



Friday 19th September 2025

Dear Summerswood Families,

Rabbi Greg's Visit

This week, Summerswood was delighted to welcome Rabbi Greg Bank from Borehamwood Synagogue. He spoke enthusiastically to the students about the meaning of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, explaining how this special time encourages Jewish people to reflect on their actions over the past year and strive to grow and improve in the year ahead. The students truly enjoyed hearing his thoughtful stories, which helped them appreciate the significance of these important occasions and learn about the meaningful traditions involved in their celebration.



Morning Drop offs



Please accompany your children through the school gates and on to the playground in the mornings. Please also ensure that you stay with your children until they have lined up and their teachers have come to meet them. Thank you for your support in making the mornings run smoothly and calmly.

Attendance—Week ending 12th September 2025

Reception Rosen	Reception Peter Pan	1 Anning	1 Donaldson	2 Johnson	2 Attenborough	3 Wicks
94.2%	90%	93.7%	91.5%	96.5%	96.5%	95.8%
3 Rashford	4 Queen	4 Thunberg	5 Boseman	5 Southgate	6 Obama	6 Malala
97.1%	96.4%	96.4%	96.3%	91%	92.4%	95.6%

We had much more consistent figures this week. We are excited to see who will be the first class to achieve 100% attendance!

A few attendance related reminders:

- Please see the poster below which shows when you should keep your child off of school
- Remember that if your child has sickness or diarrhoea, then as per NHS guidelines, they must stay off of school for 48 hours after the last episode
- You can call the office, leave a voicemail or email: attendance@summerswood.herts.sch.uk to advise when your child is going to be absent. Please give clear information, including your child's name, class and symptoms. If they have visited a Doctor then please forward evidence of this.
- Your child is legally required to attend school, when they are enrolled, unless too unwell to do so- or if there are exceptional circumstances that prevent attendance. Failure to attend regularly, and with no valid reason can result in the Local Authority issuing Fixed Penalty Notices. Please see further information on this below.
- Please make sure that your child arrives to school on time. Lateness can cause children to feel anxious about entering their classroom- and also disturb the children who have already settled and engaged in their learning.



If you have any questions or concerns about attendance then you can send these to : attendance@summerswood.herts.sch.uk

Parking

Unfortunately, we need to remind parents once again to park legally and safely when dropping off and collecting children. We have had complaints from our neighbours on Arundel drive this week, whose driveways were blocked. We have also had reports of parents being verbally abusive to neighbours over parking. We have advised residents to call the police whenever necessary.

Please do not park on site if you do not have a badge issued by the school office.

Parental Engagement- Coffee Sessions

Mrs Brown our Parental Engagement Lead will be hosting two meets with parents and carers next week at Costa Coffee, in the Boulevard in Borehamwood- we will cover the cost of your coffee ☺ She is looking to build a body of volunteers to support at upcoming school events. Perhaps you can offer 15 minutes to help set up or pack away after the school discos. Maybe you could support during an event, or you have some great fundraising ideas. The more support we have, the more events we can put on to improve the life experiences of our children. We are also looking to build our school PTA. If you are interested in helping out then please make time to come to one of the following dates:

Monday 22nd September 2-3pm

Friday 26th September 10.30-11.30am

Alternatively, if you cannot make either of these dates but would like to volunteer and know more you can email Mrs Brown: admin@summerswood.herts.sch.uk

Lunch Leader Vacancy



We currently have a vacancy for a Lunch Leader. If you are interested in working with a friendly team of colleagues and a positive working atmosphere, you can find details and apply for the position here: [Teaching & Education Jobs Search | Find Teaching, Leadership & School Support Vacancies](#)

Kind Regards

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

Sarah Kneller

Headteacher

Dates to Remember

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday 22nd September 2025	Parent and Carer's meet and Greet- Costa Coffee- Boulevard- Borehamwood 2-3pm
Friday 26th September 2025	Parent and Carer's meet and Greet- Costa Coffee- Boulevard- Borehamwood 10.30-11.30am
Thursday 9th October 2025	Year 5 Cake Sale
Thursday 9th October 2025	Year 6 Theatre Trip
Monday 20th to Friday 24th October 2025	Harvest Week
Tuesday 21st October 2025	Year 2 RAF Museum Trip
Wednesday 22nd October 2025	Disco- Scaries and Fairies Wed 22nd October- time TBC
Friday 24th October 2025	Harvest Hamper Judging
Friday 24th October 2025	School finishes at normal times for Half Term
Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October (inclusive)	Half Term
Monday 3rd November 2025	Start of Autumn Term 2
Friday 28th November 2025	INSET DAY – No pupils in school

Monday 1st December 2025	Occasional Day- No pupils in school
Friday 19th December 2025	Last day of Term - School finishes at 1.30pm
Monday 22nd December -Friday 2nd January (inclusive)	Half Term
Monday 5th January 2026	INSET DAY – No pupils in school
Tuesday 6th January 2026	Start of Spring Term 1
Thursday 12th February 2026	Disco- Friendship- time TBC
Friday 13th February 2026	School finishes at normal times for Half Term
Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February (inclusive)	Half Term
Monday 23rd February 2026	Start of Spring Term 2
Thursday 26th March 2026	Last day of Term for Nursery
Friday 27th March 2026	Last day of Term - School finishes at 1.30pm
Monday 30th March-Friday 10th April (Inclusive)	Half Term
Monday 13th April 2026	INSET DAY – No pupils in School
Tuesday 14th April 2026	Start of Summer Term 1
Monday 4th May 2026	BANK HOLIDAY
Friday 22nd May 2026	School finishes at normal times for Half Term
Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May (inclusive)	Half Term
Monday 1st June 2026	Start of Summer Term 2
Thursday 4th June 2026	Disco- Summer Ball- time TBC
Friday 26th June 2026	INSET DAY – No pupils in school
Wednesday 22nd July 2026	Last day of Term for Nursery
Thursday 23rd July 2026	Last day of Term - School finishes at 1.30pm

Please find a link to the Raring2go! Watford Autumn magazine to share with your parents and families. It's packed full of information to keep the kids entertained over the next two months, including the best local Halloween and Bonfire Night events, as well as clubs, camps and activities for over the October half-term.

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/watford/autumn2025/>

Do I need to keep my child off school?

Whooping Cough

48 Hours after commencing antibiotics

Chicken Pox

Until all spots have crusted over

Conjunctivitis

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Diarrhoea & Vomiting

48 hours from last episode

Glandular Fever

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Hand, foot & mouth

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Measles or German Measles

4 days from onset of rash

Mumps

5 days from onset of swelling

Scabies

Until after first treatment

Scarlet Fever

24 hours after commencing antibiotics

Slapped Cheek

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Impetigo

Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics

Flu

Until recovered

Head Lice

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Threadworms

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Tonsillitis

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

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'**.



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12.30 - 3.30PM

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8:45AM - 3:30 PM

**EARLY DROP
OFF - £3**

8:30AM

**LATE
PICK-UP - £7**

3:30PM - 5PM



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**Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Workshops
October – December 2025**

Workshops are open to all young people & parents/carers of children and young people who attend a school or are registered with a GP in Hertfordshire. A referral is not needed to access a workshop.

All workshops are currently being delivered online via Microsoft Teams. For more information about what each workshop covers and to book a place onto a workshop, visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/hct-childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-33494371787>



Workshop	Date & Time
<p>Emotional Wellbeing (For Young People 11-16) A workshop focused on adolescents managing their emotional wellbeing and things parents/carers can do to help.</p>	Tuesday 18 th November 6-8pm
<p>Adolescent Self-Esteem and Resilience A workshop focused on adolescents improving their self-esteem and resilience and what parents/carers can do to help.</p>	Thursday 27 th November 6-8pm
<p>Supporting your Child's Self-Esteem and Resilience A workshop focused on parents/carers supporting their child to improve their self-esteem and resilience.</p>	Monday 27 th October 6-8pm Tuesday 16 th December 10am-12pm
<p>Supporting with Sleep Difficulties This workshop focuses on supporting children and adolescents with managing their sleep difficulties and things parents/carers can do to help.</p>	Wednesday 15 th October 6-8pm Tuesday 2 nd December 6-8pm
<p>Developing your Child's Emotional Literacy A workshop focused on parents supporting their child with developing emotional literacy.</p>	Tuesday 21 st October 10am-12pm Thursday 6 th November 6-8pm Wednesday 10 th December 10am-12pm
<p>General Emotional Wellbeing and Regulation Tips for Parents/Carers A workshop focused on parents supporting their child's general emotional wellbeing and ability to emotionally regulate.</p>	Wednesday 8 th October 6-8pm Tuesday 11 th November 10am-12pm Thursday 18 th December 6-8pm

To access the recorded **Emotionally Based School Avoidance Webinar** please visit: <https://www.hct.nhs.uk/service-details/service/childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-21/>



Co-parenting with Care programme for parents with children with SEN.

This 6-week online programme offers a structured approach to help you navigate your unique challenges, improve your relationship, and create a more supportive environment for your SEN child/ren .

The programme covers themes including:

- Understanding SEN and its impact on children and family dynamics
- Effective Communication Skills
- Managing Emotions & Stress
- Collaborative Problem Solving
- Building a Supportive Network
- Creating a Unified Parenting Approach

These 2 courses will be delivered via MS Teams, over 6 sessions on the following dates/times:

Date: Wednesday 15, 22 October and 5, 12, 19 & 26 November

Time: 9.30am to 11.30am

Date: Thursday 16, 23 October and 6, 13, 20 & 27 November

Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm

For more information or to make a referral, scan the QR code, email services@familylives.org.uk or call 0204 522 8700 or 0204 522 8699

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SEND Parent Information & Support Network

In partnership with the DSPL6 we offer several support services for parents of children with SEND. We run a Parent Support Network in Potters Bar once a month and an online SEND surgery every half term.

The **Parent Support Network** is a **drop in** session running at Elm Court. We are a supportive group of parents and professionals who all want the best for our children. We offer a supportive environment where people can share a wealth of tried and tested ideas to support you and your family. You are welcome to attend each month or as your diary allows.

Each session runs from 9.15am until 10.45.

The dates for the Autumn term

Friday 19th September 2025

Friday 17th October 2025

Friday 21st November 2025

Friday 12th December 2025

Every half term we run an online appointment **SEND surgery** which is open to families with children that attend a Hertsmere school. These run throughout the day, which is split into free bookable **30 minute** slots where you can discuss your **child's** SEND needs. An **Eventbrite** link will be shared via our mailing list a week before each surgery. The dates of the SEND surgeries for this academic year are:

Thursday 9th October 2025

Tuesday 25th November 2025

Thursday 22nd January 2026

Thursday 5th March 2026

Tuesday 28th April 2026

Thursday 18th June 2026



SEND Parent Information & Support Network

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. We are a supportive group of parents and professionals who all want the best for our children. We offer a supportive environment where people can share a wealth of tried and tested ideas to support you and your family.

The next meeting in Potters Bar will be

Friday 19th September 2025

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

9.15 – 10.45am

Please join us for coffee and a chat!

**This is our first meeting this academic year and I
look forwards to seeing you.**

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

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For Parents of teenagers only starting 15/10/25 @11.30am

Want to get some new ideas to help
you be the best parent you can be?
Enhance your relationship with your children?
Learning at a time that suits you?



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What to expect...

- Information on strategies and child development.
- Hear from other parents.
- Worksheets and hand-outs.
- Videos, quizzes and fun activities.
- Do sessions at a time that works for you.
- Expert help from a real person each week.
- Choose a course that suits your child's age.

Topics covered...

- Healthy relationships.
- Understanding and managing behaviour.
- Enhancing children's self-esteem.
- Emotions and empathy.
- What to expect for the age of your child.
- Being part of a community.

Group discussion...

1. Speak to a course expert and get answers to any questions you might have.
2. Talk about how the strategies are going at home and how to adjust them for you.
3. Address other difficulties relating to parenting.
4. Hear from others about what works for them.



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For Urdu speakers only starting 7/10/25 @ 1 pm

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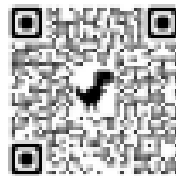
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Stronger Relationships



For parents and other adult carers living together or apart **For Arabic speakers only. Group starting 26th September @ 11 am**

- Do you want to get some new ideas to help you be an even better parent?
- Would you like to reduce the arguments and disagreements in your family and cope better with stress?
- Would you like to enhance your relationship with your current partner, or improve communication with your ex or the other people helping to raise your children?
- How about learning at a time that suits you?



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What to expect...

- Information on strategies to identify and reduce arguments.
- Hear from other parents and carers.
- Downloadable worksheets and hand-outs.
- Videos, quizzes and interactive activities.
- Do sessions at a time that works for you.
- Weekly support from our course experts.

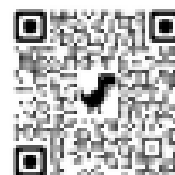
Topics covered...

- Healthy adult relationships.
- Identifying and managing disagreements.
- Understanding how conflict affects your children.
- Enhancing parent-child relationships.
- Managing stress, anger and emotions.
- Strategies to resolve conflict and create a parenting agreement

Group discussion...

1. Speak to a course expert and get answers to some of the questions you might have
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For parents and other adult carers living together or apart **For Mothers/Female Caregivers only.**
Group starting 21 October at 10:00am



- Do you want to get some new ideas to help you be an even better parent?
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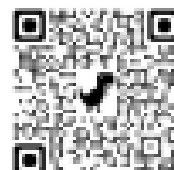
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For parents and other adult carers living together or apart **For Father/Male Caregivers only. Group starting 30 October at 1:00pm**



- Do you want to get some new ideas to help you be an even better parent?
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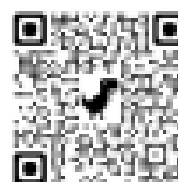
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For parents and other adult carers living together or apart **For parents of neurodivergent children only. Group starting 5 November at 1:00pm**

- Do you want to get some new ideas to help you be an even better parent?
- Would you like to reduce the arguments and disagreements in your family and cope better with stress?
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WE ARE HOSTING ON

NATIONAL FITNESS DAY!



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Les Mills Grit and Stages Cycle class are FREE to non-members, spin bike challenge, table tennis rally, tanita scales and healthy snacks and drinks plus lots more...

WHERE?

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WHEN?

Wednesday 24th Sept

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