



Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025

Dear Families,

### **Staying Safe Assembly**

This week I spoke to the children about a difficult topic – keeping ourselves safe. We discussed the different types of abuse that can happen to children – physical, emotional, sexual and neglect. We also discussed child-on-child abuse which is these things happening to children by other children. These were done in a very age-appropriate way. We discussed that these things do happen to children around the country and the world and we must tell them about it so we can keep those safe who may be in difficulty. We want our children to be confident to speak up if something is happening to them or a friend. We discussed that children can speak to safe and trusted adults at school and at home as well as using Child Line 0800 1111 <https://www.childline.org.uk> to speak to someone outside of this network. I didn't enjoy sharing this information with the children, but I do feel it is a duty to share information as the stats show that far too many children experience abuse.



### **Attendance Week ending 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

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93%	93.7%	100% 🌟	97.6%	95.45%	96.8%	97%

3Wicks	4Queen	4Thunberg	5Boseman	5Southgate	6Malala	6Obama
94.2%	99.2%	97.1%	94%	94.4%	95.4%	93.3%

Well done to 1A, who achieved 100% attendance this week! The children in 1A will be able to come in to school in their own clothes on Monday.

When reporting your child's absence, please call 0208 953 3139- and use option 1 to leave a voicemail or option 2 to speak to the School Office Team. Alternatively, please email [attendance@summerswood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@summerswood.herts.sch.uk)

## Voice in a Million

On Wednesday, Summerswood were part of a team of 6000 singers at Wembley's OVO arena. They sang, they danced, they had the most wonderful experience. Mrs Bret  ch   and Miss McNamara have been teaching them the dance moves and songs since September – it was wonderful to see the children from years 4 to 6 enjoying all their hard work come to fruition. Thank you to the team of staff who supported them. We can't wait to get ready for next year! If you like singing, dancing and being part of something special – this is definitely something for you!



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY MRS ROSTRON

Today the children helped us wish Mrs Rostron a Happy 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday! We can't believe she's 70 and we are all incredibly grateful to have her as part of our staff team. We enjoyed singing Happy Birthday to her today – we hope our birthday song brings her joy and happiness in the year ahead.



## New Website!



Ms Buckley, our new Business Manager, is organising a new website for Summerswood Primary School – one that we can see on our mobile phones and that looks a lot more modern than the one we have in place at the moment. On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March, we have a photographer spending the day in school taking photos, to be used on our website. We have a log of whether or not we have your permission to do this –so please don't worry if you've not given authorisation, your child's photograph will not be used. However, if your child does have permission, they may be in some of the photographs

we're taking – we will be choosing children who are in smart school uniform or PE kit (if Tuesday is your PE day) with their hair tied back and no jewellery. We want to show the very best of our school and look forward to sharing this with you in the Summer term.

Kind regards,

Sarah Kneller  
Headteacher

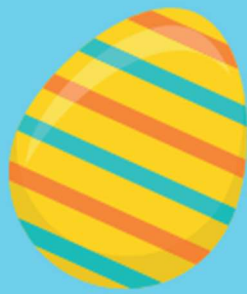
## Dates to Remember

Date	Event
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Living Eggs in the Library
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> -Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Year 6 PGL
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Photographer coming in to take photos for the website
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Great Summerswood Bake Off and Early Years Cake Sale
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	Summerswood Families Egg Hunt 3.15-4pm
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2025	Class and Year 6 individual photographs for Autograph books
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025	Last Day of Term for Nursery
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2025	"Dress like a bee" day
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2025	Last Day of Term- School finishes at 1.30pm
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	INSET DAY- No pupils in School
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025	Start of Summer Term 1
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	BANK HOLIDAY
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Early Years Cake Sale
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2025	Parent Coffee Afternoon 2.15-3pm
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025	School finishes at normal times for Half Term
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May- Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025	Start of Summer Term 2
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2025	Summerswood Sunflower Growing Challenge begins
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Parent Coffee Afternoon 2.15-3pm
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	INSET DAY- No pupils in School
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Parent Coffee Afternoon 2.15-3pm
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Summerswood Sunflower Growing Challenge- Judging
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025	Last day of Term for Nursery
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Summerswood Families

# Easter EGG HUNT



Monday 31st March 2025  
3.15pm - 4pm



£1 contribution to take  
part (bring cash)



HUNT THE HIDDEN  
CLUES, UNSCRAMBLE THE  
LETTERS AND MAKE THE  
EASTER / SPRING THEMED  
WORD TO WIN A PRIZE.



HAPPY  
HUNTING!

SUMMERSWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL,  
FURZEHILL RD, BOREHAMWOOD WD6 2DW





# DRESS LIKE A BEE!

Thursday 3rd April 2025

**Bring in £1**

**4 QUEEN ARE RAISING MONEY TO PLANT WILDFLOWERS  
AROUND THE SCHOOL FIELD.**

**THIS WILL HELP BEES HAVE A SAFE PLACE IN OUR  
SCHOOL!**

**DRESS INSPIRED BY A BEE:**



**BLACK AND YELLOW  
FLOWERS  
WINGS**





## SPACE for Families

### [SPACE for Families – SPACE Hertfordshire](#)

## Supporting families

Supporting families living in Hertfordshire raising neurodivergent children or young people is what we do. We understand the highs and the lows, the challenges and the joys because we also live with and love children and young people who are autistic and/or have ADHD.

## Opportunities for everyone

*"If you want questions answered SPACE is the place you'll get the answers...it's comforting...it gives us hope...the courses and activities are great...I'd like to say a MASSIVE THANK YOU!"*

At SPACE we believe that all families should be able to have opportunities to learn, socialise and have fun. And we know that if your family is neurodiverse, it can be difficult to find the right activities, access training courses or just have a chat with others who really get it.

We work really hard to provide all our families with opportunities they might otherwise not have. Everything we do is designed to help you navigate local services, build confidence, share knowledge and safely enjoy social opportunities and activities where you and your children and young people can 'be themselves'.

Applications are now open for our 'Understanding My Autism' & 'Understanding My ADHD' courses for children & young teens starting in April 2025.

## UNDERSTANDING MY AUTISM/ADHD

### Empowerment Course for Children and Young Teens in Hertfordshire



Join us for an online transformative 6-week group course designed to empower children and young teens with a diagnosis of ADHD or Autism. Through interactive sessions, participants will explore what being Autistic or ADHD means to them, identify strategies to support their well-being, articulate their needs, and celebrate their uniqueness.



#### COURSE DETAILS

**AUTISM SECONDARY** Tues 22/04 - 03/06 (Ages 11-13)  
**AUTISM PRIMARY** Wed 23/04 - 04/06 (Years 3-6)  
**ADHD PRIMARY** Thu 24/04 - 05/06 (Years 3-6)

 [add-vance.org/children-young-people](https://add-vance.org/children-young-people)

## UNDERSTANDING MY ADHD/AUTISM FEEDBACK FROM CHILDREN/YOUNG PEOPLE



“ I have much better self-esteem ”

“ I would give this course 5 stars ”

“ The best bit was talking to someone about ADHD and feeling heard ”

“ I would recommend this course because it helped me realise that I am not alone in this world ”

“ I know more strategies to deal with feelings ”

“ Felt more positive about my autism after week one ”

## UNDERSTANDING MY ADHD/AUTISM FEEDBACK FROM PARENTS/CARERS



“ Brilliant course! Wish this was around earlier but so glad my child had the opportunity to do this course, we both feel so pleased to have had the opportunity. Thank you ”

“ The course helped her to understand herself, establish tools to deal with issues at home, in school and in the community, as well as realise others face similar challenges. ”

“ It helped us at home to open up conversations about autism, which was difficult before due to my daughter feeling negative about her diagnosis. ”

“ My daughter so looked forward to the sessions and I really feel they helped her to feel valued and listened to. Thank you. ”



**DSPL6 & Hertsmere**

**Schools' Partnership**

## **SEND Parent Information & Support Group**

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

**Come along to our monthly parent / carer support groups in Potters Bar and Borehamwood. Each session consists of an informal chat with other parents/ carers and the chance to listen to an experienced speaker on topics that may affect your child and family. We run the groups in 2 locations – please feel free to attend either or both.**



**The next meeting in Potters Bar will be**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**Elm Court, 363 Mutton Lane, Potters Bar, EN6 3BP**

**9.15 – 10.45am**

**Please join us for coffee and a chat!**

**No need to book in advance – feel free to just turn up on the day. Refreshments will be provided.**



# FAIRWAY HALL



## Fairway Hall is the ideal venue for

- Childrens and Teenage Parties
  - Wedding Receptions
  - Social Evenings
  - Funerals and Wakes
  - Religious Groups
  - Keep Fit Classes
  - Yoga
  - Film Screenings
  - Theatre Shows
  - Bar Mitzvahs
  - Bat Mitzvahs
  - Indian Weddings
  - Concerts
- and many more activities.

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Borehamwood, Herts, WD6 5BT  
Tel: 020 8207 1382

Email: [hall.bookings@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk](mailto:hall.bookings@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk)



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Dear Colleagues

We are pleased to confirm more courses for Mums, Dads and Carers starting in May. Our evidence-based online course 'Supporting Families with Protective Behaviours' is an 8-week course fully funded by HCC. Places are for families who may some additional support. Dates and times are:

**For Dads & male carers**

Tuesdays 6 May – 1 July 7.00pm – 9.00pm

[Please click here for the poster...](#)

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or

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For all enquires and to make a referral please email [enquiries@familiesfeelingsafe.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@familiesfeelingsafe.co.uk) or Tel: 07850 518216.

[To download a parent registration form, please click here...](#)

There will also be an in-person course in Broxbourne with dates to be confirmed: To book a place Tel: 01992 303331 Opt. 5

Please would you kindly pass on to your networks, colleagues, parents and carers.

With thanks and kind regards

Fiona

Fiona Benjamin

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Trainer

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# Supporting Dads with Protective Behaviours

For Dads & Male Carers

Online course  
starting  
May 2025



Are you looking for strategies and new ideas to help improve family life?

This fully funded 8-week term time course can help you to:

Understand what may be influencing your child's behaviour

Understand how Feelings, Thoughts and Behaviour link together

Respond to a range of feelings e.g. anger, frustration, anxiety, stress and worry

Improve communication to build better relationships

Build on your own and your child's strengths

Learn strategies to help you and your family feel safe



Please like us on Facebook for further updates @familiesfeelingsafe

Tuesday evenings

6 May—1 July  
7.00pm—9.00pm  
(excluding half term)

Course code L4/eve

For eligibility and to book your fully funded place please contact:

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Tel: 07850 518216

\*Please quote the course code and your mobile number

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