



Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

Dear Summerswood Families,

### **Pathway to Success**



We have seen some fantastic behaviour across the school this week. Class 1Aning in particular have been embracing the Pathway to Success Policy and lining up and moving around the school beautifully. Well done 1A!



### **Morning Drop Offs**

Please note that all children should be accompanied by their adults until the Teachers arrive on to the playground and the children line up to go in to their classrooms. If your child is late, you must accompany them in to office, where they can sign in.

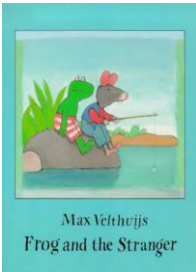
Thank you for helping morning drop offs run safely and calmly.



### **What we have been Reading**

We're excited to share the brilliant texts that have been at the heart of our recent English writing units.

These are all recommended reads from the Herts for Learning Essential Writing Scheme, and they've really got our students thinking, talking, and writing with flair. From gripping stories to beautifully crafted descriptions, these texts have sparked creativity and helped build confidence in the classroom, and we can't wait for you to dive into them too!

<p><b>Year 1</b> <b>Puffin Peter</b></p> 	<p><b>Year 2</b> <b>Frog and the Stranger</b></p> 	<p><b>Year 3</b> <b>Mini Rabbit not Lost</b></p> 
<p><b>Year 4</b> <b>Arthur and the Golden Rope</b></p> 	<p><b>Year 5</b> <b>The boy in the back of the class</b></p> 	<p><b>Year 6</b> <b>Tales of Terror</b></p> 

### Attendance—Week ending 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025

<b>Reception Rosen</b>	<b>97.3%</b>	<b>3 Rashford</b>	<b>94.5%</b>
<b>Reception Peter Pan</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>4 Thunberg</b>	<b>91%</b>
<b>1 Anning</b>	<b>92.5%</b>	<b>4 Queen</b>	<b>95%</b>
<b>1 Donaldson</b>	<b>86.1%</b>	<b>5 Southgate</b>	<b>90.3%</b>
<b>2 Attenborough</b>	<b>99.5%</b>	<b>5 Boseman</b>	<b>91%</b>
<b>2 Johnson</b>	<b>97.3%</b>	<b>6 Malala</b>	<b>92.8%</b>
<b>3 Wicks</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>6 Obama</b>	<b>90.4%</b>

A gentle reminder to all families to please make sure that your children arrive in school on time. The gates shut promptly at 8.50am. After this you will have to sign your children in as late at the School Office. Walking in late can make many children feel anxious, and also disrupts the classrooms that they walk in to.



## World Mental Health Day



On Friday 10th of October school will be participating in world mental health day. We would love children to wear something yellow on this day, in exchange for £1 donation.

**The colour yellow is associated with happiness and optimism.**

All donations will go towards purchasing resources for our children's emotional wellbeing and mental health.

### Interesting Fact of the Week:

“The fear of long words is called Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia!”

Kind Regards

Kathryn Mitchell

Acting Headteacher

### Dates to Remember

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Thursday 9th October 2025	Year 5 Cake Sale
Thursday 9th October 2025	Year 6 Theatre Trip
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	World Mental Health Day- Dress in yellow
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Harvest Week
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2025	Year 2 RAF Museum Trip
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2025	Reception Local Words and Numbers Walk
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2025	Disco- Scaries and Fairies- Nursery & Reception- 2.30- 3pm
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2025	Disco- Scaries and Fairies- Y1, Y2 & Y3- 3.15- 4.15pm
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2025	Disco- Scaries and Fairies- Y4, Y5 & Y6- 4.30- 5.45pm
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Harvest Hamper Judging

Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	School finishes at normal times for Half Term
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October (inclusive)	Half Term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025	Start of Autumn Term 2
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Individual and Sibling Group Photographs
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2025	“Mop up session” for pupils who missed flu vaccination
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Whole School dress down day—Donation for Christmas Raffle
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	INSET DAY – No pupils in school
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2025	Occasional Day- No pupils in school
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Reception Trip to the Postbox to deliver Letters to Santa
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	The Great Summerswood Christmas bake off
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Christmas Fair
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Christmas Raffle
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Last day of Term - School finishes at 1.30pm
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December - Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January (inclusive)	Half Term
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	INSET DAY – No pupils in school
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Start of Spring Term 1
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Disco- Friendship- time TBC
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	School finishes at normal times for Half Term
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February (inclusive)	Half Term
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026	Start of Spring Term 2
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Last day of Term for Nursery
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Last day of Term - School finishes at 1.30pm
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March-Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April (Inclusive)	Half Term
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	INSET DAY – No pupils in School
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Start of Summer Term 1
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	BANK HOLIDAY
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026	School finishes at normal times for Half Term
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May (inclusive)	Half Term
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026	Start of Summer Term 2
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Disco- Summer Ball- time TBC
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	INSET DAY – No pupils in school
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2026	Last day of Term for Nursery
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2026	Last day of Term - School finishes at 1.30pm

# 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



**SUMMERSWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
FURZEHILL RD, BOREHAMWOOD, WD6 2DW

**RECEPTION: HALF DAYS ONLY** £14.00  
8:45AM - 12:30PM OR 12.30 - 3.30PM

**YEAR 1-6:** £24.50  
8:45AM - 3:30 PM

**EARLY DROP OFF - £3** 8:30AM

**LATE PICK-UP - £7** 3:30PM - 5PM



**CAMP DATES: MON 27<sup>TH</sup> - FRI 31<sup>ST</sup> OCT**

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**SEND surgery**

Every half term we run an online appointment SEND surgery which is open to families with children that attend a Hertsmere school. This is a free bookable slot where you can discuss your child's SEND needs with Cheryl Metcalf, Head of DSPL6 and Karen Follows, SEND school family worker. The sessions are held online over teams and run throughout the day. Each bookable session lasts for 30 minutes.

The first SEND surgery this term will be on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025.**

It will run from 9.15 - 2.30 and there are 6 bookable slots. Once you are booked on you will be sent a [Zoom](#) link to join the session and a google form. The google form will ask you to outline the topics you wish to discuss in your slot. We will follow up with an email containing information any links or information discussed.

Please click on the link below to book onto the surgery.  
The link will open at midnight on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025 and close at 4pm on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2025.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/october-send-surgery-tickets-1701697225209?aff=oddtdtcreator>

**Parents and Carers talk about self-harm and recovery**

Please join us at an information session to learn more about self-harm and get practical ideas and strategies to help your child towards recovery


Our guest speaker will be a clinician who works at \*HPFT CAMHS

**Where: Online over Zoom.**

**When: Tuesday 7th October, 7pm to 9pm**

\* Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

For more information or to book your place:  
Call: 01992 58 69 69  
Email: [contact@carersinherts.org.uk](mailto:contact@carersinherts.org.uk)  
Go online: [www.carersinherts.org.uk/events](http://www.carersinherts.org.uk/events)



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**About Carers in Hertfordshire**

We are a charity that provides information, advice and support to unpaid carers - people looking after a partner, relative or friend, who is ill, elderly, has a physical or learning disability, or misuses substances.

We support carers of all ages - young people and adults - living, working or caring in Hertfordshire. Our services are free to carers and bereaved carers, who can access support for three years after the death of the person they looked after.

We provide services to carers to help them with their caring role or have a break from caring, to improve their health and wellbeing, and to have a voice in shaping health and community services.

We are partly funded by Hertfordshire County Council and the NHS in Hertfordshire. In partnership with them and other local organisations we work to ensure unpaid carers are identified, informed, supported and heard.

**Carers in Hertfordshire**  
The Red House, 119 Fore Street, Hertford, Herts, SG14 1AX.  
Tel: 01992 58 69 69 Email: [contact@carersinherts.org.uk](mailto:contact@carersinherts.org.uk)  
[www.carersinherts.org.uk](http://www.carersinherts.org.uk)

**Our support for parents and carers.**

We have a team of Carer Engagement Workers who can provide advice and information and also support you to speak up.

We also:

- Give you a chance to meet and talk to other parents, carers and staff who understand;
- Give you the opportunity to represent your views to the authorities that commission and manage Children and Young People's Mental Health Services (CYPMHS) in Hertfordshire;
- Provide free training and learning opportunities; and
- Offer a Carers' Passport Discount Card that gives savings in shops, restaurants and other venues (contact us to apply for one today!)







**Club for children  
Radlett Library  
Thursdays  
4:45 - 5:45**

**Places limited - please book at the library**

LEGO builds STEM skills!  
Come along for fun challenges  
which build problem solving, spatial  
awareness and creative thinking



Suitable for children ages 5 - 12  
Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult

Note - children below the age of 5 will not be able to attend this session

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Further details 0300 123 4049  
www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/legoclubs



**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](mailto:services@familylives.org.uk) or call 0204 522 8700 or 0204 522 8699

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**Housing Advice  
Community Drop-in**

**Find guidance on homelessness and housing-related issues in Borehamwood**

Drop in and see us every last Tuesday of the month from 10.30am to 12pm at Your Community Hub, Borehamwood, WD6 4EB

