



# Welcome to Homerswood



A pathway to grow, be curious and discover

## Diary dates

**W/B 27<sup>th</sup> October**  
HALF TERM

### **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

Secondary applications 2026 close

### **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

Primary Applications 2026 Open

### **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

FoH Annual General Meeting 7pm  
online

### **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November**

FoH Uniform Sale at 3:15pm

### **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

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

### **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 at  
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

# Newsletter

## Parent Consultations

A huge thank you to everyone who attended their parent consultation this week! These meetings are such a valuable opportunity to celebrate your child's achievements and talk about the exciting next steps in their learning journey. Our teachers truly value these conversations and the strong partnership we share with you—thank you for your continued support!

### Priority 1 – Promoting Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

As shared in our recent Parent Forum notes, we have three priorities driving our school improvement plan this year. This week, our focus was on Priority 1: Diversity and Inclusion. Children across the school explored what makes our community unique and learned about the difference between equality and equity.

- EYFS & KS1 read Elmer the Elephant and created a colourful patchwork Elmer, each piece representing what makes them special.
- Lower KS2 traced their hands and wrote unique facts about themselves on their fingers, combining them into a world map that beautifully represents the diversity within Homerswood.
- Upper KS2 took things further, debating equality vs. equity in sports and designing powerful posters about how our school is (and can continue to be) inclusive.

It's been a wonderful week of reflection, creativity and celebration of who we are— together.

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> – House Afternoon: Christmas Decorations
- Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> – FUDGE Christmas Crafts
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> – Reception/Nursery Christmas Songs & KS1 Performances (2pm & 5pm)
- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friends of Homerswood Christmas Fayre (12pm)
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 Christingles at St John's
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Jumper Day & Class Parties
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> – Carol Service at St John's (9:15am – all welcome!), Christmas Lunch & Onsite Pantomime 'Beauty and the Beast'
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> – End of Term (Finish at 1:45pm)

It's shaping up to be a magical December!

### Happy Half Term!

Wishing all our families a wonderful half term break! Enjoy the crisp autumn days—wrap up warm, jump in those piles of leaves, and if you're celebrating Halloween, remember to stay safe, wear something reflective, and be kind to our neighbours.

We can't wait to welcome everyone back on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November for another exciting half term ahead!

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



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## Attendance Update



Whole School Attendance this week:  
**95.6%**

### Attendance Matters!

We're delighted to celebrate the classes who have achieved their Non-Uniform Day rewards multiple times already this half term. What an amazing effort! Your commitment to being in school every day really makes a difference, and we're so proud of your consistency and enthusiasm. Keep up the great work, remember every day counts!

A gentle reminder to all families: please be honest when reporting your child's absence. We understand that occasional illness is unavoidable, but we ask that parents do not report absences for reasons such as sibling INSET days or convenience. Regular attendance is vital for your child's learning, progress, and sense of belonging in school.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us promote excellent attendance across our school community!

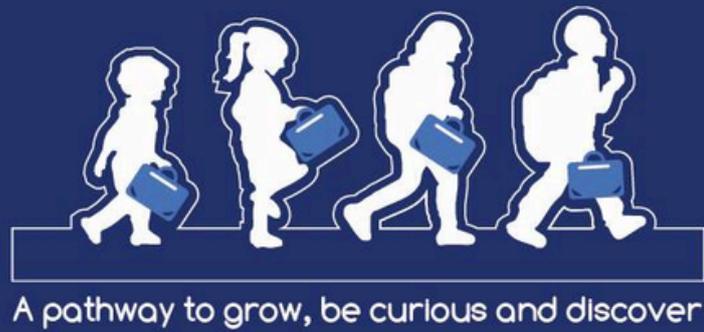
**The importance of regular school attendance explained letter (sent 26.09.25)**

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

Attendance Ladder		
How close is your child to 100%?		
0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned



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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 an enthusiastic attitude towards their learning and a wonderful performance.
- Year 2 - For a fantastic attitude and effort in their phonics assessments.
- Year 3 - For a wonderful attitude towards their learning and kind behaviour.
- Year 4 - For amazing geography posters - such a variety of information
- Year 5 - For doing a great job with their narratives including figurative language.
- Year 6 - For all their work on their non-chronological reports.
- Whole School - For a wonderful celebration surrounding diversity this week.



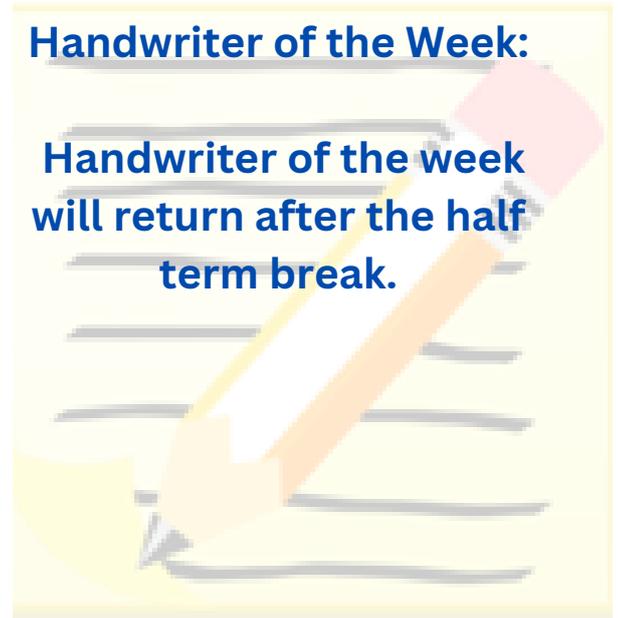
### Superstar Singers:

- Harper - Year 5
- Romilly - Year 1
- Benjamin - Year 3
- Eliza - Year 6



### Handwriter of the Week:

Handwriter of the week will return after the half term break.



### Weekly Winners:

We'll be back shortly with more wonderful winners!



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## Sports Diary Dates

### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October

Football fixtures night at Monks Walk for those in the team

### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

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

### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

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

### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October

Table Tennis event for 8 Year 6 at Monks Walk



# Sports Updates



This week kicked off with our football team playing two games towards their district tournament - dedication and teamwork shown throughout!



Year 4 then continued the sports this week with a Tag Rugby festival at Welwyn Rugby Club! After practise with Mr Williams, it was fantastic seeing their hard work put into a game scenario.



Year 6 ended our week with a table tennis tournament at Monks Walk. Again, they have worked hard practising with extra sessions over their lunch breaks - the commitment to sport is great to witness.

Well done 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

**6<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> October** - Jewish -  
Sukkot

**20<sup>th</sup> October** - Hindu - Diwali

**1<sup>st</sup> November** - Christian - All  
Saints' Day

**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



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

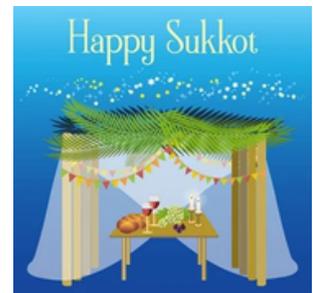
If this is something you would be interested in, please contact the school office.

## 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.

### Sukkot

**Sukkot is a Jewish festival that celebrates the harvest and remembers the time the Israelites spent in the desert after leaving Egypt. During Sukkot, families build special huts called sukkahs and often eat meals inside them. These shelters remind people of the temporary homes used during their journey. It's a time for thankfulness, community, and fun traditions! Happy Sukkot to our families who celebrated!**



### Diwali

**Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, is a joyful Hindu celebration that symbolises the victory of light over darkness and good over evil. Families decorate their homes with lamps and candles, share sweets, and enjoy fireworks.**



**To celebrate Diwali at school this year, each class took part in a fun and energetic Bollywood dance workshop! The children loved learning new moves and exploring Indian music and culture through dance. Happy Diwali to all our families who celebrated!**





# Parent Post - October 2025



Welcome to our October newsletter!

We hope you've had a positive start to this term and are looking forward to the half-term holiday!

Next half-term we have our Emotionally-Based School Non-Attendance workshop, offered as both a parent/carer workshop and also as a twilight session for professionals - please see pages 4 & 5 for booking details \*

Please take a look at the list of places where kids eat free (or for £1) over the half-term holiday - enjoy!

We've also included some flyers from our partners showing additional half-term provision.

We'll be back in the office from Monday 3rd October.

Have a lovely Summer everyone!

\* Please note that the WGC & Hatfield Schools Partnership courses are only available to our buy-in partner schools. Details of our partner schools can be found here: <https://wgc-hatfield-schools-partnership.com/our-schools/>

Find us on FACEBOOK:  
'Welwyn Garden City & Hatfield Schools Partnership'



- Please take a look at our website for details of help & support available:

<https://wgc-hatfield-schools-partnership.com/>

Other Support Service Contacts are available via our website too.

Contact: Cheryl Bodrozic  
[cbodrozic@stanborough.herts.sch.uk](mailto:cbodrozic@stanborough.herts.sch.uk)



## Children's Clothing Bank

We offer a range of nearly-new and good-quality children's clothing for families in need. Please contact your School Family Worker or use the contact details below for further information:



Contact: Cheryl Bodrozic  
[cbodrozic@stanborough.herts.sch.uk](mailto:cbodrozic@stanborough.herts.sch.uk)



## Hygiene Bank

We run a Hygiene Bank with a selection of personal products available for families in need. Please contact your School Family Worker or use the contact details below to find out more.



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## NEW ZION CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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CHURCH LEADERS: ANDY & CAROLINE REEVES



Dear Mica Kettle,

23<sup>rd</sup> Oct, 2025

On behalf of all who help run the Food Bank at New Zion Christian Fellowship, I want to say a huge thank you to you and all at Homerswood School for the lovely Harvest Festival items which we received from you recently.

Food Bank has now been running for about 16 years, and during that time we have helped many individuals and families. What we are able to provide helps many of them avoid starvation.

So, what you do for us is a real blessing. As a team, we are so grateful for your part in helping us to feed the poor.

Yours Sincerely,

*Jan Matthews*