



Welcome to Homerswood



A pathway to grow, be curious and discover

Diary dates

Friday 7th November

FoH Uniform Sale at 3:15pm

Wednesday 12th November

Year 3 Class Assembly at 9am
Parent Forum 2 at 6:30pm online

Friday 14th November

Children in Need Day - Spotty Non uniform. Please donate £1 via school gateway

W/B 17th November

Maths Week England - Theme is Connection or Coincidence

Wednesday 19th November

Year 4 Class Assembly at 9am

Thursday 27th November

Full Governing Body at 6pm

Friday 28th November

INSET Day 2

Saturday 29th November

St Johns Christmas market 10am

Monday 1st December

Occasional Day

Tuesday 2nd December

House Afternoon Christmas Decorations

Saturday 6th December

FUDGE at 10am Christmas crafts

Saturday 13th December

Friends of Homerswood Christmas Fayre

Monday 15th December

Year 2 Christingles at St John's

Wednesday 17th December

Christmas Jumper Day & Class Parties

Thursday 18th December

Carol Service at St John's (9:15am), Christmas Lunch & Onsite Pantomime

Newsletter

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

Autumn 2 – Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term! It's been lovely hearing all about the children's half term adventures. Halloween was a big highlight, and we're so proud to hear how respectful and kind our pupils were towards our neighbours and each other during the celebrations.

What a wonderful reflection of our Homerswood values!

Community and Kindness


We were delighted to welcome Father Rob to lead our assembly on Monday. Together, we reflected on the importance of kindness, empathy, and community, and took time to think about others around the world who may be facing challenges. It was a beautiful reminder that, no matter our faith or background, coming together in reflection and support makes our community stronger than ever.

Non-Fiction November

It's Non-Fiction November. A fantastic celebration of real-life reading! Throughout the month, we'll be diving into fascinating facts, amazing true stories, and inspiring information books across the school. We'd love for you to join in at home too! Please share photos or stories of your non-fiction reading adventures with us; we can't wait to see what you're discovering and learning about.

Too Early to Talk Christmas? Never!

We're already feeling the festive spirit and are excited to share our upcoming Christmas events! Keep an eye out for more details closer to each date, but for now, here's a sneak peek at what's to come:

 December Events:

Tuesday 2nd – House Afternoon: Christmas Decorations

Saturday 6th – FUDGE Christmas Crafts

Thursday 11th – Reception/Nursery Christmas Songs (9:15am) & KS1 Performances (2pm & 5pm)

Saturday 13th – Friends of Homerswood Christmas Fayre (12pm)

Monday 15th – Year 2 Christingles at St John's

Wednesday 17th – Christmas Jumper Day & Class Parties

Thursday 18th – Carol Service at St John's (9:15am – all welcome!), Christmas Lunch & Onsite Pantomime 'Beauty and the Beast'

Friday 19th – End of Term (Finish at 1:45pm)

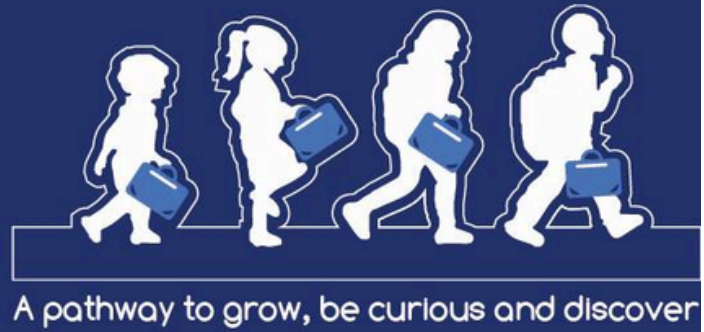
It's shaping up to be a magical December!

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 this week:
95.0%

Here are this week's attendance figures:

- Nursery: 80.3%
- Reception: 100%
- Year 1: 90.7%
- Year 2: 94.6%
- Year 3: 95.7%
- Year 4: 96.6%
- Year 5: 95.8%
- Year 6: 95.4%

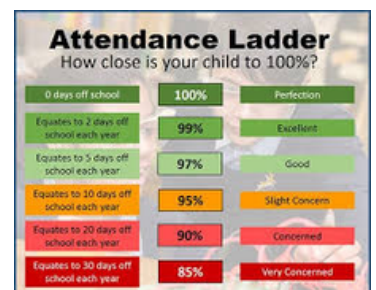
Congratulations to Reception for the best attendance this week. Keep it up! Class Attendance

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: A T T E N
- Year 1: A
- Year 2: A T T E N D A N
- Year 3: A T T E N D
- Year 4: A T T E N
- Year 5: A T
- Year 6: A T T E N

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

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





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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 improvements in keeping their classroom clean and tidy.
- Year 2 - For using imaginative adjectives in their writing.
- Year 3 - For working hard in their column addition in maths this week.
- Year 4 - For great improvements in effort with handwriting.
- Year 5 - For coming together to work as a team in lessons and being sensible.
- Year 6 - For whole class engagement all week in all lessons.



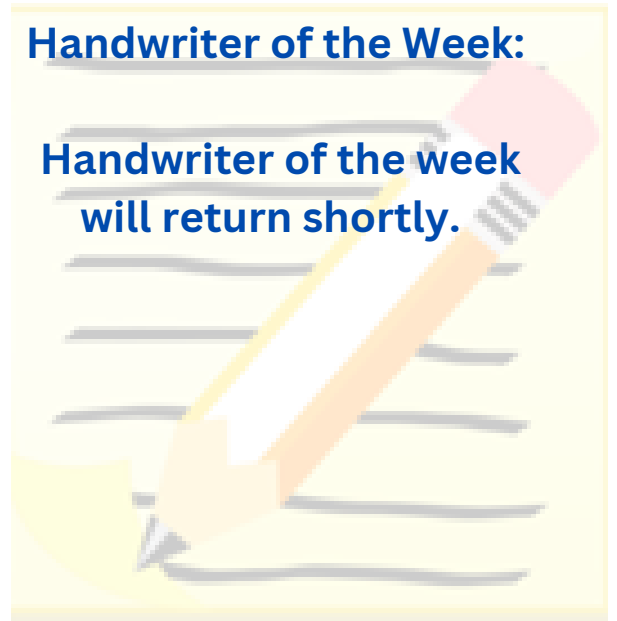
Superstar Singers:

- Luna K - Year 4
- Elijah - Year 2
- Ava - Year 3
- Emily - Year 6



Handwriter of the Week:

Handwriter of the week will return shortly.



Weekly Winners: (Improvement in Accuracy)

- 1st - Aram (Year 3)
- 2nd - Fern (Year 3)
- 3rd Amara (Year 3)

Plus a special mention to Phoebe in Year 4 for reaching 1,000,000 coins in her Times Table Rock Stars!



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Sports Diary Dates

Friday 7th November

Year 6 Table Tennis at Ridgeway

Friday 14th November

Mr O'Neill (Monks Walk SSCO) in to visit Year 6 Sports leaders

Tuesday 18th November

Football fixtures at Monks Walk after school (football teams)

Thursday 20th November

Year 6 Whole Class Tag Rugby event at Monks Walk

Wednesday 26th November

Mr Williams (Monks Walk SSCO) in for Year 5 / 6 indoor athletics

Thursday 27th November

Year 3 Whole Class Football festival at Monks Walk

Thursday 4th December

Archery festival at Monks Walk

Monday 8th December

Chess Festival KS2 at Mill Green Golf club

Wednesday 10th December

Mr Williams (Monks Walk SSCO) in for Year 3 / 4 indoor athletics

Sports Updates

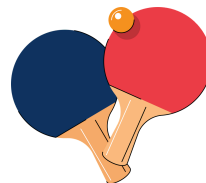


We have a busy half term full of sporting events and festivals mixed in with our exciting PE curriculum every child will take part in every week.

Each class will be taking part in two different sporting areas over this half term as well as their active blasts each afternoon.

We also have lots of extra support from our School sports Coordinators Mr Williams and Mr O'Neill who support in lessons and extra practise for upcoming events. They help to run all of the events we attend across the district. Monks Walk sports leaders will also be in supporting KS1 across the term too led by them.

Speaking of events, Year 6 are kicking us off with a table tennis competition at Ridgeway school. They have practised for weeks, attended a practise event and now are progressing to this district event. Good luck team Homerswood!



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

1st November - Christian - All Saints' Day

30th November - Christian - Beginning of Advent

15th - 22nd December - Jewish - Hanukkah

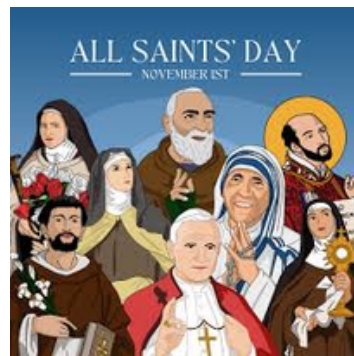
25th December - Christian - Christmas

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.

All Saints' Day

All Saints' Day is marked on the 1st November and is a time when many people around the world remember and celebrate those who have shown kindness, courage, and goodness in their lives. In Christian tradition, it honours the "saints" – people who set examples of helping others and making the world a better place.



At school, it's a nice opportunity to think about role models, past and present, who inspire us to be caring, compassionate, and to make positive choices every day.

As we think about All Saints' Day, take a few quiet moments to reflect on the people who inspire you to be your best self.

Try this:

- 1. Think of someone you admire – it could be a family member, a friend, a teacher, or even a famous person.**
- 2. What qualities make them special? Are they kind, brave, or always willing to help others?**
- 3. Write or draw one way you can show that same quality this week.**

This simple reflection helps us appreciate the good in others and reminds us that we can all make a positive difference!



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.



Christmas

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Saturday 29 November

10.00 am – 1.00 pm

St, John's Church, Monks Rise

Grand Raffle Draw at 12.30 pm

Admission: Adults £1 • Children: Free

Cafe • Tombola • Breakfast BBQ • Craft Stalls
Homemade Cakes • Entertainment by Six on Sax

www.digswellparish.org.uk

