



Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear Summerswood families,

### **Remembrance Day**

On Tuesday, our whole school gathered on the playground to hold a minute's silence and listen to *The Last Post*, paying our respects to those who have sacrificed their lives for us. In classrooms, students took part in thoughtful discussions about the meaning of Remembrance Day and created beautiful poppy wreaths and garlands to honour those who served. It was a special opportunity for our school community to come together and reflect — *Lest We Forget*

***Thank you very much, on behalf of the Royal British Legion to all that bought poppies.***



### **Behaviour Curriculum Coffee morning**

We invite you to join Mrs Young and Mrs Folkes-Jones for a coffee morning on Wednesday, 10th December at 9:00am in the School Hall.

During this session, we will introduce our new Behaviour Curriculum, share the key principles behind it, and discuss how it will support our pupils' learning and wellbeing. We value your input and would love to hear your thoughts as we shape this approach moving forward.

We look forward to seeing you there.

### **Cooking Club**

This term, a new Cooking Club has started at lunchtimes! So far, students have enjoyed making delicious fruit salad and chocolate chip cookies. Along the way, they've also been learning about different types of foods, healthy eating choices, and the importance of food safety. It's been a fun and tasty way to learn new skills!



### **Attendance- Week ending 7th November**

<b>Reception Rosen</b>	<b>97.3%</b>	<b>3 Rashford</b>	<b>96.5%</b>
<b>Reception Peter Pan</b>	<b>92.6%</b>	<b>4 Thunberg</b>	<b>98.4%</b>
<b>1 Anning</b>	<b>97.3%</b>	<b>4 Queen</b>	<b>98.8%</b>
<b>1 Donaldson</b>	<b>85.7%</b>	<b>5 Southgate</b>	<b>95.5%</b>
<b>2 Attenborough</b>	<b>96.5%</b>	<b>5 Boseman</b>	<b>96.9%</b>
<b>2 Johnson</b>	<b>93.3%</b>	<b>6 Malala</b>	<b>97.2%</b>
<b>3 Wicks</b>	<b>98.5%</b>	<b>6 Obama</b>	<b>96.3%</b>

Some great figures for attendance again last week! Unfortunately, punctuality continues to be an issue. Please do get your children in to school **on time for their morning registers.**

### **Children in Need- Challenge 25**

Today, children from Summerswood took part in Challenge 25 for Children in Need where they ran, walked and danced! As a school we completed 25k! Well done and thank you to all those who took part!



### **Snacks/ Lunch**

If your child has grapes as a snack or for their lunch- **please ensure that these are cut in halves (lengthways) or quarters** to reduce the risk of choking



### **World Mental Health Day**

This year, on world mental health day, we asked pupils, staff and families “Why is it important to ask for help when you need it”. Over the coming weeks, we will share some of the brilliant answers we received. This week we have:

**“They may be able to help you see things from a different perspective and make your worries seem less big”**

Kind Regards

Kathryn Mitchell

Acting Headteacher

## Dates to Remember

Date	Event
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Year 5 Viking museum 3pm-3.30pm
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
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Behaviour Curriculum Coffee Morning- 9am in the School Hall
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Nativity performance, Lights, Camel, Action! - <b>2pm</b>
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Friends of Summerswood- The Great Summerswood Christmas Bake off
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Nativity performance, Lights, Camel, Action! Thursday 11th December- <b>9.15am</b>
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Friends of Summerswood- Christmas Jumper day
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Friends of Summerswood- Christmas Fair
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Years 3-6 Christmas Dinner (Reception and years 1-2 School/ Home Packed lunch day)
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Reception and Years 1-2 Christmas Dinner Day (Years 3-6 School/ Home Packed lunch day)
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Friends of Summerswood- Christmas Raffle
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Last Day of term for Nursery only
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 25th May – Friday 29th May (inclusive)	Half Term
Monday 1st June 2026	Start of Summer Term 2
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> 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

Come and join us

## Behaviour Curriculum Coffee Morning

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December  
9am School Hall



Introducing our new Pathway to Success





**WINTER CAMP**

**SUMMERSWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL**

22<sup>nd</sup> DEC - 2<sup>nd</sup> JAN

WEEK 1 - MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> AND TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER  
WEEK 2 - MONDAY 29<sup>th</sup> AND TUESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER + NEW YEAR EVE HALF DAY ONLY (BASAR 1945)  
WEEK 3 - FRIDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY

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**Jolly Jingle BITES**

Jingle All the Way to a Festive Feast!

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH DEC**



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**MAIN MENU**

Sliced Turkey Breast with Chipolata Sausage & Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy  
or  
Roast Quorn Fillet with Plant Sausage & Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy (Ve)  
or  
Plant Sausage & Gravy (Free From\*) (Ve)

**SERVED WITH**  
Roast Potatoes with a Choice of Seasonal Vegetables

**DESSERT**  
Choice of Christmas Dessert

## Autumn term workshops 2025



### Reducing Conflict: Tuesday 11 November, 9.30am to 11.30am

This workshop explores different types of conflict. It will provide support in understanding the causes and impact of parental and family conflict on children and gives practical steps and strategies.

### Anxiety around ADHD: Wednesday 26 November, 7pm to 9pm

A workshop to help parents/carers understand what ADHD is, why it makes sense for a child to be anxious if they have ADHD and strategies to help support you and your child

### Its a Dad's Life: Tuesday 2 December, 7pm to 9pm

This workshop aims to empower dads with the knowledge and skills to develop deeper connections with their children

### Sibling Rivalry: Wednesday 3 December, 7pm to 9pm

This workshop aims to provide parents with strategies and tools to effectively foster positive relationships, promote co-operation and manage conflict between children

### Navigating the Storm (for parents of teens): Tuesday 9 December, 7pm to 9pm

A workshop designed to provide effective strategies for parents in managing challenging teenage behaviour

### To book your place:

- Call Louise on 0204 522 8700
- Scan our QR code to use our online referral form



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Sign up to our free 6-week online group

Do you feel you are constantly nagging at your child to get what you need?

Join our free dads together 6-week online group to help increase your confidence in parenting and improve communication and listening skills

• Wednesday 13th, 19th, 26th November & 3rd, 10th, 17th December 2025

• 7.00pm to 9.00pm

• Online via MS Teams

To book your place, call Louise on 0204 522 8700, email [services@familylives.org.uk](mailto:services@familylives.org.uk) or scan our QR code to use our online referral form



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