



Friday 10th January 2025

Dear Families,

Moving Forward Together

Welcome back and Happy New Year to everyone. I hope you had a restful break and you're all ready for a Term of learning! In April 2024, Ofsted highlighted some areas for improvement at Summerswood. We're committed to addressing these points with a clear action plan to make our school the best it can be for every child. Here's what we're doing:

Making Learning Clearer and More Ambitious

What's the issue? In some subjects, teachers need clearer guidance on what pupils should learn to help them achieve their best.

Our plan:

- We're creating detailed teaching plans to ensure lessons are well-structured and ambitious.
- Teachers will receive regular training to keep improving their skills.
- We'll monitor lessons closely to ensure all pupils are getting the support they need.

Helping Every Child Reach Their Potential

What's the issue? Not all pupils get the tailored support they need to fill gaps in their learning, especially in reading.

Our plan:

- Teachers will focus on identifying gaps and helping children catch up quickly.
- Extra training will give staff the tools to adapt lessons for every pupil.
- Targeted interventions will be put in place to support pupils who need extra help.

Promoting Positive Behaviour Across the School

What's the issue? Some behaviours disrupt learning, and we need more consistency in how they're managed.

Our plan:

- All staff will follow the new behaviour policy using our "Ready, Respectful, Safe" approach.
- We'll use positive rewards like "Caught You Being Great" to encourage good behaviour.
- Further training will help staff address challenging behaviour effectively.
- We'll also work with parents to ensure everyone supports these expectations at home and school.

Involving Parents

We know that you are key partners in supporting your child's success. This year, we'll host workshops to help parents with phonics, reading, and supporting learning at home. We'll also improve communication about behaviour and expectations, making it easier for families to support their children.

With these steps, we're confident we can make Summerswood Primary School a place where every child thrives. Thank you for your continued support!



Attendance

Attendance Week ending 20th December 2024

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88%	80%	88.4%	95.3%	95%	91.4%	94.6%
3Wicks	4Queen	4Thunberg	5Boseman	5Southgate	6Malala	6Obama
97.4%	92.8%	92.8%	94.79%	95.5%	94.2%	95.7%

We sent a poster out to all Families earlier this week, which details some key points regarding attendance. We hope you find this information useful. If you do have any questions or concerns, please give us a call or email: attendance@summerswood.herts.sch.uk

Attendance ties in massively with **Moving Forward Together** as we need all children here, on time every day and ready to learn. Attendance levels were disappointing for the Winter Term. Lets work together to improve them in the Spring Term

Football Champions!



Our Year 5/6 Girls and Boys football teams started the year off incredibly well on Wednesday. They went to Borehamwood Football club to play against teams from the local area. The boys only let in one goal and came second out of eight teams. The girls won against all the other teams and have come back to school with a beautiful trophy! Thank you to Borehamwood Football Club for hosting, Superstar Sports for sending a coach to support, Miss McNamara for coaching and Miss Wheeler for accompanying the children on this icy cold day! The girls team will now go on to the county championships to represent the Borehamwood Area.


Burger Day

Please see attached poster for details of a menu change on Thursday 16th January 2025.

School Car Park

Please remember that you are only able to use the school car park before and after school if you have a pass from the School Office. The car park is being used by many parents who are not parking in appropriate parking spaces. If you cannot find a parking space – please wait for one to become available. We've had times this week when cars have been blocked in and people have been unable to leave their space. If the car park is not used properly by those with parking permits, these will be revoked. Let's make sure our grounds are a safe place for all.

Kind regards,



Sarah Kneller
Headteacher

Dates to Remember

Date	Event
Wednesday 15 th January	Dentist visiting Reception Classes AM
Thursday 16 th January	Burger Day- see Poster below
Thursday 13 th February	Spring Disco- details and times to be confirmed
Friday 14 th February 2025	School finishes at Normal times for Half Term
Monday 17 th February-Friday 21 st February	Half Term
Monday 24 th February 2025	Start of Spring Term 2
Tuesday 1 st April 2025	Class and Year 6 individual photographs for Autograph books
Wednesday 2 nd April 2025	Last Day of Term for Nursery
Thursday 3 rd April 2025	Last Day of Term- School finishes at 1.30pm
Friday 4 th April 2025	INSET DAY- No pupils in School
Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	Start of Summer Term 1
Monday 5 th May 2025	BANK HOLIDAY
Friday 23 rd May 2025	School finishes at normal times for Half Term
Monday 26 th May- Friday 30 th May	Half Term
Monday 2 nd June 2025	INSET DAY- No pupils in school
Tuesday 22 nd July	Last day of Term for Nursery
Wednesday 23 rd July 2024	Last Day of Term- School finishes at 1.30pm

BURGER DAY
JAN 16TH

MAIN MENU

Beef Burger
or
Quorn Burger
or
Chicken Fillet Burger

SERVED WITH

Baked Potato Wedges
Sweetcorn
Coleslaw

DESSERT

Chocolate Sponge
with Chocolate Custard



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*Menus are subject to change due to supplier stock availability.



AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION



Summerswood Primary School

Furzehill Rd, Borehamwood WD6 2DW

Monday - Friday

- ★ Reception - Year 6 welcome
- ★ Snacks provided
- ★ Fun and engaging child care
- ★ Sports and arts and crafts
- ★ Ofsted registered
- ★ Paediatric first aid trained
- ★ Breakfast Club
- ★ Familiar faces

Breakfast Club - 7:30AM-8:40AM

£23 for the week or £5 per day

Full Provision: 3:15PM-5:45PM

£58 for the week or £12 per day

1st Half: 3:15PM-4:45PM

£7.50 per day

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Super Star Sport

SPRING TERM CLUBS



We would like to welcome parents/guardians to our Super Star Sport Clubs and Activities at Summerswood primary and we can't wait to get your children involved! All of our clubs are run by enthusiastic, enhanced DBS checked and experienced coaches. Please see below for further details:



12 WEEK SUPER PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY – FOOTBALL CLUB (YEAR 1,2&3)

START DATE: 8th JANUARY 2025 – END DATE: 2nd APRIL 2025

TIMES 3.15PM – 4.15PM

JUST £70.80 FOR OUR 12 WEEK SUPER STAR SPORT PROGRAM.

THURSDAY-BOXING CLUB (Year 1,2,3&4)

START DATE: 9th JANUARY 2025 – END DATE: 27th MARCH 2025

TIMES 3.15PM – 4.15PM

JUST £64.90 FOR OUR 11 WEEK SUPER STAR SPORT PROGRAM.

FRIDAY – GYMNASTICS CLUB (Year 1,2,3&4)

START DATE: 10th JANUARY 2025 – END DATE: 28th MARCH 2025

TIMES 3.15PM – 4.15PM

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For any additional information, please email us at operations@superstarsportnwl.com where Junior would be happy to answer any questions you may have!

HOW DO I BOOK???

Step 1: Enter the site www.superstarsportnwl.com

Step 2: Click 'BOOK NOW' on the home page

After clicking book now, you will be directed to another page on the site.

Step 3: Select your school/nursery location

Step 4: Select the block of sessions you would like to book your child onto and click 'info and booking'

Step 5: Once here please find the 'book this class'

Step 6: Time to sign up your child!!!! (If you have not created a profile with us, there is a short profile creation process)

Step 7: Your child attends their Super Star Sport club!!!

Clubs subject to cancellation depending on booking numbers





ARCHERY
AND NERF

GYMNASTICS
AND DANCE

FOOTBALL
AND
DODGEBALL

BOUNCY
CASTLE
DAY

PARTY DAY
WITH PRIZES
TO BE WON



Summerswood Primary School

Furzehill Rd, Borehamwood WD6 2DW

17th Feb - 21st Feb

Full Day: £24.50 per day
8:45AM - 3:30PM

Half Day Morning: £14 per day
8:45AM - 1PM

Half Day Afternoon: £14 per day
12:30PM - 3:30PM

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FULL WEEK
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Fully Funded (FREE) NCFE | CACHE Courses available in levels 1 & 2 with fully funded progressions available for 3 level - starting on **27th January**.

The deadline to enrol is Wednesday 22nd January!

We run ONLY in term time and not during half term/ end of term periods.

This is a six-week intensive course, with online live webinars with Aspire Education's friendly tutors, starting at 9:30am and finishing at 2pm (with lunch break) from Monday to Friday.

This is a six-week course, available in level 1 & 2, with live webinar sessions running from 9:30am - 11:30am, with a 1 hr lunch break, followed by a second 1.5 hr session from 12:30-2pm.

All you need is access to the internet and a laptop or tablet.

These courses are fully funded by the ESFA (Education Skills Funding Agency).

If you are earning less than £23,500 per year or claiming benefits (including Universal Credit, JSA, ESA, PIP, Income Support, Housing Benefits, carers allowance or any type of Tax Credit including Child Tax Credit) you are eligible for a funded place.

*Please see more details about our eligibility on our website.

www.studysmartuk.online

Take advantage of this opportunity while it's still available.

Please go to: www.studysmartuk.online for more information.

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**Available
in Levels
1, 2 & 3**

***Please go to our website
for more detailed
information.**

**6 Week
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Mon - Fri
Daily sessions
1st session 9:30 - 11:30am
2nd session 12:30 - 2pm**

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Available In the following levels:

Level 1:	CACHE Level 1 Award in Preparing to Work in Schools
	CACHE Level 1 Award in Safeguarding in a Learning Environment
	CACHE Level 1 Certificate in Wellbeing
	Level 1 Occupational Studies for the Workplace
Level 2:	CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Safeguarding & Prevent
	CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Challenging Behaviours
Level 3:	Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of Special Educational Needs

Please go to our website address above, for more information.

*Please take note of the online live webinar sessions that **MUST** be attended to complete this full time 6 week course, and the ESFA's (Education Skills Funding Agency) eligibility criteria.

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Irish Dancing class Borehamwood

Starting Thursday 16th January 2025

**Organ Hall Community centre
Every Thursday - 5.45-6.45**

Contact- Jenny Brennan 07867992509



Trial class free



@Toibreachabrennanacademy

Family Lives are delivering 5 parenting groups, funded by Herts County Council, in the Spring term for parents/carers who live in Hertfordshire.

All our programmes provide support, information and resources to parents/carers and adult family members so they can help their child reach their full potential as well as access to the wraparound support provided by our helpline, live chat and website.

Less Shouting, More Cooperation (6 weeks) Online group

Wednesday 22 January to 5 March - 7pm-9pm Via MS Teams

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

Monday 3 February to 17 March - 9.30am - 11.30am Via MS Teams

Sorting Out Family Arguments (6 weeks) Online group

Wednesday 5 February to 19 March 9.30am - 11.30am Via MS Teams

Dads Together (6 weeks) Online group

Wednesday 26 February to 2 April 7pm - 9pm Via MS Teams

Getting on with Your Pre-Teen/Teenager (6 weeks) Online group

Thursday 27 February 3 April 9.30am – 11.30am Via MS Teams

To book a place please click here [Referral Form for Family Lives Herts Parenting Groups and Workshops](#) for our online referral form or scan the QR code on the attached flyer

You can also email services@familylives.org.uk or call us on 0204 522 8700 for more information.

Family Lives Spring Term Programme 2025

Less Shouting, More Cooperation (6 weeks) Online group

Wednesday 22 January to 5 March 7.00pm to 9.00pm

A programme to help parents be more effective at getting their children to cooperate and listen to them

Bringing Up Confident SEN Children (6 weeks) Online group

Monday 3 February to 17 March 9.30am to 11.30am

A programme to help parents gain a comprehensive understanding of ADHD/ASD and learn strategies to improve life at home and at school

Sorting Out Arguments in your Family (6 weeks) Online group

Wednesday 5 February to 19 March 9.30am to 11.30am

A programme aimed at helping sort out arguments between parents and their children and between brothers and sisters

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

Thursday 27 February to 3 April 9.30am to 11.30am

A programme to help parents understand and get on better with their teenage children. Maybe there is an FFA/CIN/CP in place and need more support

Dads Together (6 weeks) Online group

Wednesday 26 February to 2 April 7.00pm to 9.00pm

A programme to support dads in learning how to change the way you communicate with your child, respond better and feel more in control

For more information, please contact Louise on

0204 522 8700 or email

services@familylives.org.uk.

Please scan our QR code for our referral form.



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New 2 hour Workshop - All Feelings Matter

(including the strong and uncomfortable ones)

Online
January 2025



For Mums, Dads &
Carers

When:

Tuesday 21 January

9.30am—11.30am

or

7.00pm—9.00pm

This 2 hour fully funded workshop is open to all Hertfordshire parents and carers. Learn more about:

- Why all feelings matter for everyone.
- How feelings, thoughts, and behaviour link together.
- Recognising physical and emotional feelings, including anxiety and anger.
- Ways to support healthy emotional development.
- The stress response system and '3-Part Brain' concept.
- The importance of feelings and the Protective Behaviours process.

Or

For Dads & Male Carers
When:

Thursday 23 January

7.00pm—9.00pm

To book your place please use this link or the QR code

<https://forms.office.com/e/EbRT78axEc>



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Looking for a recipe that can get your children to eat more vegetables?

At Beezee Families, we work with hundreds of families who want to eat healthier, but struggle to find dishes with vegetables their children will eat. Sounds familiar?

Check out our Mexican traybake below for a taste of our recipe selection!



Ingredients:

- 1 large red onion
 - 3 cloves of garlic (2 tsp pre-minced)
 - 1 can sweetcorn
 - 1 can black beans (drained and rinsed)
 - 1 can chopped tomatoes
 - 320g frozen spinach
 - 100g uncooked red lentils
 - 250g brown rice
 - 600ml veggie stock
 - 120g low-fat cheddar/mozzarella
- Spices: 2 tsp paprika, 1.5 tsp cumin, 1.5 tsp coriander, 1 tsp oregano, ½ tsp chili powder (or none if you don't like spice).



Method:

1. Pre-heat your oven to 200 degrees/ gas mark 6.
2. Dice the onions and garlic (if using fresh) and add them to a large baking tray or dish.
3. Add your brown rice and lentils, along with the spinach, corn and chopped tomatoes.
4. Add all your spices to the tray. Make the stock, then pour slowly into the tray and mix everything together.
5. Pop into the oven for 45 minutes. Take the tray out, add beans and mix well, then top with grated cheese. Return to oven for 10 minutes.
6. Leave to cool for 5 minutes and then enjoy!

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