



Friday 5th December 2025

Dear Summerswood families,

Friends of Summerswood - Christmas Raffle – Tickets on Sale!

Our wonderful Christmas raffle is still open! Thanks to the generous donations from Summerswood families and local businesses, we have some amazing festive hampers and other prizes ready to be won. Tickets can be bought on the School Gateway, and we'll be drawing the winning tickets on **18th December**. Good luck, everyone!



Perfect Presentation Assembly

The winners of this week's perfect presentation awards are:



1A Natty, 1D Prince, 2A Vanessa, 2J Dolly, 3W Charlie, 3R Grace, 4T Sia, 4Q Sai, 5S Riana, 5B Elizabeth, 6O Mia, 6M Milana

A big well done to all of these children who have produced work with lots of attention to excellent presentation.

Christmas Fair- 12th December



If you'd like to run a stall at our *magical* Christmas Fair, we'd love to hear from you! Just email friends@summerswood.herts.sch.uk to book your spot.

Stalls are only **£10**, and all funds raised from stall hire go straight to our PTA to help make fun projects and activities happen for all our children.

Come and join the festive fun! 🎄 ✨

Parents evenings- Spring Term

Parents evening for the spring term will be on the following dates:

25th March 3.30pm-6.30pm and 26th March 4pm-7pm

You will be able to book your slot, or Arbor, from Monday 23rd February 6pm



Attendance- Week ending 21st November

Reception Rosen	90.2%	3 Rashford	95%
Reception Peter Pan	96%	4 Thunberg	95.5%
1 Anning	93.4%	4 Queen	92.7%
1 Donaldson	95.6%	5 Southgate	87.9%
2 Attenborough	94.5%	5 Boseman	85.2%
2 Johnson	98.2%	6 Malala	96.4%
3 Wicks	94%	6 Obama	90.3%

Let's keep working together to ensure that the children are on time, every day- ready to learn.

If you have any questions or queries re attendance, please do get in touch by calling the school office or emailing attendance@summerswood.herts.sch.uk

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:

"Sharing your problems is brave and can help you to feel stronger in the long run"

Kind Regards

Kathryn Mitchell

Acting Headteacher

IMPORTANT DATES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Mon 8 th Dec 2025	Reception Trip to the Post box to deliver Letters to Santa
Tues 9 th Dec 2025	Nursery Tumble Christmas Sing-along- 9am School Hall
Weds 10 th Dec 2025	Behaviour Curriculum Coffee Morning- 9am in the School Hall
Weds 10 th Dec 2025	Nativity performance, Lights, Camel, Action! - 2pm
Thurs 11 th Dec 2025	Friends of Summerswood- The Great Summerswood Christmas Bake off
Thurs 11 th Dec 2025	Nativity performance, Lights, Camel, Action! Thursday 11th December- 9.15am
Fri 12 th Dec 2025	Friends of Summerswood- Christmas Jumper day
Fri 12 th Dec 2025	Friends of Summerswood- Christmas Fair
Mon 15 th Dec 2025	Reception Rosen's Christmas Sing-a-Long- 9am School Hall
Tues 16 th Dec 2025	Years 3-6 Christmas Dinner (Reception and years 1-2 School/ Home Packed lunch day)
Tues 16 th Dec 2025	KS2 Carol Concert-4.45pm-5.15pm
Weds 17 th Dec 2025	Reception and Years 1-2 Christmas Dinner Day (Years 3-6 School/ Home Packed lunch day)
Thurs 18 th Dec 2025	Reception Peter Pan sing-along 9-9.30am
Thurs 18 th Dec 2025	Friends of Summerswood- Christmas Raffle
Thurs 18 th Dec 2025	Last Day of term for Nursery only
Fri 19 th Dec 2025	Last day of Term - School finishes at 1.30pm
Mon 22 nd Dec 2025 -Fri 2 nd Jan 2026 (inclusive)	Half Term
Mon 5 th Jan 2026	INSET DAY – No pupils in school
Tues 6 th Jan 2026	Start of Spring Term 1
Thurs 22 nd Jan 2025	Friends of Summerswood PTA Year 4 Cake Sale and Preloved Uniform Sale
Thurs 12 th Feb 2026	Disco- Friendship- time TBC
Fri 13 th Feb 2026	School finishes at normal times for Half Term
Mon 16 th Feb – Fri 20 th Feb 2026 (inclusive)	Half Term
Mon 23 rd February 2025	Start of Spring Term 2
Thurs 26 th Feb 2025	Friends of Summerswood PTA Year 3 Cake Sale and Preloved Uniform Sale
Thurs 12 th Mar 2025	Friends of Summerswood PTA Year 2 Cake Sale and Preloved Uniform Sale:
Weds 25 th March 2026	Parents evening 3.30pm-6.30pm

Thurs 26th Mar 2026	Parents evening 4pm-7pm
Thurs 26th Mar 2026	Last day of Term for Nursery
Fri 27th Mar 2026	Last day of Term - School finishes at 1.30pm
Mon 30th Mar-Fri 10th Apr 2026 (Inclusive)	Half Term
Mon 13th Apr 2026	INSET DAY – No pupils in School
Tues 14th Apr 2026	Start of Summer Term 1
Mon 4th May 2026	BANK HOLIDAY
Thurs 21st May 2025	Friends of Summerswood PTA Year 1 Cake Sale and Preloved Uniform Sale
Fri 22nd May 2026	School finishes at normal times for Half Term
Mon 25th May – Fri 29th May (inclusive)	Half Term
Mon 1st Jun 2026	Start of Summer Term 2
Thurs 4th Jun 2026	Disco- Summer Ball- time TBC
Fri 26th Jun 2026	INSET DAY – No pupils in school
Thurs 9th Jul 2026	Friends of Summerswood PTA Early Years Cake Sale and Preloved Uniform Sale
Weds 22nd Jul 2026	Last day of Term for Nursery
Thurs 23rd Jul 2026	Last day of Term - School finishes at 1.30pm

THE FRIENDS OF SUMMERSWOOD
Great Christmas
BAKE OFF

Bake and decorate 12 Christmas themed cupcakes which will be judged. Prizes for best bakes from each key stage and best staff bake.

JUDGES:
 Deputy Town Mayor Tushar Kumar,
 Councillor Parveen Rani and Abbi R from Roaming Roost.



**THURSDAY
 11TH
 DECEMBER
 2PM**

All bakes will be sold by the PTA during the Christmas Fair to raise funds for the school



**Friends of Summerswood
 Christmas Hamper Raffle**

Roll up, roll up... it's your chance to win!
 Help us raise money whilst having the opportunity of winning a prize yourself!

Dress Down Day Thursday 27th November
 Send your child in with a luxury gift (such as a bottle of wine, a box of mince pies or chocolates, a tin of biscuits, a bottle of bubble bath) or make a £2 donation on School Gateway.

Please only donate unopened luxury items within sell-by date end January 31.

We will then turn your generous donations into incredible hampers, just in time for Christmas!

Hamper Raffle draw date: Thursday 18th December
 Tickets are £1 each, purchase via School Gateway between Tuesday 2nd December - Wed 17th Dec. (Purchase as many tickets as you wish)




**Friends of Summerswood PTA
 Christmas Fair**

**FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER
 3.30PM - 6PM**

Santas Grotto • Tombola • Hot Dogs •
 Ice Cream • Children's Funfair • Cake Stall •
 Preloved Uniform Stall • Glitter Tattoos •
 Christmas Photo Booth • Choir •
 Hot Chocolates • Craft Stalls




THE FRIENDS OF SUMMERSWOOD

Christmas Jumper Day

**Friday 12th December
 (Christmas Fair Date)**

Children to wear uniform and a Christmas Jumper or Jumper of choice for a donation of a box of mince pies, tube of toothpaste or pack of baby wipes which will go towards Gratitude's Christmas Collections for the Homeless.






Beezee is delighted to share with you all our healthy lifestyle tips and recipes through our Advent Calendar which begins today! 1st December. Families can click on each day for a fun way to stay healthy this month.

<https://hrt.maximusuk.co.uk/advent-calendar/>

What's On St Albans & Hertsmere



For session descriptions, including guidance on the age of the child attending please scroll down to the bottom of the page.

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday

Thursday
Friday
Saturday

MONDAY

Active Rhyme Time - Little Herts Session - Chargeable drop in, £2.50 per family
St Mary's Church, Marshalsea, AL4 9QA
Weekly 10.00 - 11.00 (not on 29th Dec, 6th Apr)

SEND Chat and Play - Free drop in
The BECC Family Centre, Borehamwood, WD6 2FD
Weekly 10.00 - 11.00 (not on 6th Apr)
SEND Family Fun 29th Dec, 16th Feb, 30th Mar 10.00 - 11.30

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FREE Courses & Workshops for Parents

Courses

Courses: Phone 07512 709 556 to book

6-Weeks	Location	ID	Dates 2026	Day	Time
Talking Additional Needs	Online	797	6th Jan to 10th Feb	Tue	8.00-9.30pm
Talking Additional Needs	Online	796	3rd Feb to 17th Mar	Tue	9.45-11.15am
Talking Families	Online	799	8th Jan to 12th Feb	Thu	8.00-9.30pm
Talking Families	Online	798	5th Feb to 19th Mar	Thu	9.45-11.15am
Talking Families	Online	800	5th Feb to 19th Mar	Thu	8.00-9.30pm
Talking Anxiety in Families	Online	801	4th Feb to 18th Mar	Wed	9.45-11.30am
Talking Teens	Online	804	5th Jan to 9th Feb	Mon	7.45-9.15pm
Talking Teens	St Albans	802	4th Feb to 18th Mar	Wed	7.00-9.00pm
Talking Teens	Online	803	5th Feb to 19th Mar	Thu	7.45-9.15pm
Talking Anger in Teens	Online	805	6th Jan to 10th Feb	Tue	7.45-9.30pm
Talking Dads	Online	806	7th Jan to 11th Feb	Wed	7.45-9.15pm
Talking Dads	Online	807	2nd Feb to 16th Mar	Mon	7.45-9.15pm

Parents can book by phoning **07512 709556**

Or email bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk

Please include your phone number as we cannot book a place without speaking to you.

MORE HISTORY TO MAKE
Together.

The Wood
The Exiles

Sunday 7 December // 14:30
Mangata Developments Stadium Meadow Park
Emirates FA Cup Second Round Proper

FARMERS & CRAFT CHRISTMAS MARKET
at **FAIRWAY HALL**

Sunday 7th December • 11:00am – 5:00pm

A Festive Day for the Whole Family!

- Meet Santa in his Grotto – bring your little ones for a special Christmas memory!
- Market Stalls – handmade gifts, local crafts, decorations & produce
- Hot Food & Festive Drinks – savoury bites, sweet treats, and mulled delights
- Live Music – enjoy seasonal tunes and performances throughout the day

Free Entry • Family Friendly • All Welcome!

Fairway Hall,
Brook Close, WD6 5BT

Online Course

strengthening families strengthening communities

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?

- 6 online sessions
- 6 group discussions
- Certificate on completion

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...

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

Find out more or register for the course by scanning the QR code or emailing us at: sfscparent@racefound.org.uk

Stronger Relationships Online Course
For parents and other adult carers living together or apart

- 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?

- 6 online sessions
- 6 group discussions
- Certificate on completion

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

- Speak to a course expert and get answers to some of the questions you might have
- Talk about how the strategies are going at home and how to adjust them for you
- Address other difficulties relating to your relationships
- Hear from others about what works for them

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SUPER STAR SPORT

WINTER CAMP

22ND DECEMBER
CHRISTMAS CRAFTS & CREATIONS
 A festive creative day making ornaments, decorations, Christmas cards, snowflakes and more!

23RD DECEMBER
CHRISTMAS FANCY DRESS TALENT SHOW
 Children can come in festive or fun fancy dress and share their talents — singing, dancing, jokes, magic tricks and more!

29TH DECEMBER
SANTA'S SPORTS DAY
 Festive relays, reindeer races, snowball dodgeball and Christmas-themed team challenges!

30TH DECEMBER
FESTIVE BAKE-OFF FUN
 Cookie decorating, simple no-heat festive treats and lots of tasty Christmas fun!

31ST DECEMBER
NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE PARTY
 A high-energy celebration with music, dancing, party games and fun to ring in the New Year!

2ND JANUARY
NEW YEAR COMPETITIONS & CHALLENGES DAY
 We kick off the year with exciting competitions, team challenges, skill games and friendly contests to start 2026 with energy and smiles!

SUPER STAR SPORT

WINTER CAMP

SUMMERSWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL
 FURZEHILL RD, BOREHAMWOOD WD6 2DW

22ND DEC - 2ND JAN

WEEK 1 - MONDAY 22ND AND TUESDAY 23RD DECEMBER
 WEEK 2 - MONDAY 29TH AND TUESDAY 30TH DECEMBER + NEW YEAR EVE (HALF DAY ONLY 8:45AM-1PM)
 WEEK 3 - FRIDAY 2ND JANUARY

YEAR 1-6
 8:45AM-3:30PM
 FULL DAYS AVAILABLE
 £24.50

RECEPTION
 8:45AM-12:30PM
 OR 12:30-3:30PM
 HALF DAY ONLY
 £14

ALL 6 DATES
 £123

NEW YEAR'S EVE (HALF DAY ONLY)
 8:30AM EARLY DROP OFF £3 | 5PM LATE PICK UP £7

SNOWBALL SPORTS & WINTER GAMES
 CHRISTMAS ARTS & CRAFTS
 SANTA'S WORKSHOP CHALLENGES
 CHRISTMAS PARTY & FANCY DRESS DAY
 JINGLE BELL DANCE & GYMNASTICS

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