



Friday 6th June 2025

Dear Summerswood Families,

Miss Kneller's Assembly

This week's assembly focused on the theme **"I am a Leader – Ready, Respectful, Safe"**, I wanted to inspire our pupils to take on leadership opportunities in their daily lives by connecting it to our school rules: **Ready, Respectful, Safe**. We explored what it means to lead by example- whether by staying focused during lessons, being kind and inclusive at playtime, or ensuring safety in the corridors. They learned that leadership isn't about being perfect or in charge but about making positive choices, even when it's challenging. The assembly concluded with a challenge for the children to demonstrate leadership for the remainder of the term, earning rewards like House Points or Caught You Being Greats along the way. Let's encourage our children to finish the academic year on a high note by embracing everyday acts of leadership!



Attendance week ending 23rd May 2025

Reception Rosen	Reception Peter Pan	1 Anning	1 Donaldson	2 Attenborough	2 Johnson	3 Wicks
85.6%	94%	91.5%	99.2%	91.43%	97.3%	90%
3 Rashford	4 Thunberg	4 Queen	5 Boseman	5 Southgate	6 Malala	6 Obama
94.4%	93.3%	93.8%	90.7%	90.4%	94.1%	92.2%



We are still seeing a number of late arrivals every day. Please remember that children need to arrive for their registers to be taken by 8.50am (9am for nursery class). It would be great to see punctuality drastically improve over the remaining weeks of the academic year.

Please note that as per current government legislation, term time holiday is not allowed, unless there are

exceptional reasons for the absence. If a pupil has 10 or more unauthorised absence marks in any 10 week rolling period, then we need to report this to the Local Authority, who will then issue a Fixed Penalty Notice to parents. Please see the poster below for further information on this.

Woodfest 2025

Excitement is building as auditions for **Summerswood's Got Talent** are now underway! Tickets for Woodfest will go on sale next week, priced at just £6 per adult, with free entry for children aged 11 and under.

We need your help to make the event a success! Please note these key dates for donations:

- **Week commencing 16th June:** We're collecting new or pre-loved teddy bears for our Teddy Tombola, as well as any unwanted toys or gifts.
- **Wednesday 25th June:** Bring in bottles for our Bottle Tombola- soft drinks, alcoholic beverages, or anything in between are welcome.
- **30th June – Rock Kidz Day:** Rock Kidz will join us for a special school visit! Children are encouraged to dress like Rock Stars- whether sparkly, grungy, or glam- and bring a £1 donation. We can't wait to see how creative they (and their teachers!) will get.



Each class will earn extra playtime for bringing in Teddy Bears and Bottles. Let's come together to make this year's Woodfest an unforgettable celebration!

Sports Week - 16th-20th June



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It is nearly time for Sports Week and the children are super excited. Children will need to wear school PE kit during this week (no football kits) as per the school PE kit uniform policy. Please can they wear a t shirt of their house colour on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th as children will be earning house points throughout the activities. Ask your child's teacher if you are unsure of your child's house colour.

Tuesday 17th June 2025

KS2 Sports Day (Years 3-6) - 9.15-11.15am - Parents Welcome
Reception-Year 2 Sports Day - 1.30pm-3pm - Parents Welcome

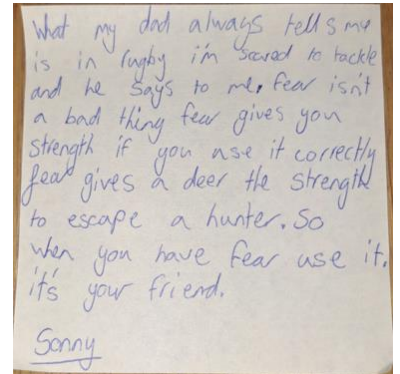
Friday 20th June 2025

Colour Run from 1.10pm - Parents Welcome

Children's Mental Health week

As part of Children's Mental Health Week, we asked the children, Families and staff "What advice would you give someone to encourage them to persevere (not give up)?" This week's brilliant suggestion is:

"What my dad always tells me is in rugby I'm scared to tackle and he says to me, fear isn't a bad thing, fear gives you strength if you use it correctly. Fear gives a deer the strength to escape a hunter. So when you have fear use it, it's your friend"



Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S Kneller".

Sarah Kneller
Headteacher

Dates to Remember

Date	Event
Monday 16 th -Friday 20 th June 2025	Sports week
Wednesday 18 th June 2025	1D Class Assembly
Tuesday 17 th June 2025	Sports Day
Thursday 19 th June 2025	Parent Coffee Afternoon 2.15-3pm
Friday 20 th June 2025	Colour run
Monday 23 rd June	INSET DAY- No pupils in School
Friday 4 th July 2025	WOODFEST 4.30pm-8pm- School Field
Tuesday 15 th July 2025	Year 6 Production- Performance to Parents and children under 5- 2-3pm
Wednesday 16 th July 2025	Year 6 Production- Performance to Parents and children under 5- 2-3pm
Wednesday 16 th July 2025	Performance to Parents NO children under 5- 5- 6pm
Thursday 17 th July 2025	Parent Coffee Afternoon 2.15-3pm
Monday 21 st July 2025	Summerswood Sunflower Growing Challenge- Judging
Monday 21 st July 2025	Leavers dinner 5-6pm in the School Hall.
Tuesday 22 nd July 2025	Last day of Term for Nursery
Wednesday 23 rd July 2025	Year 6 leavers Assembly- Families welcome
Wednesday 23 rd July 2025	Last Day of Term- School finishes at 1.30pm

SUMMERSWOOD SUNFLOWER GROWING COMPETITION

STARTS TUES 3RD JUNE 2025

- Every child will get the chance to grow a sunflower in their class
- Prizes for the tallest sunflowers in Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 classes
- The judging will be on **Monday 21st July 2025**



**POTS &
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**FOR MORE DETAILS PLEASE SPEAK TO MRS BROWN
GOOD LUCK TO YOU ALL & HAPPY GROWING!**



**SUPER
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SUMMER ACTIVITY CAMP

Summerswood Primary School

Furzehill Rd, Borehamwood WD6 2DW

Week 1 - Thu 24th Jul - Fri 25th Jul

Week 2 - Mon 28th Jul - Fri 1st Aug

Week 3 - Mon 4th Aug - Fri 8th Aug

Week 4 - Mon 11th Aug - Fri 15th Aug

Week 5 - Mon 18th Aug - Fri 22nd Aug

Week 6 - Tue 26th Aug - Fri 29th Aug

PER DAY:

£14 Half day

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(Reception half days only)

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Family Lives Summer Term Programme 2025

Getting on with Your Pre Teen/Teenager (6 weeks) Online group

Wednesday 4 June to 9 July 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm

Is your teen feeling anxious or isolated? Are you concerned about their mental health and struggling to get help? Maybe you have an FFA/CIN/CP in place and need more support. Join our free 6-week online group to learn how parents can best emotionally support their teen and feel confident and prepared for whatever challenges might arise.

Less Shouting, More Cooperation (6 weeks) Online group

Friday 6 June to 11 July, 9.30 am - 11.30 am

Do you feel you are constantly nagging or shouting at your child to get what you need? Are you tired of losing your cool and want a calmer house? Join our free online 6-week group to learn how you can change the way you communicate with your child, respond better, and feel more in control.

Sorting Out Family Arguments (6 weeks) Online group

Tuesday 10 June to 15 July 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Do you feel everything ends in an argument and you are constantly trying to keep the peace? Join our free online 6-week group to help improve family communication, reduce the reactions which lead to arguments and create a culture of teamwork in your family.

Anxiety around ADHD Online Workshop

Tuesday 24 June 9.30am - 11.30am

A workshop that helps parents understand ADHD and provides strategies to help support you and your child.

Reducing Conflict Online Workshop

Monday 14 July 7.00pm - 9.00pm

A workshop that explores different types of conflict between couples and families.

For more information, please contact Louise or Lesley on **0204 522 8700/8701**, or email **services@familylives.org.uk**. Please scan our QR code for our referral form.

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SEND Parent Information & Support Group

Are you the parent / carer of a child / young person with SEND?

Come along to our monthly parent / carer support groups in Potters Bar and Borehamwood. Each session consists of an informal chat with other parental carers and the chance to listen to an experienced speaker on topics that may affect your child and family. We run the groups in 2 locations – please feel free to attend either or both.

The next meeting in Potters Bar will be

Thursday 12th June 2025

Elm Court, 363 Mutton Lane, Potters Bar, EN6 3BP

9.15 – 10.45am

Please join us for coffee and a chat!

No need to book in advance – feel free to just turn up on the day.
Refreshments will be provided.





DSPL6 & Hertsmere Schools' Partnership

SEND Surgery Wednesday 11th June 2025

Hertsmere Schools Partnership (DSPL6) is offering a 30-minute session with our SEND School Family Workers to answer questions and to offer support and signposting for parents/carers of children with additional needs.

Example Topics for discussion:

- Strategies to help support your child at home
 - EHCP queries
- Liaising with schools and other professionals
 - Navigating the SEND world

To book a 30-minute session, please go to

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/send-surgery-tickets-1392544029673?aff=oddtdirector>

Bookings open at 8:30am on 4th June 2025.

When you book, please provide details of the topic that you would like to discuss. **Please be aware there is a high demand for these appointments so please only book on if you are sure you can commit to the time slot.**

The SEND Surgeries will be held by

Karen Follows (SEND School Family Worker) and Cheryl Mann (DSPL6 Manager)

Surgeries will be held via Teams. A Teams link will be sent once your session has been confirmed.

These surgeries are available to all parents/carers of those children/young people who attend education in the DSPL6 Area

If you experience any problems booking through Eventbrite, please email SendHSP@mountgrace.herts.sch.uk



JUNE 2025 ACTIVITIES

SESSIONS FOR NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN/YOUNG PEOPLE AND SIBLINGS

POTENTIAL KIDS

BOOKINGS at
potentialkids.org.uk/events

Date	Sessions	Time
5th Thu	Bushcraft/Stem Home Ed 4 + yrs	10.30-12.00
6th Fri	Welcome Space Community Drop-In	10.00-12.30
6th Fri	Therapeutic Gardening Home Ed Group 8 + yrs	12.30-2.00
7th Sat	Free Family Football Drop-In Birchwood	16.00-17.00
12th Thur	Bushcraft/Stem Home Ed 4 + yrs	10.30-12.00
13th Fri	Welcome Space Community Drop-In	10.00-12.30
13th Fri	Therapeutic Gardening Home Ed Group 8 + yrs	12.30-14.00
13th Fri	Youth Group 16 + yrs	18.30-20.30
14th Sat	Basketball 8+ Birchwood Leisure Centre	16.00-17.00
17th Tue	Roller Skating Roller City WGC	18.00-19.30
19th Thur	Bushcraft/Stem Home Ed 4 + yrs	10.30-12.00
19th Thur	Trampoline 5 + yrs	17.20-18.30
20th Fri	Welcome Space Community Drop-In	10.00-12.30
20th Fri	Therapeutic Gardening Home Ed Group 8 + yrs	12.30-14.00
20th Fri	Youth Group 10-15yrs	18.00-19.30
20th Fri	Skateboarding Pioneer Club Age 9+yrs	17.30-18.30
21st Sat	Free Family Football Drop-In Birchwood	16.00-17.00
26th Thur	Bushcraft/Stem Home Ed 4 + yrs	10.30-12.00
27th Fri	Welcome Space Community Drop-In	10.00-12.30
27th Fri	Therapeutic Gardening Home Ed Group 8 + yrs	12.30-14.00
28th Sat	Potential Tracks Train Train Club 12 + yrs	12.00-14.00
28th Sat	Soft Archery 8+ Birchwood leisure centre	16.00-17.00

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Statutory Attendance Support Team Penalty Notice Fines – Sept 2024



Helping Parents understand Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance

From 19 August 2024, there is a National Framework for Penalty Notice Fines being issued for unauthorised absences recorded by schools.

National Threshold

A single consistent national threshold for when a Penalty Notice **must** be considered by **ALL** schools in England, this is:

- 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period.
- These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence.
- **For example**, a 5-day unauthorised leave of absence would meet the national threshold.
- The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years.

Who may be fined?

- Penalty Notice Fines are issued to each parent who allows their child to be absent without authorisation from school.
- **For example**, 3 siblings absent for unauthorised leave during term-time would result in each parent/carer receiving 3 separate fines.

Definition of Parent

- Section 576 of the Education Act 1996 states that, in relation to a child or young person, a 'parent' includes any person who is not a parent (from which can be inferred 'biological parent') but who has parental responsibility for or care of the child.
- Parent refers to a person who typically has care of a child or young person if the child lives with them either full or part time and they look after them, irrespective of what their biological or legal relationship is with the child.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence, the fine amount will be:

- £80 per parent, per child if paid **within 21 days**.
- If not paid within 21 days, the fine will increase to **£160 per parent, per child**, payable between the 22nd and 28th day.

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence, a reduced rate is not available. The amount therefore will be:

- £160 per parent, per child – payable within 28 days.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed, a Penalty Notice WILL NOT be issued, and the case will be presented **straight to the Magistrate's Court**:

- Prosecution can result in **criminal records** and **fines of up to £2,500**.
- Cases found **guilty** in a **Magistrates Court** can show on the parent's future DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) certificate (Disclosure and Barring Service) due to a **'failure to safeguard a child's education'**.

TALKING ADDITIONAL NEEDS



Wednesdays 9.45 - 11.15am Online Course ID: 770
17th, 24th Sept, 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd Oct 2025
Delivered online using Zoom

Wednesdays 8.00 - 9.30pm Face-to-Face ID: 771
5th, 12th, 19th, 26th Nov, 3rd & 10th Dec 2025
Venue TBA
Watford

A 6-week group for parents and carers of children with any additional need. Your child does not need a diagnosis.

- **Understand your child's behaviour**
- **Develop strategies that really work**
- **Reduce conflict and increase co-operation**
- **Improve emotional regulation**
- **Explore sensory needs**
- **Increase your child's resilience**
- **Manage the different needs within your family**

Groups are open to parents, carers, grandparents and guardians living, or with a child in school, in Hertfordshire.

'I have been on a few courses to help me with my child but this was by far the most helpful'

Booking essential
Please quote the course ID
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TALKING DADS



Wednesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm Online Course ID: 779
17th, 24th Sept, 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd Oct 2025

Wednesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm Online Course ID: 780
5th, 12th, 19th, 26th Nov, 3rd & 10th Dec 2025

6, weekly sessions for dads & male carers of all ages, sharing information on:

- **Increasing confidence in your parenting.**
- **Developing a healthy dad/child relationship now and for the future.**
- **Improved listening and communication skills.**
- **Effective strategies for dealing with anger and conflict.**
- **How to enforce boundaries.**

Our online sessions are delivered weekly via Zoom.

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TALKING FAMILIES



Wednesdays 8.00 - 9.30pm Online Course ID: 774
17th, 24th Sept, 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd Oct 2025

Thursdays 9.45 - 11.15am Online Course ID: 772
18th, 25th Sept, 2nd, 9th, 16th & 2nd Oct 2025

Tuesdays 8.00 - 9.30pm Online Course ID: 773
4th, 11th, 18th, 25th Nov, 2nd & 9th Dec 2025

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children under 12, sharing tips on how to:

- **Manage challenging behaviour with consistency**
- **Encourage positive behaviour**
- **Build your child's self esteem**
- **Set and maintain boundaries**
- **Respond to tantrums and difficult feelings in children**
- **Develop a strong parent/child relationship now and for the future**

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