



Welcome to Homerswood



Diary dates

Friday 17th October

Diwali Workshops
GLAM Diwali event at 3:30pm
Year 3 Non Uniform - Attendance

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
Decorations

Newsletter

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

Diwali Workshops & GLAM Event

Today our school hall has truly sparkled as we celebrated Diwali – the Festival of Light! Every child had the opportunity to take part in a vibrant workshop, exploring this special celebration. To end the day, the female members of our community joined us for an after-school workshop, adding even more joy and connection. A huge thank you to everyone who took part in making today so special. Happy Diwali to all who are celebrating!

Behaviour – Ready, Respectful, Safe

We're proud that external agencies have recognised the positive behaviour across our school. However, we know that maintaining a calm and focused learning environment is vital for everyone to thrive. To support this, children are given a gentle reminder and then a warning if their behaviour is distracting. If the behaviour continues, they are removed from class for the remainder of the session. By working together, we can keep our classrooms positive, respectful and focused on learning.

Year 6 Class Assembly

A big well done to Year 6 for their fantastic sharing assembly! They took us on a wonderful journey through their curriculum, shared their unforgettable PGL memories, and spoke warmly about the special bond they've formed with their Reception buddies. Thank you to all the families who joined us—it was a morning filled with pride and smiles.

Reception Show Arouns

It's that time of year again when families are exploring schools for Reception 2026! We've already welcomed many families through our doors, and our brilliant pupil leaders have done an exceptional job showcasing our school from a child's-eye view. Their confidence, kindness and enthusiasm truly shine.

Parent Consultations

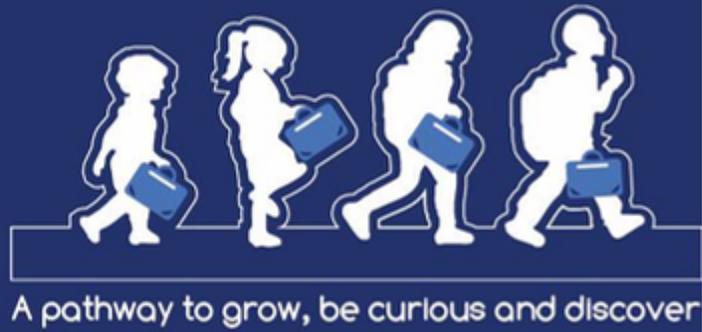
A friendly reminder that Tuesday 21st October is for online video appointments and Thursday 23rd October is for in-person consultations. If you haven't yet booked your appointment with your child's class teacher, please do so as soon as possible. These meetings are a fantastic way to celebrate your child's progress and work together for their continued success.

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: 96.6%



Here are this week's attendance figures:

- Nursery: 92.9%
- Reception: 100%
- Year 1: 97.7%
- Year 2: 97.3%
- Year 3: 98.7%
- Year 4: 95.1%
- Year 5: 93.3%
- Year 6: 94.9%

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 **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: **ATTENDANCE**

Year 1: **ATTENDA**

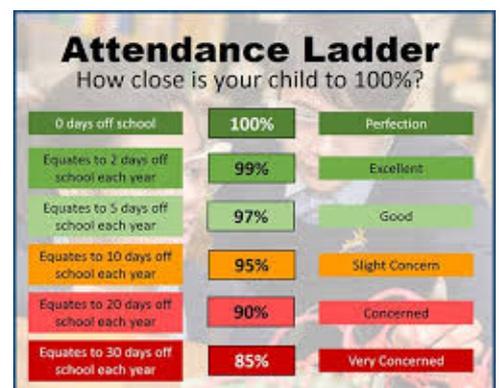
Year 2: **ATTEN**

Year 3: **ATTEN**

Year 4: **AT**

Year 5: **ATTENDA**

Year 6: **ATTENDANCE**





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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 -
- Year 2 -
- Year 3 -
- Year 4 -
- Year 5 -
- Year 6 -

No Friday Assembly due to Diwali Workshops



Superstar Singers:

Freya - Year 4

Mia - R

Charlotte - Year 4

Skye - Year 2



Handwriter of the Week:

(Year)



Weekly Winners:

1st - (Year)

2nd - (Year)

3rd - (Year)



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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



We've had a wonderfully busy week here at Homerswood for our sports!

On Wednesday, Year 1 and 2 welcomed 6th form sports leaders from Monks Walk to lead a multi-skills session. They showcased all of their fundamental skills.



On Thursday, Year 6 welcomed Mr Williams from Monks walk to support them with some table tennis practise for an upcoming school games mark competition.



On Thursday afternoon, 10 girls from Year 5 and 6 attended a Tag Rugby festival at Monks Walk for another school games event. Well done to everyone for trying their best, applying their skills and working as a team.



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

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.

Harvest - A Time to Give Thanks

At this time of year, many people celebrate Harvest as a time to give thanks for all the good things we have. Christians believe that Harvest is a chance to thank God for providing food, water, and the beauty of the world around us.

Throughout the last few weeks, the children have been learning that Christians believe God made the world and provides for our needs. They've also learned that the Bible teaches us to share what we have and to care for others, just like Jesus did when he helped and fed people in need.

It was lovely to see how each class had explored and learned about Harvest in their own unique way during our special annual service at St John's Church.

We're proud of how thoughtful and generous the children and our families have been this Harvest. Thank you for your continued support and donations, and Happy Harvest to all!





FUNDED Courses for Parents Spring 2026

We are now taking bookings for our HCC funded courses starting in January.

Please forward this email to share with parents and colleagues.

If you have any problems viewing this email or clicking on the buttons, all of the information and flyers can be found on our website. <https://www.supportinglinks.co.uk/whatson.html>

These are all funded by Herts County Council so are FREE for parents to attend.

Courses: Phone 07512 709 556 to book

6-Weeks	Location	ID	Dates 2026	Day	Time
Talking Additional Needs	Online	797	6th Jan to 10th Feb	Tue	8.00-9.30pm
Talking Additional Needs	Online	796	3rd Feb to 17th Mar	Tue	9.45-11.15am
Talking Families	Online	799	8th Jan to 12th Feb	Thu	8.00-9.30pm
Talking Families	Online	798	5th Feb to 19th Mar	Thu	9.45-11.15am
Talking Families	Online	800	5th Feb to 19th Mar	Thu	8.00-9.30pm
Talking Anxiety in Families	Online	801	4th Feb to 18th Mar	Wed	9.45-11.30am
Talking Teens	Online	804	5th Jan to 9th Feb	Mon	7.45-9.15pm
Talking Teens	St Albans	802	4th Feb to 18th Mar	Wed	7.00-9.00pm
Talking Teens	Online	803	5th Feb to 19th Mar	Thu	7.45-9.15pm
Talking Anger in Teens	Online	805	6th Jan to 10th Feb	Tue	7.45-9.30pm
Talking Dads	Online	806	7th Jan to 11th Feb	Wed	7.45-9.15pm
Talking Dads	Online	807	2nd Feb to 16th Mar	Mon	7.45-9.15pm

COURSES

Parents can book by phoning 07512 709556

Or email bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk

Please include your phone number as we cannot book a place without speaking to you.

Professionals can contact us for priority places for parents they are working with.