



# NEWSLETTER

JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup> 2026



## Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June

Reception Peter Pan Class Assembly in the Hall @ 9am

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## House Points Total:

Elstree: 168

MGM: 210

Pinewood: 200

Shepperton: 216

## News from Miss Kneller

Thank you to everyone who helped with the disco. It was wonderful to see the children enjoying themselves so much.

Just a reminder to parents that only staff and Friends of Summerswood volunteers are on site during these events as part of our safeguarding procedures.

Thank you for your continued support.

#WoodFest is Coming!

Thank you for supporting us with our upcoming collection dates. We would be very grateful for:

- Clean teddies (one per child would be fantastic)
- Unwanted toys and gifts
- Bottles

Your donations help make WoodFest a great success. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Miss Kneller

# ATTENDANCE

Week ending June 4<sup>th</sup>

Whole school attendance: 92.2%

R PP	RR	1A	1D	2A	2J	3R
84.2%	97.3%	94%	94.5%	96%	85%	100%

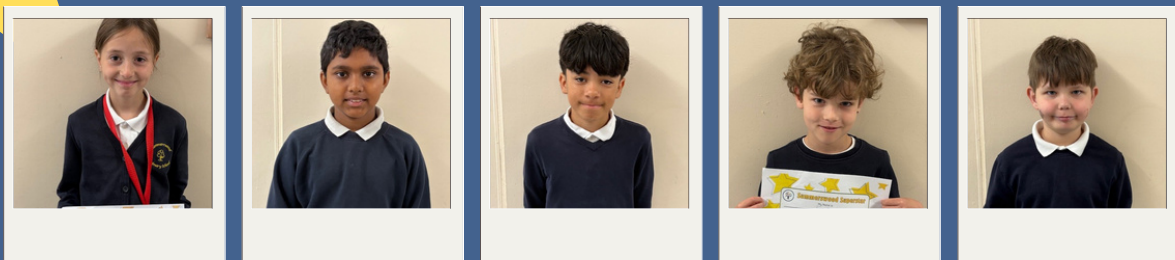
3W	4Q	4T	5B	5S	6M	6O
88%	92.2%	98.4%	92.3%	95.3%	88.8%	88.3%

100% attendance reward is additional play time not non-school uniform.

1D - Jhordan  
3R - Rahel  
6O - Victor

## SUMMERSWOOD SUPERSTARS

Congratulations to this week's Summerswood Superstars!!





## PATHWAY TO SUCCESS

In our Pathway to Success sessions this week, we have been focusing on the importance of purposeful and safe play. Play is a vital part of children's development and learning, and we are exploring ways to further enhance our lunchtime provision so that pupils feel engaged, fulfilled and able to use their energy in positive and constructive ways.

To support this, Miss McNamara has introduced some exciting new play zones during lunchtime. Children have particularly enjoyed the tyre play area and dressing up and performing on the stage at the top end of the playground. Over the coming weeks, we will be introducing even more equipment and activities for the children to enjoy. Thank you to everyone who has donated equipment. Your generosity helps make these opportunities possible and is greatly appreciated.

Mrs Young

## MR JOLLEY

Congratulations to Mr Jolley, who was honoured at the weekend with the Senior Referee of the Year Award in the Mid Herts Youth League. This is a fantastic achievement and a well-deserved recognition of his dedication, professionalism, and contribution to youth football.



## CELEBRATING ALESSIA'S OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT!



We are delighted to share some fantastic news about one of our talented pupils, Alessia, who has been competing in the All England Dance Semi-Finals.

Alessia successfully achieved an amazing set of results: 8 first-place finishes, 1 second place, and 1 third place!

Alessia is absolutely delighted with her achievements, and we are incredibly proud of her dedication, hard work, and success. Her determination and commitment have truly paid off, and her accomplishments are an inspiration to all.

Please join us in congratulating Alessia on this remarkable accomplishment. We look forward to hearing about her future successes!



## WOODFEST RAFFLE PRIZE DONATIONS

Mrs Brown is on the lookout for great raffle prizes for Woodfest. If you know a business who would like to make a donation, or if you have any suggestions for great prizes, please email Mrs Brown: [v.brown@summerswood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:v.brown@summerswood.herts.sch.uk)



# June



## Summerswood Monthly Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 	2	3	4  Summer Ball Disco	5	6
7	8	9	10  RPP Class Assembly	11	12	13
14	15	16	17  RR Class Assembly	18	19 Non - Uniform Day Wear red for Noah's Ark.	20
21	22	23	24  Nursery Class Assembly	25  Bring a Bottle - Woodfest	26 INSET DAY - No students in school	27
28	29  Rock Kidz Y1 Trip to Zoo 	30				

**PNS**

PAN NATION  
STEEL  
ORCHESTRA

**FREE  
ENTRY!**

**20TH  
JUNE  
2026**

**12PM-8PM**

**LORDSHIP  
RECREATIONAL  
GROUND**  
N17 6NU

JOIN PAN NATION AS  
WE CELEBRATE OUR  
10TH BLOCKORAMA

HONOURING  
CARIBBEAN CULTURE  
AND BRINGING THE  
COMMUNITY  
TOGETHER

# BLOCKORAMA '26



**STEEL PAN MUSIC FESTIVAL**

## 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

SPECIAL GUEST BANDS  
**PANTONIC &  
ENDURANCE**

HOST & DJ  
**MARTIN  
JAY**

*PLUS*

**MARKET  
STALLS**

**BAR**

**CARIBBEAN  
FOOD**

  
**People  
Parks**

  
**COMMUNITY  
FUND**

WITH SPECIAL THANKS TO

**Haringey**  
LONDON

  
**PPL  
PRS**

# INFORMATION AND ADVICE ABOUT EMOTIONALLY BASED SCHOOL NON-ATTENDANCE (EBSNA) FOR FAMILIES

EBSNA can affect children and young people of any school age. It can happen as a result of a wide range of different factors – home, wider family, community, school, friendships – often a combination of some or all of these.

## WHY COULD MY CHILD BE ANXIOUS?

Anxieties can stem from a number of things such as:

- An unmet special educational need such as autism, ADHD, dyslexia or dyspraxia
- Friendship issues, not 'fitting in', or bullying
- Finding schoolwork confusing and overwhelming
- Separation anxiety
- Trauma
- Bereavement
- Low self-esteem
- The environment itself - especially for those who are autistic and/or neurodivergent



A child might become anxious about school at any stage. It can occur when children start school or transition into secondary school, or it might be related to puberty or hormonal changes. Read more on the [Local Offer website](#).

## WHAT ARE THE WARNING SIGNS

- ? Can you spot patterns in your child's absence from school, e.g. certain days/activities?
- ? Does your child regularly say they don't want to go to school, or reluctant/delaying going to school?
- ? Does your child struggle with changes to environment, routine or stimulus?
- ? Are there physical symptoms on school days e.g. tummy aches, feeling sick, headaches?

(NB please always check with a GP to rule out any medical cause or illness).



## WHAT TO DO

- 👍 Ask for a meeting with your child's school involving someone who knows your child e.g. class teacher, pastoral lead, SENCo. Be prepared by taking along any notes about the things your child finds difficult.
- 👍 Work together with school to build a child centred plan that understands the underlying problems which are making your child feel anxious about going to school. This could include adjustments to help your child access their education. There are tools which can help such as [Hertfordshire's EBSNA Framework](#).
- 👍 Include your child's voice in any plan as they are more likely to be able to stick to it. Check in after a while and review it with your school to see what is working well and what is not.
- 👍 Do advocate for your child's needs but also understand the limitations as to what your school might be able to do.
- 👍 If the agreed strategies are not working, speak again with your school to identify other services and professionals that might be able to support your child. The [Herts Hub](#) has a wealth of mental health signposting and ideas for early help.



## STRATEGIES TO TRY AT HOME

- ✓ Develop a plan for the evenings, which can include calming activities before bedtime e.g. gentle music, bath, story or reading.
- ✓ Also plan for the morning, and where possible get things ready for the next day the night before (school bag, lunch box etc).
- ✓ Make a diary which includes your child's worries and also identifies positives and what works well.
- ✓ Respond with empathy whilst encouraging small, manageable steps.
- ✓ Visual timetables at home and school might also help.

## REMEMBER...

- 🕒 With the right plan in place, being in school supports your child's academic progress, social development and mental wellbeing.
- 🕒 Small steps are often big wins.
- 🕒 ...also ensure that you find ways to support your own wellbeing in the process.