



NEWSLETTER

APRIL 24TH 2026



Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday 29th April

2J Class Assembly @ 9am in the Hall

News from Miss Kneller

It's been another positive week at school, and we have continued working hard on the improvements needed to ensure Summerswood is the very best place for learning for our families and our community.

This week, staff have been focusing on our behaviour policy and how we consistently put it into practice. At times, this means having difficult conversations with parents about incidents at school. Please be assured that these discussions are always held with the best interests of the children at heart.

Our aim is to support every child in understanding that mistakes are part of learning. Taking responsibility, being honest, and making positive changes moving forward are important steps in personal growth.

If you ever have any worries or concerns, please do speak to your child's class teacher or teaching assistant. You can also contact staff via email or reach the school office at admin@summerswood.herts.sch.uk.

Thank you, and have a wonderful weekend!

Miss Kneller

House Points Total:

Elstree: 312

MGM: 251

Pinewood: 170

Shepperton: 150

ATTENDANCE

Week ending April 24th

Whole school attendance: 95.5%

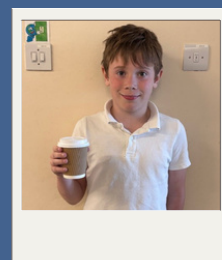
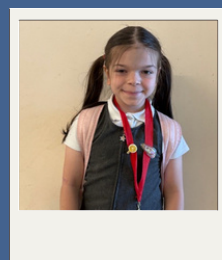
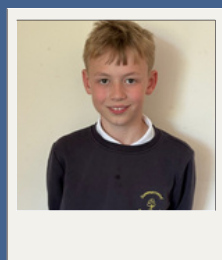
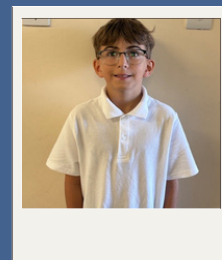
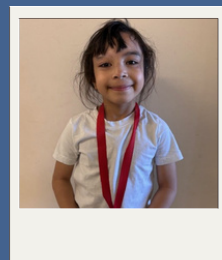
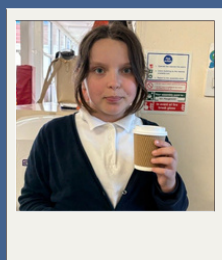
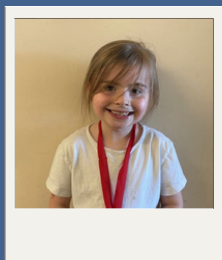
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91.4%	93.9%	89.6%	97.7%	97.3%	94.4%	95.7%

3W	4Q	4T	5B	5S	6M	6O
100%	98.1%	95.6%	96.2%	98.4%	97.5%	93.9%



SUMMERSWOOD SUPERSTARS

Congratulations to this week's Summerswood Superstars!!



Year 1 - Siva
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 Year 2 - Sapphire
 Year 4 - Freddie
 Year 6 - Emanuele

YEAR GROUP SPOTLIGHT: YEAR 1

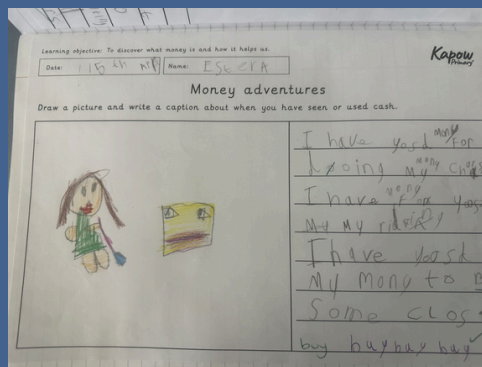
English – This week in English, Year 1 have been working with the story Little Red and the Hungry Lion by Alex T Smith. The children have been learning to recognise verbs and adjectives in the text and to include these in their own pieces of writing. They have written their own character descriptions based on what they have learnt about the characters from the story. We have also learnt about and used suffixes in our writing this week.

Maths – In maths this week, we have been looking at equal groups. The children have learnt to identify how many are in one group and how to share them equally between two groups. We have focused on using our stem sentences to support our understanding: 4 sweets shared equally between 2 groups equals 2 in each group.

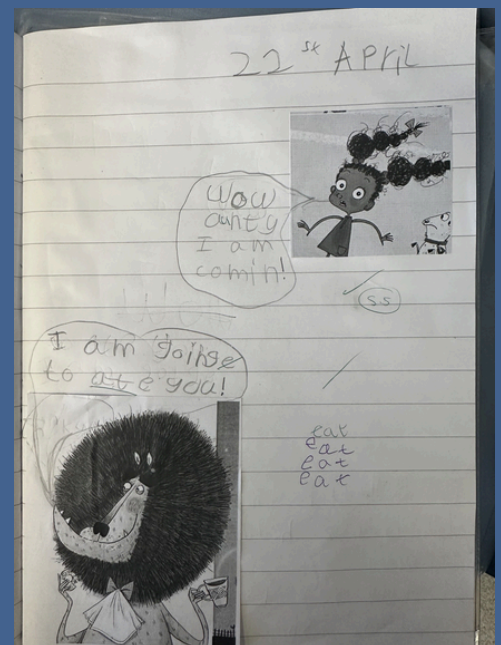
Science – This week in science, we have continued our learning about the different seasons and the changes we see around us, with a particular focus on the changes we see during spring.

Ms Samson and Ms Otugo

PSHE - ESTERA ID



ENGLISH - REGGIE ID



SCIENCE RAIN GAUGES



PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS



This week in our Pathway to Success lessons, the children have been focusing on the importance of rules in team games such as football and basketball. We discussed how rules help games stay fair, safe and enjoyable for everyone involved. We have also focused on the importance of respect and positive behaviour choices when playing.

The children explored what might happen if rules were not in place. They were able to reflect on how following agreed rules helps everyone feel included and able to enjoy the game.

This lesson is a timely reminder as the weather (hopefully!) begins to improve and children are spending more time outside playing team games.

Mrs Young

SHELTERING IN PLACE PRACTISE

This week, we carried out our planned “shelter in place” rehearsal across the school, which we had previously shared with parents.

We are incredibly proud of how well the children and staff responded. Everyone approached the rehearsal with maturity and focus, and it was clear that the children understood the importance of following instructions carefully.

As this is a procedure we are less familiar with, there are a few small areas we will continue to refine. We will practise this again over the coming months to ensure everyone feels confident and prepared.

Thank you to all our parents and carers for your support, particularly in discussing this with your children in advance. Your cooperation and communication play a vital role in helping us carry out these procedures smoothly and effectively.

Miss Mitchell



SEE YOU SOON MRS SHAHEED

Today we say a 'See you soon!' to Mrs Shaheed as she begins her maternity leave.

We would like to thank her for all the care, dedication and enthusiasm she has given to Year 4. She has made a wonderful impact on the children, and she will be greatly missed by both pupils and staff.

We know the children join us in wishing Mrs Shaheed all the very best as she starts this exciting new chapter. We send our warmest congratulations and hope she enjoys a happy and healthy maternity leave. We look forward to meeting her new arrival in due course.

We are also pleased to share that Ms Sami has now joined the Year 4 team and has already settled in brilliantly. Thank you to all of the children for the warm welcome they have shown—your kindness and positivity have made a real difference.

We wish Mrs Shaheed and her baby every happiness and send them our very best wishes.

DIVERSITY WEEK – WEEK COMMENCING 18TH MAY

We are excited to celebrate Diversity Week at Summerswood! During this week, we will be recognising and celebrating the richness of living in Great Britain, while also exploring and appreciating the many countries, cultures, and languages represented within our school community. Did you know that 48% of our families speak another language at home?

We would love for parents and carers to get involved. If you are available, we would be delighted for you to come into school to read a story to your child's class—particularly in your home language. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to experience and celebrate different cultures and languages.

We are also looking for volunteers who may be willing to teach a short lesson or share a few words in their home language. Helping children understand and value inclusion—especially for those who speak English as an additional language—is incredibly important to us.

If you would like to take part, please speak to your child's class teacher or come and find me on the playground.

Miss Kneller

YEAR 4 AND 6 SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS

On Monday, children from Year 4 and 6 competed in the Sportshall Athletics Competition at Yavneh. They took part in both track and field races. All children showed absolute great sportsmanship and teamwork cheering each other on for their events.

Year 4 came 1st place. Year 6 boys and girls also came 1st place where they will now progress to the Partnership Finals on the 20th May.

They all worked very hard and did the school proud. Well done!



CAR PARKING

We kindly remind all parents, carers, and visitors that anyone with permission to use the school car park must park in a designated parking space. Parking along the railings is not permitted, as it can obstruct access and create safety concerns. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep the school environment safe and accessible for everyone.









April



Summerswood Monthly Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	1	2	3	4
←			Half-Term	→		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
←			Half-Term	→		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	INSET DAY	 Start of Summer Term	 3W Class Assembly			
19	20	21	25	23	24	25
	Year 4 and 6 Sportshall Athletics @ Yavneh		 2A Class Assembly			
26	27	28	29	30		
			 2J Class Assembly			

Enjoy your weekend, stay safe and see you next week!

Groups and workshops

Summer 2026



Bringing Up Confident ADHD/ASD Children (6 weeks) Online group

Thursday 14th May to 25th June, 7pm - 9pm

If your child has ADHD/ASD, or you think they might, join our online 6-week group where you will receive support from other parents and gain a comprehensive understanding of ADHD/ASD and learn strategies to improve life at home and at school.

Less Shouting, More Cooperation (6 weeks) Online group

Wednesday 13th May to 24th June, 7pm - 9pm | Monday 1st June to 6th July 9.30am to 11.30am

Do you feel you are constantly nagging or shouting at your child to get what you need? Are you tired of losing your cool and want a calmer house? Join our free online 6-week group to learn how you can change the way you communicate with your child, respond better, and feel more in control.

Getting on with your Pre Teen / Teen (6 weeks) Online group

Friday 5th June to 10th July, 9.30am to 11.30am

Is your teen feeling anxious or isolated? Are you concerned about their mental health and struggling to get help? Join our free online 6-week online group to learn how parents can best emotionally support their teen and feel confident and prepared for whatever challenges might arise.

Sibling Rivalry Online Workshop

(Date to be confirmed)

This workshop provides parents/carers with practical strategies and tools to effectively foster positive sibling relationships, promote cooperation and manage conflicts between children.

Reducing Conflict Online Workshop

(Date to be confirmed)

This workshop is for parents/carers struggling with conflict within their family life and provides tools to promote a cooperative and collaborative approach to resolving the conflict.

Anxiety around ADHD Online Workshop

(Date to be confirmed)

This workshop helps parents/carers understand what ADHD is, why it makes sense for a child to be anxious if they have ADHD, strategies to help support you and your child, plus signposting to other support that is available.

All our programmes provide support, information and resources to parents/carers and adult family members in Hertfordshire so they can help their children reach their full potential. For more information about our programmes, please contact **Louise** on **0204 522 8700/8701** or email services@familylives.org.uk or scan the QR code for our online form.



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Could you be a young carer?

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WELCOME

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Support for the whole family

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Additional support

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- Meet other young carers
- If you're eligible for free school meals, you can get discounts with a **Herts Card**
- Free activity camps in school holidays - **HAPPY Camps**

How to get support

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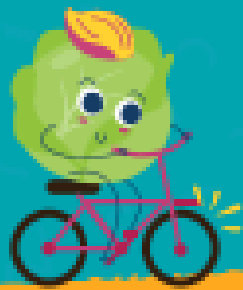
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Date:

Wednesday 29 April 2026

Time:

5pm - 7pm

Venue:

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