



Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Dear Summerswood families,

### **Good bye and thank you**

At the end of this term, we will be saying goodbye to three of our wonderful members of staff, Mrs Parsons, Mrs Rostron and Mrs Tester. All three ladies have been with Summerswood for many years and will be very missed by pupils, staff and families. Thank you very much for all of your hard work and dedication over all of the years. We will miss you.



### **Lights, Camel- Action!**



A huge well done to Year 1 and Year 2 for their amazing Nativity performance, Lights, Camel, Action. The children worked hard to put on a brilliant show. The speaking was so clear, and the singing and actions were fantastic. Thank you to everyone who came to watch and support the children, we are very proud of them!

## Hamper Raffle

You can purchase tickets for the **Friends of Summerswood Christmas Hamper Raffle up until Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**. The draw will be on Thursday 18th December. There are lots of lovely hampers up for grabs. The first prize is a Boots No 7 hamper worth more than £300! We also have lovely hampers donated by Gratitude and Morrisons. Tickets can be purchased as a single ticket or in books of 5 or 10 from your School Gateway account.



## Great Summerswood Christmas Bake off

There were some great entries for this Years 2025 Great Summerswood Christmas Bake Off. Well done everyone who took part. The judges this year were Deputy Town Mayor Tushar Kumar, Councilor Parveen Rani, Miss Justyna and Mrs Rozentals from Roaming Roast. The winners are:



**Early Years Winner:**  
Maya Peter Pan Class

**Years 1, 2 & 3 Winner:**  
David 3R

**Years 4, 5 & 6 Winner:**  
Danielius 4Q

**Staff Winner:**

Miss Bowles

### Attendance- Week ending 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Reception Rosen	97.2%	3 Rashford	96.2%
Reception Peter Pan	81.5%	4 Thunberg	93.7%
1 Anning	100%	4 Queen	95.6%
1 Donaldson	94%	5 Southgate	100%
2 Attenborough	94%	5 Boseman	90.6%
2 Johnson	94.6%	6 Malala	91.6%
3 Wicks	91.6%	6 Obama	90.9%

Apologies, we made an error with the figures for week ending 28<sup>th</sup> November and 1D actually achieved 100% attendance for that week! Both 1A and 5S achieved 100% attendance week ending 5<sup>th</sup> December. On **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December both year 1 classes and 5S will be allowed to come inn to school in their own clothes! Well done Year1 and 5S!**

### 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:

**“Acknowledging that you need help shows courage and self-awareness, not failure or weakness”**



- We look forward to seeing our families at the Friends of Summerswood Christmas Fair from 3.30-6pm this evening! Please see the poster below
- **Last day of term Please note that school finishes at 1.30pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December for the Christmas break.**
- **School Dinner days are next week:**

-Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December: Years 3-6 Christmas Dinner (Reception and years 1-2 School/ Home Packed lunch day)

-Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December: Reception and Years 1-2 Christmas Dinner Day (Years 3-6 School/ Home Packed lunch day)

**The children can wear Christmas jumpers on their Christmas dinner days.**

Kind Regards

Kathryn Mitchell

Acting Headteacher

# IMPORTANT DATES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2025	Friends of Summerswood- Christmas Fair
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2025	Reception Rosen's Christmas Sing-a-Long- <b>9am School Hall</b>
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2025	Years 3-6 Christmas Dinner (Reception and years 1-2 School/ Home Packed lunch day)
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2025	KS2 Carol Concert-4.45pm-5.15pm
Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2025	Reception and Years 1-2 Christmas Dinner Day (Years 3-6 School/ Home Packed lunch day)
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2025	Reception Peter Pan sing-along 9-9.30am
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2025	Friends of Summerswood- Christmas Raffle
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2025	Last Day of term for Nursery only
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2025	Last day of Term - School finishes at 1.30pm
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec 2025 -Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan 2026 (inclusive)	Half Term
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2026	INSET DAY – No pupils in school
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2026	Start of Spring Term 1
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan 2025	Friends of Summerswood PTA Year 4 Cake Sale and Preloved Uniform Sale
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2026	Disco- Friendship- time TBC
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2026	School finishes at normal times for Half Term
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2026 (inclusive)	Half Term
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2025	Start of Spring Term 2
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2025	Friends of Summerswood PTA Year 3 Cake Sale and Preloved Uniform Sale
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2025	Friends of Summerswood PTA Year 2 Cake Sale and Preloved Uniform Sale:
Weds 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Parents evening <b>3.30pm-6.30pm</b>
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2026	Parents evening <b>4pm-7pm</b>
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2026	Last day of Term for Nursery
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2026	Last day of Term - School finishes at 1.30pm
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar-Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2026 (Inclusive)	Half Term
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> 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	<b>Last day of Term - School finishes at 1.30pm</b>



**NEW THIS ACADEMIC YEAR**  
**SEND Online Support Network**

Are you the parent / carer of a child / young person with SEND?

We are very excited to announce a new online group for parents/carers to meet, network and get advice. 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. We can also provide signposting support to local and national services.

All of our information is also on our website where you can also subscribe to our calendar of events

[Hertsmere School Partnership](#)

The next online meeting will be on

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

Please click on the following link: [Teams Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 316 655 478 244 5

Passcode: dM3nQ6BB

**9.30am – 10.30am**

**The meeting link is the same for each date.**

Please join us for an informal chat from the comfort of your home or on the go. Feel free to share this link with others who have children in a Hertsmere school. No need to book, just log on.

Please note: This meeting will be a supportive atmosphere, where people can share their situation, thoughts and feelings with others. Please be kind, supportive and respectful to others at all times.

Please contact [send@hertsmerepartnership.herts.sch.uk](mailto:send@hertsmerepartnership.herts.sch.uk) if you would like further information.

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by maximus

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**Start small, start now!**

Sign up to one of our free healthy lifestyle services today to kickstart your health goals for 2026 and beyond.

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**SUPER STAR SPORT**

# WINTER CAMP

**SUMMERSWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
WINDYBUSH RD, BUCKINGHAM, MK18 2JL

**22<sup>ND</sup> DEC - 2<sup>ND</sup> JAN**

WEEK 1: MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> DEC - THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> DEC  
 WEEK 2: FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> DEC - MONDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> DEC  
 WEEK 3: TUESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> DEC - THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JAN

FROM 4.95  
 BOOKING FEE 1.00  
 (ALL INCLUSIVE)  
 10:00 - 12:00

ACTIVITIES  
 INCLUDE: 10 GAMES  
 OF TABLE TENNIS  
 100% ALL YEAR  
 100%

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 Visit [www.superstarsport.co.uk](http://www.superstarsport.co.uk)  
 Go to "Book Now" & select your club!

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**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 £1 donation on School Gateway.

Please only donate unopened luxury items until **sat-by date end January 26.**

We will then have your generous donations into our festive hamper, just in time for Christmas!

**Hamper Raffle draw date: Thursday 28th December**  
 Prizes are £1 worth of purchases via School Gateway between Tuesday 1st December - Wed 17th Dec. (Purchase via money orders for after that)

**Friends of Summerswood PTA Christmas Fair**

**FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> 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, tubs of toothpaste or pack of baby wipes which will go towards Gratitude Christmas Collections for the Homeless.

# Rucksack

## Early Years Autism Programme for Families

Early  
Years  
Service  
Hertfordshire County Council

### About:

This course is designed specifically for parents/carers of autistic children or children on the autism pathway. It aims to provide you with the essential knowledge, practical strategies and valuable resources to support both you and your child in navigating everyday life.

Week 1: Understanding Autism  
Week 2: Sensory  
Week 3: Communication

Week 4: Play and Social Interaction  
Week 5: Emotional Wellbeing and Behaviour  
Week 6: Using My Rucksack



To self register an interest in the Spring 2026 course starting end of Jan 2026, scan the QR code or click the link and fill in the registration form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/8BkjzexnF?origin=lprLink>

### Parent feedback from 2025 Rucksack sessions



I found all elements of the session relevant and valuable. Each part contributed to a better understanding of the topic and kept me engaged throughout.

The entire session was truly amazing and packed with valuable information. Every part of it offered useful insights, and I found the discussions particularly engaging. It was a great opportunity to deepen my understanding and gain new perspectives. I appreciate the effort that went into making the session so informative and enjoyable.

Yes, I think it's a great chance to meet other parents going through similar struggles and a safe space to not feel judged or misunderstood.

Today's session gave me a better understanding of why my son experiences and reacts to things the way he does, and how he sees and perceives the world. It helped me make sense of his behaviours, and I now feel more equipped to support and care for him in ways that truly meet his needs. I feel more understanding and confident in how I can help.

*It was a great session, full of valuable information on communication. I really appreciated the dedication of the ladies who answered our questions and shared so many helpful examples.*

Contact: [EarlyYearsTraining@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:EarlyYearsTraining@hertfordshire.gov.uk) to find out more.

