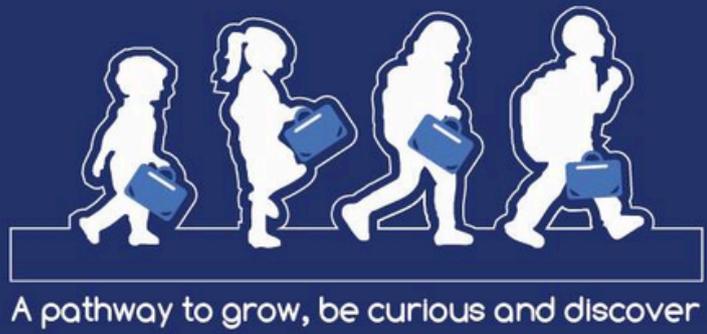




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A pathway to grow, be curious and discover

Diary dates

Thursday 9th October

Harvest Festival at St Johns church 10:45am

Tuesday 14th - Friday 17th October

Family Book Looks

Tuesday 14th October

Full Governing Body 1

Wednesday 15th October

Year 6 Class Assembly at 9am

W/B Monday 20th October

Bikeability Yr 5 and Yr 6

Tuesday 21st October

Online Parent Consultations

Thursday 23rd October

Face to Face Parent Consultations

W/B 27th October

HALF TERM

Friday 31st October

Secondary applications 2026 close

Monday 3rd November

Primary Applications 2026 Open

Thursday 6th November

FoH Annual General Meeting
6:30pm

Friday 7th November

FoH Uniform Sale at 3:15pm

Wednesday 12th November

Year 3 Class Assembly at 9am

Wednesday 19th November

Year 4 Class Assembly at 9am

Thursday 27th November

Full Governing Body at 6pm

Friday 28th November

INSET Day 2

Monday 1st December

Occasional Day

Newsletter

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

★ Homerswood Highlights ★

Positive Points – Celebrating Success!

We are thrilled to share that we're moving to a new way of celebrating your child's achievements! Through our Arbor system, you'll now receive an email notification every time your child earns Positive Points. This means you'll be kept up-to-date more regularly about the wonderful things they're doing in school. Turn to page 6 for full instructions on how to get set up – we can't wait for you to join us in celebrating their successes!

National Poetry Day

Thursday 2nd October was National Poetry Day and our classrooms were buzzing with creativity. Children explored a variety of poems, discovering rhythm, rhyme and powerful words to mark this special day.

School Effectiveness Advisor Visit

On Tuesday 30th September, we welcomed Mrs Beaumont, our School Effectiveness Advisor, who focused on reviewing SEND provision across the school. It was a very positive visit with many strengths highlighted, which we've already shared with our Parent Forum. Once the report is finalised, we'll be delighted to share more details with you.

☕ SEND Café – Building Community

On Thursday 2nd October, we held our very first SEND Café! This warm and welcoming event gave families the chance to meet, share experiences and discuss strategies, while building connections within our school community. We're excited to host these regularly – our next SEND Café will be on Wednesday 13th November. We'd love to see you there!

🏠 House Afternoon – Team Spirit in Action

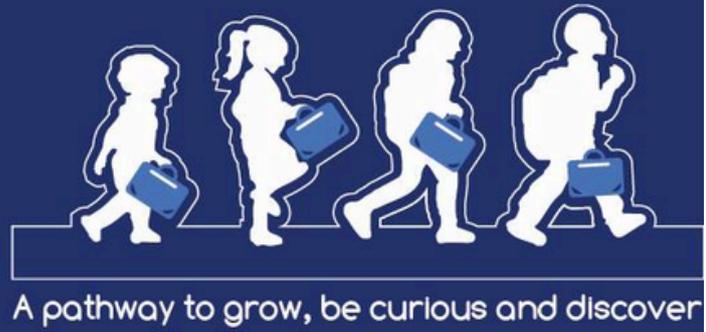
On Monday 29th September, the whole school came together for our first House Afternoon of the year! Children worked in their house groups, mixing with other year groups, to explore the meaning behind their house names. Together, they created fantastic pieces of artwork – you can see a selection proudly displayed in the Key Stage 2 corridor.

Stay Connected

If you have any questions, please get in touch via email at admin@homerswood.herts.sch.uk or call us on 01707 320610. Don't forget – members of the Senior Leadership Team are out on the playground each morning and are always happy to help.



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Attendance Update

Whole School Attendance: 95.3%



Here are this week's attendance figures:

- Nursery: 94.3%
- Reception: 93.3%
- Year 1: 94.1%
- Year 2: 96.9%
- Year 3: 98.7%
- Year 4: 97.5%
- Year 5: 94.2%
- Year 6: 92.3%

The importance of regular school attendance explained letter (sent 26.09.25)

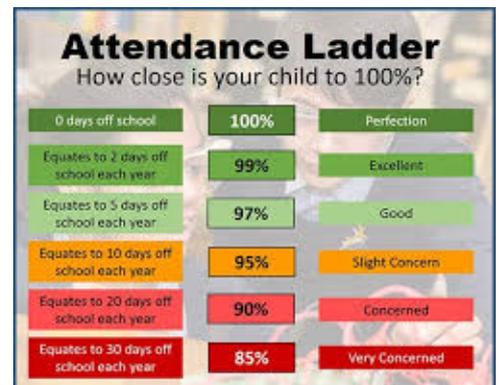
Term time holidays and leave of absence letter (sent 26.09.25)

Congratulations to **Year 3** for the best attendance this week. Keep it up!

Class Attendance Rewards

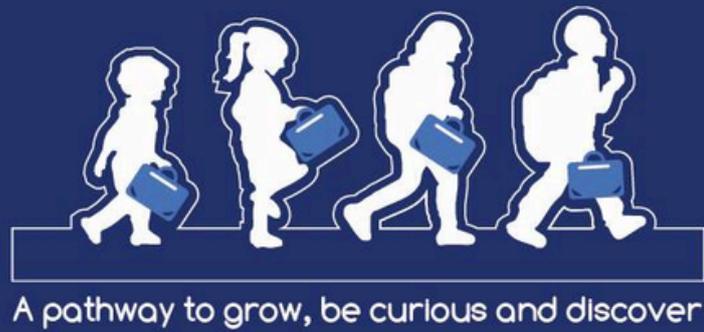
Each **DAY** a class achieves 100% attendance they get a letter from the word ATTENDANCE. When they have spelt it completely they get a non uniform day. This way everyone can contribute over time #teamwork

- Reception: **ATTEN**
- Year 1: **AT**
- Year 2: **A**
- Year 3: **ATTENDAN**
- Year 4: **ATTENDANC**
- Year 5: **ATTENDA**
- Year 6: **ATT**





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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.

- Year 1 - For fantastic effort across the curriculum and engaging in a positive way.
- Year 2 - For being amazing artists this week and demonstrating excellent attitudes.
- Year 3 - For wonderful effort in Geography this week and some inquisitive questions.
- Year 4 - For fantastic effort in Maths this week and being keen to learn.
- Year 5 - For being resilient and excellent behaviour this morning.
- Year 6 - For demonstrating excellent focus this week and resilience during a busy week.



Superstar Singers:

- Jeane- Year 3
- Melina - Year 1
- Daniel - Year 3
- Eva - Year 5



Handwriter of the Week:

To return next week



Weekly Winners: Highest Points

- 1st - Phoebe (Year 4)
- 2nd - Thomas (Year 6)
- 3rd - Emily (Year 6)



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Sports Diary Dates

Thursday 15th October

6th Form Sports Leaders from Monks Walk running a session for Year 1 and 2 classes PM

Thursday 16th October

Tag Rugby for years 5 and 6 10 girls at Monks Walk

Tuesday 21st October

Football fixtures night at Monks Walk for those in the team

Wednesday 22nd October

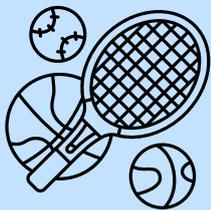
Tag rugby event at Welwyn Rugby Club for 10 in Year 4

Thursday 23rd October

Football Festival at Monks Walk Year 4 AM 10 girls PM 10 boys

Friday 24th October

Table Tennis event for 8 Year 6 at Monks Walk



Sports Updates



Last week, we explored our view on whether sport is fair in our Votes for School assemblies. It was interesting hearing all of the conversations around the school!



What do you think about 'Enhanced games' and the use of gamesmanship in sports today?

What qualities are the most important to have for our sports people?

With the Athletics World Championships and the Rugby World Cup successes recently, I hope we are all feeling inspired by these incredible role models.



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: <https://www.homerswood.herts.sch.uk/physical-education/>



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Key dates

22nd - 24th September - Jewish - Rosh Hashanah

2nd October - Jewish - Yom Kippur

5th October - Christian - Harvest

6th - 13th October - Jewish - Sukkot

20th October - Hindu - Diwali

1st November - Christian - All Saints' Day

30th November - Christian - Beginning of Advent

15th - 22nd December - Jewish - Hanukkah

25th December - Christian - Christmas

Upcoming Events

Thursday 9th October - 10.45 -
Harvest Service at St John Church



We would love to invite families to come into school and share stories, traditions, or special activities that celebrate their culture with us.

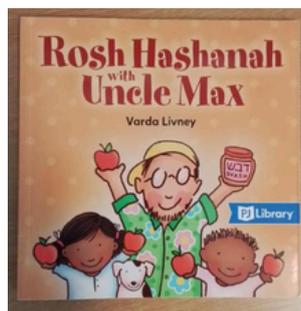
If this is something you would be interested in, please contact the school office.

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, a special time when Jewish people reflect on the past year and think about how they can be kind and do good things in the year ahead. Families often celebrate with festive meals, including sweet foods like apples dipped in honey, which symbolise hopes for a sweet new year. It is also a time for prayer, hearing the shofar (a ram's horn), and spending time with loved ones.



Across the school, some children have been learning about Rosh Hashanah. A child in Year 1 kindly shared a beautiful book and spoke about their own family traditions, while the Reception children enjoyed tasting apples dipped in honey to learn about the sweet new year.



Happy Rosh Hashanah to our families who celebrated!



Homerswood POSITIVE POINTS

We are pleased to announce that we will now be using Arbor to share Positive Points with parents.

What is a positive point?

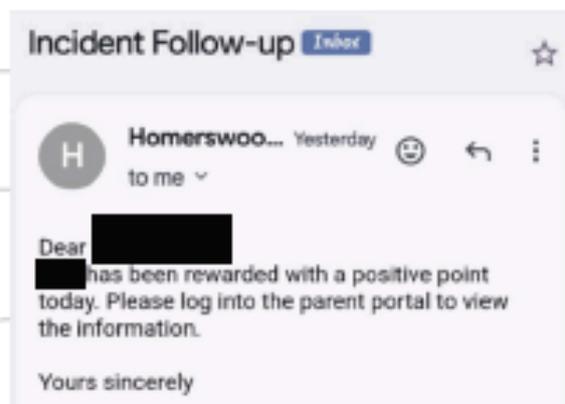
A positive point is a way to recognise something fantastic your child(ren) has demonstrated. Children can receive a positive point for a number of reasons. For example, demonstrating excellent resilience or fantastic team work. These can be awarded at anytime and in any location throughout the school.

Who gives out positive points?

Any member of staff in school can award positive points.

How will I know that my child has received a positive point?

When your child(ren) have received a positive point, you will get an automated email message (see picture below) asking for you to log in to your Arbor account for more details.



What do I do when I log in to Arbor?

Your dashboard will show the number of positive points awarded. You can click on the green numbers either for positive points or positive behaviour incidents. This will give you more information about the nature of the reward.

Statistics	
Attendance (2025/2026)	
100%	100%
<small>Year</small>	<small>Last 4 weeks</small>
Positive Points - this term	
6	N/A
<small>This year's points</small>	
Positive Behavioural Incidents - this term	
1	N/A