



# Welcome to Homerswood



A pathway to grow, be curious and discover

## Diary dates

### **W/B 17<sup>th</sup> November**

Maths Week England - Theme is Connection or Coincidence

### **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November**

Year 4 Class Assembly at 9am

### **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

Full Governing Body at 6pm

### **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

INSET Day 2

### **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

St Johns Christmas market 10am

### **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

Occasional Day

### **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

House Afternoon Christmas Decorations

### **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

FUDGE at 10am Christmas crafts

### **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

Friends of Homerswood Christmas Fayre

### **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Year 2 Christingles at St John's

### **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Jumper Day & Class Parties

### **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

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

### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

End of Term (Finish at 1:45pm)

# Newsletter

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

## **Year 3 Class Assembly**

A big thank you to Year 3 for their wonderful class assembly this week. The children spoke and shared their learning with such confidence and enthusiasm. We are very proud of all their hard work and teamwork. Thank you also to the families who joined us and supported the children. It was lovely to see so many of you there. We now look forward to Year 4's assembly next week

## **Best Wishes to Mrs Farr**

We would like to wish Mrs Farr all the very best as she begins her maternity leave. We are so excited for her as she prepares to welcome her baby girl and wish her a safe and happy delivery. Mrs Farr will be greatly missed by staff and pupils alike, and we look forward to hearing her wonderful news soon.

## **Children in Need – Thank You!**

A heartfelt thank you to all our families for supporting Children in Need today. The children looked wonderfully dotty and thoroughly enjoyed taking part in activities to raise money for such a worthwhile cause. Your kindness and generosity will help make a real difference to children and young people across the UK. We are so proud of our pupils for their enthusiasm and community spirit.

## **Hygiene Rating – We're Still a 5!**

Fantastic news! Our school kitchen has once again achieved the top hygiene rating of 5 – a brilliant reflection of the hard work and care our kitchen team put in every single day. Huge thanks to our wonderful staff (Rachel and team) for keeping our dining area spotless and our meals delicious!

## **Maths Week is Coming!**

Get ready; Maths Week is just around the corner! Next week, we'll be celebrating all things mathematical with fun activities, challenges, and puzzles with a link to music across the school. It's a fantastic opportunity for children to see how exciting and creative maths can be, both in and out of the classroom. Let's get ready to explore and celebrate the magic of maths through music together!

## **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.

## **Stay Connected**

If you have any questions, please get in touch via email at [admin@homerswood.herts.sch.uk](mailto: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:  
**97.9%**

Here are this week's attendance figures:

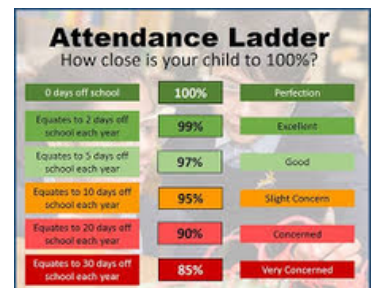
- Nursery: 98.5%
- Reception: 97.9%
- Year 1: 98.6%
- Year 2: 96.5%
- Year 3: 99.6%
- Year 4: 98.7%
- Year 5: 95.4%
- Year 6: 98.5%

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

**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 being helpful to each other in their learning and on the playground.
- Year 2 - For speeding up transitions and managing their routine.
- Year 3 - For putting such hard work in to their sharing assembly.
- Year 4 - For being kind and welcoming to our new starters.
- Year 5 - For showing such massive development in their volleyball skills and teamwork.
- Year 6 - For such great effort and enthusiasm in their DT sewing.



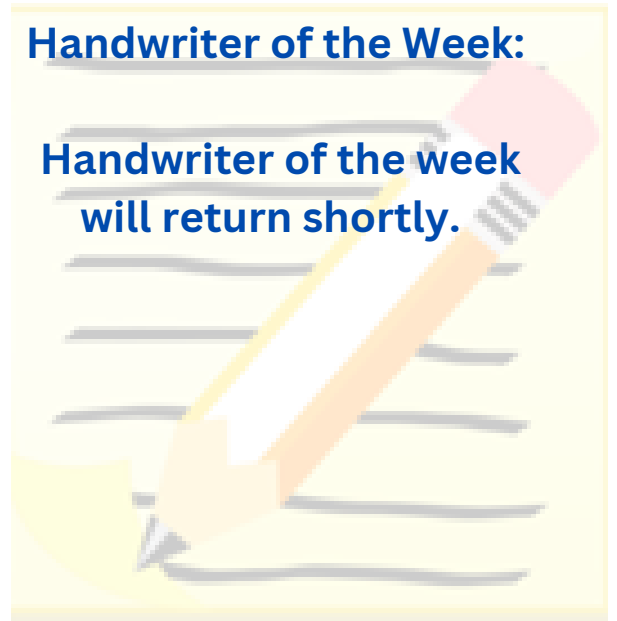
### Superstar Singers:

- Jessica - Year 2
- Casey - Reception
- George - Reception
- Zoe - Reception



### Handwriter of the Week:

Handwriter of the week will return shortly.



### Weekly Winners: (Most Correct Answers Given)

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Sebastian (Year 4)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Kieran (Year 4)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tabitha (Year 4)



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## Sports Diary Dates

### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November

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

### Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November

Football fixtures at Monks Walk after school (football teams)

### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November

Year 6 Whole Class Tag Rugby event at Monks Walk

### Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November

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

### Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November

Year 3 Whole Class Football festival at Monks Walk

### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December

Archery festival at Monks Walk

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Chess Festival KS2 at Mill Green Golf club

### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

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



## Sports Updates



Some of our Year 6 children attended a table tennis event as part of school games last Friday. They competed against many schools individually, whilst maintaining their teamwork and encouragement for each other. Both girls and boys teams did very well in a tough competition! Well done!

It has been wonderful seeing and hearing all about the PE lessons happening all the way from nursery up to Year 6. There are fundamental skills such as throwing, jumping and balancing, all the way to dance or gymnastics taking place.

Make sure you're asking your child not only the physical skills they have learnt in their curriculum, but also the social and emotional skills alongside key new vocabulary linked to that activity.

As always, the children are completing their active blasts in the afternoons too, can you complete any of these at home?



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/>



FOOTBALL  
DEVELOPMENT

# GIRLS FOOTBALL TALENT ID TRIALS

BRAND NEW  
DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

**Harlow (Hertfordshire)**  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
U9-U14's

**The Head of Girls' Football at Norwich City Football Development is reaching out to schools across the Hertfordshire area with an exciting opportunity for girls in Years 4, 5 and 6.**

**We are hosting an open training session at our \*BRAND NEW\* Harlow Development Centre, for Girls who may be interested in joining us for an evening's training session taken by our UEFA-qualified coaches. Successful candidates will receive dedicated coaching from our highly skilled coaches, an NCFE training kit, opportunities to progress within the club's development pathway and represent us in fixtures and games over the course of the season, plus many more opportunities.**



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## Key dates

10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> November - Anti-Bullying Week

30<sup>th</sup> November - Christian - Beginning of Advent

15<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> December - Jewish - Hanukkah

25<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Anti-Bullying Week - Celebrating Kindness and Respect for Everyone

This week is Anti-Bullying Week, a time to celebrate kindness and stand together against bullying in all its forms. The theme this year reminds us that everyone is unique and special, and that our differences, whether in culture, beliefs, appearance, or abilities, make our school community richer and stronger.



Kindness, respect, and understanding are values shared across many faiths and cultures which help us to make moral choices that support one another.

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.

### Reflection Activity

As a reflection activity, we invite each child to think about a time when someone's kind words or actions made them feel valued. How can we each pass that feeling on to someone else this week? Share your thoughts and ideas with the adults in your class.



# Christmas

## MARKET 2025

### 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

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All abilities welcome

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