!



Handwriter Hero:

William in Year 2



We'll be back soon with more weekly winners.



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Sports Diary Dates

- 10.09.26 - Year 5 Cross Country
- 24.09.26 - KS2 Basketball Qualifier
- 01.10.26 - KS2 I&E Festival (TAP)
- 02.10.26 - Year 3 Archery
- 08.10.26 - KS2 Netball Festival
- 13.10.26 - KS2 Football and Netball Fixtures
- 19.11.26 - Year 6 Rugby Festival
- 24.11.26 - Football and Netball Fixtures
- 26.11.26 - Year 4 Handball Festival
- 03.12.26 - Year 4 Curling

Sports Updates



Welcome back! We hope everyone had a wonderful break and is feeling refreshed and ready for another exciting term of sport.

We have a fantastic autumn term ahead, with lots of opportunities for our children to get active, develop their skills, represent the school and, most importantly, have fun! We're looking forward to a busy calendar of sporting events, competitions and activities, and can't wait to see our children showing their teamwork, resilience, perseverance and sporting spirit throughout the term.

Year 5 Cross Country

The whole of Year 5 took part in the Cross Country Qualifier at Monks Walk School. Everyone put in a tremendous effort throughout the event, showing fantastic resilience and perseverance.



The children were brilliant at cheering each other on and encouraging their classmates, demonstrating great teamwork and sportsmanship. We are incredibly proud of how well they all performed and the positive attitude they showed throughout the event. Well done, Year 5!

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

11th - 13th September - Rosh Hashanah

20th September - Yom Kippur

21st September - International Day of Peace and World Gratitude Day

26th September - European Day of Languages

25th Sept - 2nd October - Sukkot

October - Black History Month

10th October - World Mental Health Day

11th - 20th October - Navaratri and Dussehra

8th November - Diwali

13th November - World Kindness Day

16th - 20th November - Anti-Bullying Week

4th-12 December - Hanukkah



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.

Rosh Hashanah

Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish New Year and is one of the most important festivals in Judaism. It is a time for new beginnings, reflection and thinking about how to be the best person you can be in the year ahead.

During Rosh Hashanah, families and communities come together to pray, celebrate and spend time with loved ones. Many people visit the synagogue and listen to the sound of the shofar, a special musical instrument made from a ram's horn. The shofar reminds people to think about their actions and make positive choices.



A special tradition is eating apples dipped in honey, which symbolises the hope for a sweet, happy and successful new year. Other festive foods are also enjoyed with family and friends.

What positive goal or act of kindness would you like to achieve in the coming year?



Wishing a Happy Rosh Hashanah to all of our families who celebrated!