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Diary dates

Monday 29th September
House Afternoon

Tuesday 30th September
School Effectiveness Advisor Visit

Wednesday 1st October
Sibling/individual Photos

Parent Forum 1

Thursday 2nd October
Census Day
National Poetry day

Tuesday 14th - Friday 17th October
Family Book Looks

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

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

Newsletter

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

Individual Photos – Wednesday 1st October

It's photo day! We're looking forward to seeing all of our pupils looking smart and ready to shine in their school portraits.

- Families with younger siblings (not yet attending our school) are warmly invited for a special photo opportunity before school from 8.15am in the school hall. Please join the queue outside the school office.
- For families with two or more children in school, we'll make sure a sibling photo is taken during the day.

Please remember that children should come in their full school uniform, including sweatshirts or cardigans. If your child has PE, just send them with trainers – they'll still need to wear their uniform instead of their PE kit

PGL Adventures – Year 6

Our Year 6 pupils are having a wonderful time on their PGL trip, making memories, trying new activities, and enjoying the great outdoors. We can't wait to welcome them back this afternoon and hear all about their adventures!

Healthy Snacks & Lunches

Thank you for continuing to support us in promoting healthy eating. Please make sure that any snacks or packed lunches brought into school are balanced, nutritious choices.

As we are a nut-free school, we kindly ask that no products containing nuts are sent in. For the safety of all, we've also reminded children not to share food – we'd be grateful if you could help reinforce this at home too.

Gardening Club

Gardening Club don't hang around when there's vegetables to harvest! We've been having fun picking the cucumbers, tomatoes and golden potatoes.

We've shared the produce amongst the members and just deciding what to do with the massive (and very heavy!) pumpkin picked yesterday! Well done all!

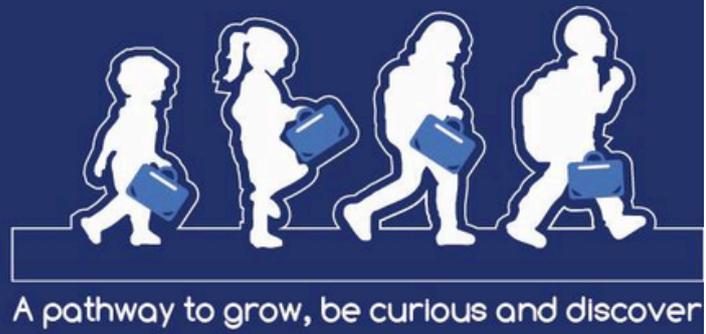


Contact

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to get in contact with the school at admin@homerswood.herts.sch.uk or call us on 01707 320610. Senior Leadership Team (SLT) will be out on the playground in the mornings to support you too.



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Attendance Update

Whole School Attendance: 95.2%



Here are this week's attendance figures:

- Nursery: 95.5%
- Reception: 99.2%
- Year 1: 87.5%
- Year 2: 97.3%
- Year 3: 97.0%
- Year 4: 92.4%
- Year 5: 94.6%
- Year 6: 98.0%

The importance of regular school attendance explained:
 Attached is a letter from Hertfordshire County Council explaining why attendance matters and the impact of poor attendance. Please read this carefully.

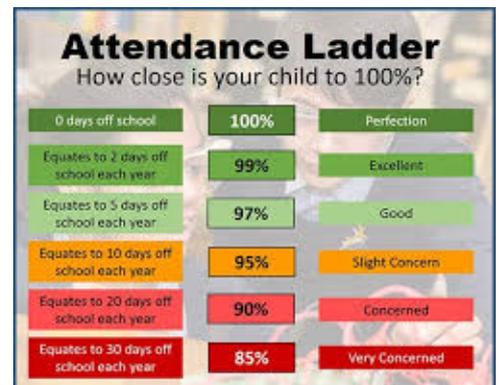
Term time holidays and leave of absence
 Another letter attached from HCC mentioning penalty notices for taking term time holidays. We kindly ask that parents provide accurate reasons for their child's absence. For example, if a child has been on holiday, please let us know directly rather than reporting it as illness. This helps us keep our attendance records clear and supports honest communication between home and school

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

Class Attendance Rewards

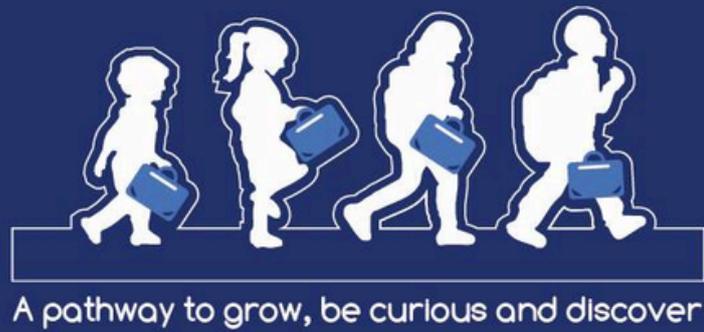
Each **DAY** a class achieves 100% attendance they get a letter from the word ATTENDANCE. When they have spelt it completely they get a non uniform day. This way everyone can contribute over time #teamwork

- Reception: **ATTEN**
- Year 1: **AT**
- Year 2: **ATTENDAN**
- Year 3: **ATTE**
- Year 4: **ATTEND**
- Year 5: **ATTEN**
- Year 6: **ATTENDANC**





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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 - We are so proud of the sharing and turn taking that they have been showing.

Year 2 - We are so impressed with their times tables.

Year 3 - They have been recreating an adventure story in English - what fantastic results.

Year 4 - The graphic novels they have produced are absolutely wonderful.

Year 5 - We are proud of the fantastically creative creatures that they have produced in English



Superstar Singers:

Tabitha - Year 4

William - Year 2

Rory - Year 1



Handwriter of the Week:

To return next week



Weekly Winners: Improvement in Accuracy

1st - Ollie (Year 5)

2nd - Mason (Year 5)

3rd - Daniel (Year 3)



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Sports Diary Dates

Wednesday 24th September

Mr Williams in for Tag Rugby for years 4 and 5

Wednesday 1st October

Mr Williams in for Tag Rugby for years 5 and 6

Thursday 16th October

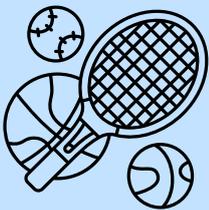
Tag Rugby for years 5 and 6 10 girls at Monks Walk

Tuesday 21st October

Football and Netball fixtures night at Monks Walk

Thursday 23rd October

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



Sports Updates



How do you achieve active minutes together at home as a family?

Physical literacy is the relationship between movement and physical activity, showing confidence, knowledge and motivation to participate in physical activities for life.

This week we had Mr Williams in from Monks Walk for a Tag rugby session with Year 4 and 5. The beautiful autumn weather was on our side with some fun, active and challenging sessions testing their skills. He'll be back next Wednesday for Year 6 and 5 again!



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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OCTOBER 2025 ACTIVITIES

SESSIONS FOR NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN/YOUNG PEOPLE AND SIBLINGS

Date	Sessions	Time
2nd Thu	Bushcraft/Stem Home Ed 4 + yrs	10.30-12.00
2nd Thu	Trampolining -Gosling sports centre 5+	17.30-18.30
3rd Fri	Welcome Space Community Drop-In	11.00-12.30
4th Sat	Free Family Football Drop-In Birchwood	16.00-17.00
10th Fri	Welcome Space Community Drop-In	10.00-12.30
10th Fri	Youth Group 16 +	18.30-20.30
11th Sat	Soft Archery 8+ Birchwood	16.00-17.00
16th Thur	Trampolining -Gosling sports centre 5+	17.30-18.30
17th Fri	Welcome Space Community Drop-In	11.00-12.30
18th Sat	Basketball 8+ Birchwood	16.00-17.00
21st Tue	Roller skating Campus West	18.00-19.30
23rd Thur	Bushcraft/Stem Home Ed 4 + yrs	10.30-12.00
24th Fri	Welcome Space Community Drop-In	11.00-12.30
24th Fri	Skateboarding Pioneer Club Age 9+yrs	17.30-18.30
25th Sat	Free Family Football Drop-In Birchwood	16.00-17.00
25th Sat	Train Club PK Hub Age 12+	12.00-14.00

POTENTIAL KIDS

BOOKINGS at potentialkids.org.uk/events



Pony Days (holidays only)

OUR OFFER

- Sports & Social Activities
- Tutoring
- Mentoring
- Therapies
- 1:1 & Group Work
- Alternative Provision Provider
- EOTAS

Communication, Learning & Social Support for All



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