



Welcome to Homerswood



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Diary dates

Tuesday 14th - Friday 17th October

Family Book Looks 3.20-4.00

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

Tuesday 2nd December

House Afternoon Christmas

Newsletter

★ Homerswood Highlights ★

Harvest Festival Service

Thank you to all our wonderful staff, children and families for their hard work and support at our Harvest Festival celebration yesterday. It was lovely to see so many of you at the Church and a big thank you for your generous donations.



Home Instead Care Home

Thank you to Jay Howard who organised the generous donations from Home Instead Care Home. These were displayed during our Harvest Festival celebration yesterday at St John's Church.

One way system

A polite reminder that families and children should not be walking through the car park at any time. This is really important for everyone's safety. Please continue to walk in a clockwise direction when dropping off and picking up. We thank you all in advance for your continued support.

Parent Consultations

Just a reminder that last week our booking system for Parents Consultations opened. Tuesday 21st October for online video appointments and Thursday 23rd October for in person consultations.

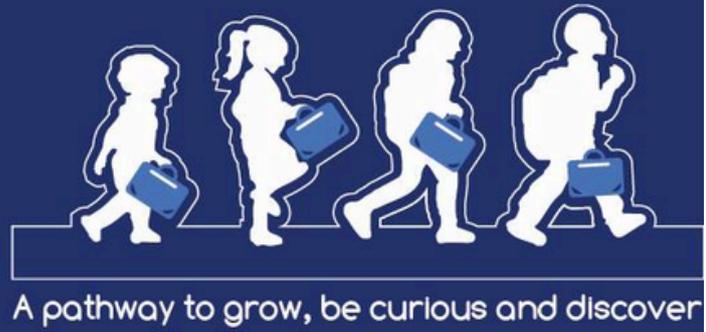
We are also inviting you to visit your child's classroom on any of the following days: Tuesday 14th to Friday 17th October between 3.20 - 4.00pm to look through your children's books in preparation for the consultations or in the case of Early Years to have a look around their learning environment.

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: 95.0%



Here are this week's attendance figures:

Nursery: 88.7%

Reception: 95.9%

Year 1: 96.3%

Year 2: 92.9%

Year 3: 97.0%

Year 4: 96.0%

Year 5: 94.6%

Year 6: 94.4%

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: **ATTE**

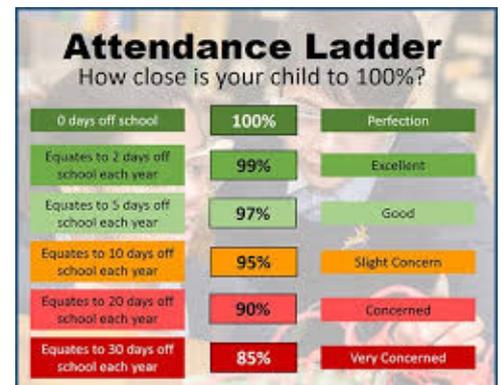
Year 2: **ATT**

Year 3: **A**

Year 4: **ATT**

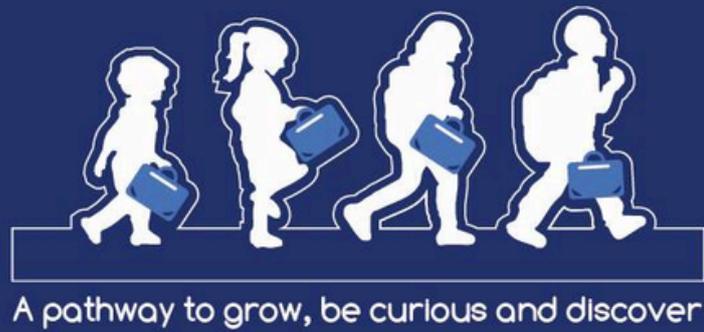
Year 5: **ATTENDA**

Year 6: **ATTENDA**





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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 showing kindness and respect towards each other and adults.

Year 2 - For excellent effort in handwriting and presentation.

Year 3 - For excellent effort in handwriting and applying into all pieces of work.

Year 4 - For fantastic persuasive letters and arguments in Geography.

Year 5 - For sensible ideas and contributions during their discussions about gender stereotypes.

Year 6 - For valuable class discussions and participation across the curriculum.



Superstar Singers:

A big well done to the whole school for their wonderful singing in Church this week!



Handwriter of the Week:

Jack (Year 6)



Weekly Winners:

Most correct answers

1st - Phoebe (Year 4)

2nd - Rose (Year 5)

3rd - Max (Year 4)



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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

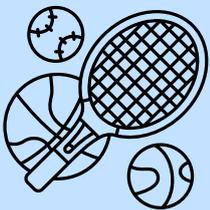
Tag rugby event at Welwyn Rugby Club for 10 in Year 4

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



Our sports leaders have completed their first challenge: speed bounce! Well done to those in KS1 and KS2 who came 1st, 2nd or 3rd place. These were celebrated in our Celebrating Me assembly this week.

Next weeks challenge is javelin!

Our amazing Year 6 sports leaders are outside at break and lunch times every day ensuring everyone has active games and opportunities to take part in.

Have a discussion at home about what sports are your favourite? It might be to watch or it might be to take part in!



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/>

Key dates

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



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 very special day for Jewish people. It is sometimes called the “Day of Atonement.” On this day, Jewish people stop their usual activities to think about the past year.

They ask God to forgive them for any wrong things they may have done, and they also say sorry to other people if they have hurt them. Many Jewish people fast (which means they don't eat or drink) for 25 hours, to help them focus on prayer and reflection.

It is a quiet and serious day, but it is also hopeful. At the end of Yom Kippur, families and friends share a meal together, feeling ready for a fresh start in the year ahead.



Reflection Activity

- Draw a picture of something kind you could do for someone this week.**
- Write (or draw) one thing you would like to get better at this year.**
- Colour a big heart and inside it write the word “SORRY” or “THANK YOU.”**