



Friday 24th October 2025

Dear Summerswood families,



Parents evenings for children in **Reception to Year 6 classes** will be held on **12th November 4pm-7pm** and **13th November 3.30pm-6.30pm**. (You will be able to book your slot via Arbor from 6pm this evening. Bookings will close on 13th November at 10am. Please only book 1 appointment slot per child

Please note that parent meetings for children in Nursery and Hive will be arranged separately

Scaries and Fairies

On Wednesday afternoon and into the evening Summerswood hosted our fabulous 'Scaries and Fairies' disco. We saw some great outfits and the children really had a great time. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the event. It was also great to see the newly formed 'Friends of Summerswood' PTA in attendance, manning the sweets and novelties stalls. Thank you also for the amazing balloon display which was donated by The Balloon guys



If you would be interested in joining Friends of Summerswood then send an email to friends@summerswood.herts.sch.uk

Donations Wanted for Year 1 and 2

Year 1 and Year 2 are looking for donations to help refresh their classroom resources. If you're having a clear-out over half term and have any good-quality items to spare, please bring them in when we return.

We're particularly looking for:

- Construction blocks
- Dinosaurs
- Mini figures (including animals)
- Straws
- Pipe cleaners



If you have other items that could be useful across the school, we'd also love to receive:

Complete puzzles

Top Trumps cards

Travel games (such as Guess Who? or Battleships)

Magnatiles

Linking cubes

All donations can be brought to the school office. Thank you for your support!

Attendance- Week ending 17th October

Reception Rosen	95.6%	3 Rashford	95.5%
Reception Peter Pan	90%	4 Thunberg	98%
1 Anning	95.6%	4 Queen	***100%***
1 Donaldson	97.1%	5 Southgate	96.2%
2 Attenborough	96.9%	5 Boseman	95.7%
2 Johnson	94.7%	6 Malala	94.4%
3 Wicks	98%	6 Obama	95.4%



We are so pleased to share that another class achieved 100% attendance last week. Well done 4Q. As a reward, the children in that class can come in to school in their own clothes on the first day back after half term- Monday 3rd November. We have had a really strong start to this academic year with the consistently good attendance so far.

On a less positive note- we are still seeing a lot of late arrivals in the mornings, which can be very disruptive to not only the children that are late- but also their classmates, teachers and the office staff. Those that are regularly late, please do make every effort to get to school on time every day in the second

half of the Autumn term.

Year 2 RAF Museum Trip

Year 2 had a wonderful trip to the RAF Museum, where they brought their history topic of Flight Through the Ages to life. The children were captivated as they explored real aeroplanes and saw how flight has developed from the Wright brothers to modern aircraft. They particularly enjoyed taking part in an exciting workshop that helped them understand how aeroplanes have changed over time. Their behaviour was exemplary throughout the day, and they were a real credit to the school, proudly demonstrating the values of our Pathways to Success programme.



Reception Learning Walks

The Reception classes went on an Environmental Walk on Wednesday morning-Rosen class were looking for letters and numbers and Peter Pan were sound detectives listening to environmental sounds. This was very exciting, and staff and volunteers couldn't believe the variety of letters numbers and sounds the children discovered. Great work Reception! And a big thank you to all the adults who volunteered to make this trip possible.



HIVE

On Monday Hive pupils made an extraordinary discovery and Hive playground became an excavation site for dinosaur fossils!! The children had a great learning experience, being palaeontologists for the day.



Poppies

Children will be able to purchase poppies and other merchandise after half term, w/c 3rd November. The Royal British Legion volunteers will collect donations on 13th November. The RBL are grateful for whatever you are able to donate, and we suggest minimum donations as follows:

<p>Poppies: 50p Stickers: 50p Slap bands: £1.50 Keyrings: £1.50 Festival Bands: £1.50</p>
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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:

“A problem shared is a problem halved”

Interesting Fact of the Week:

Baby camels are born without a hump.

We wish you all a restful half term break, and look forward to welcoming the children back in to school on Monday 3rd November.

Kind Regards

Kathryn Mitchell

Acting Headteacher



<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Friday 24 th October 2025	Harvest Hamper Judging
Friday 24 th October 2025	School finishes at normal times for Half Term
Monday 27 th October – Friday 31 st October (inclusive)	Half Term
Monday 3 rd November 2025	Start of Autumn Term 2
Wednesday 5 th November 2025	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Phonics Coffee Morning 9-9.30am
Wednesday 12 th November 2025	Parents evening Reception- Year 6- 4pm-7pm
Thursday 13 th November 2025	Parents evening Reception- Year 3.30pm- 6.30pm
Thursday 13 th November 2025	Individual and Sibling Group Photographs
Friday 21 st November 2025	“Mop up session” for pupils who missed flu vaccination
Thursday 27 th November 2025	Whole School dress down day—Donation for Christmas Raffle
Friday 28 th November 2025	INSET DAY – No pupils in school
Monday 1 st December 2025	Occasional Day- No pupils in school
Monday 8 th December 2025	Reception Trip to the Postbox to deliver Letters to Santa
Thursday 11 th December 2025	The Great Summerswood Christmas bake off
Friday 12 th December 2025	Christmas Fair
Thursday 18 th December 2025	Christmas Raffle
Thursday 18 th December 2025	Last Day of term for Nursery only
Friday 19 th December 2025	Last day of Term - School finishes at 1.30pm
Monday 22 nd December -Friday 2 nd January (inclusive)	Half Term
Monday 5 th January 2026	INSET DAY – No pupils in school
Tuesday 6 th January 2026	Start of Spring Term 1
Thursday 12 th February 2026	Disco- Friendship- time TBC
Friday 13 th February 2026	School finishes at normal times for Half Term
Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February (inclusive)	Half Term
Monday 23 rd February 2026	Start of Spring Term 2
Thursday 26 th March 2026	Last day of Term for Nursery
Friday 27 th March 2026	Last day of Term - School finishes at 1.30pm
Monday 30 th March-Friday 10 th April (Inclusive)	Half Term
Monday 13 th April 2026	INSET DAY – No pupils in School
Tuesday 14 th April 2026	Start of Summer Term 1
Monday 4 th 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 4 th 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




**Reception, Year 1
& Year 2 parents!**

Join us for a
Phonics Coffee morning...

Wednesday 5th November 2025
9.00 - 9.30am in the Hall

*'Stay & Learn' sign-up sheet available
on the day!*





Looking for a free activity to enjoy together this half term? Visit your local library and take part in My First Library Adventure, by bringing the special bookmark (which came home from school) with you. If you have lost yours don't worry. Just ask at the library for a new one.

Choose from hundreds of picture books, fact books and beginning to read stories to share at home.

Complete the Adventure to enter the special prize draw. Fifty lucky Hertfordshire Reception pupils will win a personalised, signed book from author/illustrator Ged Adamson with two overall winners enjoying an author visit with their whole class. Find out more here:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/libraries-and-archives/news-and-campaigns/startingreception>





**Our FREE 12 week in-person and online programmes
start on** w/c 19/01/26 in person 12/01/26 online

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
BOREHAMWOOD Aberford Park Community Centre, WD6 1PN 4:30 - 6:30pm	WATFORD Holywell Community Centre Chaffinch Lane, WD18 9QD 5:30 - 7:30pm	STEVENAGE Oval Community Centre SG1 5RD 5:30 - 7:30pm	WALTHAM CROSS St Joseph's Church 204 High Street, EN8 7DP 4:30 - 6:30pm
** NO SESSION **	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD Hobletts Manor Junior School HP2 5JS 5:00 - 7:00pm	HATFIELD Birchwood Avenue Primary School, AL10 0PS 5:00 - 7:00pm	** NO SESSION **
ONLINE (10 weeks) (ages 5 - 8) 5:30 - 6:30pm (ages 9 - 12) 6:30 - 7:30pm	ONLINE (10 weeks) (ages 5 - 8) 5:30 - 6:30pm (ages 9 - 12) 5:30 - 6:30pm (ages 9 - 12) 6:30 - 7:30pm	ONLINE (10 weeks) (ages 9 - 12) 5:30 - 6:30pm	** NO SESSION **



Sign up today!

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Our programmes are for children above their ideal weight, see our website for more information.



**Take the 'scare'
out of school holidays!**



Beezee Families is our FREE healthy lifestyle programme, designed to help you learn more about healthy eating and finding habits that work for you. Check out these fun spooktacular activities to keep your little monsters entertained this half term.

Activity 1:

Munchable Mummies

Give making these booottiful munchable mummies a go!



Activity 2:

Get crafty with your recycling

Use toilet roll tubes to make your own devilish decorations, create a haunted house out of an old cereal box or print off this fun bat cutout to make your own ghoulish garlands!



Activity 3:

Walk this way

Get the family all wrapped up and explore the great outdoors this autumn.



Activity 4:

Learn a brand-new dance routine

Get you and the kids dancefloor-ready for the Halloween party season!



Want more healthy lifestyle support?

Check out our website to find out how we can help your family.*

Scan here
or
Click the link



hrt.maximusuk.co.uk

*Our courses are designed for families with children aged 5 and up.

LIGHT PARTY 2025

FREE

**31 OCT
4-6PM
AGE 6-11**

hot dogs
games
craft
light disco
light talk
party bags

Registration/
Information

Registration is
required to attend
this event.



 Borehamwood Baptist Church
12 Furzeshill Road
WD6 2DF

 Herts Inclusive Theatre

HIT OPEN WEEK DRAMA WORKSHOPS

20-25 OCTOBER 2025

See HIT's inclusive practice first-hand through our theatre group's open workshops/rehearsals

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BUSHEY, WARE, HARROW, STEVENAGE & HEMEL HEMPSTEAD




MONSTER MAYHEM HALLOWEEN party

Horribly fun activities for all the family...

- Treacherous Table Tennis rally
- Freaky face painting (11am-4pm)
- Monstrous fancy dress competition with prizes
- Bewitching colouring in competition with prizes
- Ghoulishly fun games
- Devilish confectionary
- Refreshments on sale at the creepy cafe
- PLUS spooky music and MORE!



Thursday 30th October 10am-6pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT www.thevenueleisurecentre.co.uk

 The Venue

OCTOBER CRASH COURSES

- Monday 27th - Friday 31st October
- 5 day course for private lessons
- Classes for all ages and abilities
- Times are between 9.00am - 12.00pm
- Main pool only

 SWIM SCHOOL

OCTOBER HALF TERM COURSES

For more details about swimming lessons, speak to the team on reception or visit www.thevenueleisurecentre.co.uk

 The Venue Leisure Centre