



# Welcome to Homerswood



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## Diary dates

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September**

Speak Out Stay Safe

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October**

Flu Vaccinations (afternoon)

Tesco Ground Works

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

SFW 'Drop Down' Session

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October**

Harvest Festival at St Johns

10:45am

**Week beginning**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

Year 6 Assembly

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October**

Maths Information at 9am and

5:30pm all year groups

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

Individual Photos

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October**

EYFS Open Day

**W/B Monday 19th October**

Take One Picture/Writing Week

Parent Consultations

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

Year 6 Artist Workshop

**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

Occasional Day - SCHOOL

CLOSED

Premier Day Camp Available

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED

## Newsletter

**Year 6 PGL**

What an exciting week Year 6 have had at PGL Marchants Hill! Year 6 have had a week of excitement and team-building where students have challenged themselves by facing their fears and honing their skills in a range of physical and mental activities. Some of Year 6's favourite moments have been the PGL songs; the delicious food; rock climbing; and Billy-Bob.

### Reception Phonics Open Week

Families were welcomed into Reception this week to see a phonics lesson in action. It was the perfect opportunity to help parents understand the place and purpose of teaching phonics as a starting point for teaching reading and how best families can support children with phonics, reading, writing and spelling. We will be running another open week after half term - please do come!

### EYFS Open Day

We are delighted to be opening our doors to prospective families on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October**, from 9:30–11:00am.

Come along and discover all that Homerswood Early Years has to offer, with the opportunity to look around our Preschool, Nursery and Reception provision, meet our team and find out more about life at Homerswood.

Whether your child is starting Preschool, Nursery or Reception, we would love to welcome you and show you around our wonderful Early Years environment. Please share far and wide with friends, family and anyone you know who may be looking for a school place. We look forward to welcoming lots of new families to Homerswood!

### Healthy Breaktime Snacks

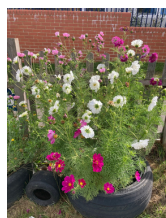
A little reminder that breaktime snacks should be healthy and nutritious. Please remember that sweets are not permitted at breaktimes.

We also have a strict no-nut policy, so please do not send children in with nuts, nut butters or any other products containing nuts.

Thank you for helping us keep our children healthy, safe and ready to learn!

### Gardening Club

Gardening Club returns with an impressive harvest! Despite a very difficult growing season - gardening club did such a great job last term that we've managed to harvest an abundance of edible treasure so far this term! We had lots of fun harvesting the ruby red tomatoes and our golden potatoes! We also discovered lots of wildlife living in our gardening habitat including ants, woodlice, ladybirds, spiders and wiggly worms! Keep up the good work Gardening Club!



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



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## Attendance Update



Whole School Attendance so far this year:  
**96.3%**

Here are this week's attendance figures:

**Preschool: 98.8%**

**Nursery: 97.6%**

**Reception: 95.6%**

**Year 1: 98.3%**

**Year 2: 100%**

**Year 3: 97.3%**

**Year 4: 98%**

**Year 5: 96.2%**

**Year 6: 94.6%**

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: ATTENDANCE**

**Year 1: ATTENDA**

**Year 2: ATTEN**

**Year 3: ATTE**

**Year 4: ATTEND**

**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** - Well done to Oak pupils for some fantastic singing this week!

**Preschool** - For brilliant sharing and taking turns with their friends.

**Nursery** - For wonderful listening during a listening walk around the school grounds and at carpet time.

**Reception** - An amazing start to our Drawing Club journey, making marks, making conversations & some maths. Lovely imaginations being used.

**Year 1** - For their fantastic mathematical explanations and use of vocabulary.

**Year 2** - For using imaginative ideas when creating adventure maps and interesting vocabulary to describe their journey to The Bridge of Anubix.

**Year 3** - Settling into routines and adapting to change well.

**Year 4** - Fantastic dance routines based on Carnival on the field during PE this week.

**Year 5** - Wonderful reading this week.

**Year 6** - An amazing PGL experience with many lasting memories made.



## Superstar Singers:

**Holly - Y1**

**Harley - Reception**

**Romilly - Year 2**

**Tabby - Year 5**



**1<sup>st</sup> : Valentina (yr4)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> : Gabriel (yr4)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> : Tabby (yr5)**





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## Sports Diary Dates

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



### Year 5 Cross Country.

Congratulations to Seb and Tabby, who qualified during our Year 5 cross-country event last week! They will be competing again next week, representing our school at the event at Stanborough. We wish them the very best of luck!



### KS2 Basketball Qualifier

On Thursday, a group of ten KS2 children, including five girls and five boys, had the opportunity to attend a basketball qualifier event at Monks Walk. The children enjoyed taking part, showing great enthusiasm, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the event. It was fantastic to see them represent our school and support each other while experiencing competitive basketball against other schools. Well done to everyone who took part!



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

**20<sup>th</sup> September** - Yom Kippur

**21<sup>st</sup> September** - International Day of Peace and World Gratitude Day

**26<sup>th</sup> September** - European Day of Languages

**25<sup>th</sup> Sept - 2<sup>nd</sup> October** - Sukkot

**October** - Black History Month

**10<sup>th</sup> October** - World Mental Health Day

**11<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> October** - Navaratri and Dussehra

**8<sup>th</sup> November** - Diwali

**13<sup>th</sup> November** - World Kindness Day

**16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> November** - Anti-Bullying Week

**4<sup>th</sup> - 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.

### Yom Kippur

Yom Kippur is a special Jewish festival. In 2026, it begins at sunset on 20 September and ends at nightfall on 21 September. It is sometimes called the Day of Atonement and is an important time for Jewish people.

During Yom Kippur, many Jewish families spend time together, pray, and think about the year that has passed. It is a time to say sorry for mistakes, forgive others, and try to make good choices in the future.



Yom Kippur reminds people about values such as kindness, honesty, respect and forgiveness. Many families take part in traditions that have been celebrated for generations, making this a meaningful and important time in the Jewish calendar.

We would like to wish all members of our community who observed Yom Kippur a peaceful and meaningful Yom Kippur.