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Ready, Respect, Safe

22nd July 2026

The summer term is always so busy and yet again it is hard to believe we are at the end of another academic year.

As I reflect on the past year, I feel incredibly proud to be the Headteacher of such a wonderful school. Our pupils consistently demonstrate our values of Ready, Respectful and Safe, and they should be immensely proud of all they have achieved. Our dedicated staff work tirelessly to support every child, creating the inclusive and nurturing environment that makes Homer such a special place to learn and grow.

We greatly value the strong partnerships we have with our parents and carers, and I would like to thank you for your continued support throughout the year. A special thank you goes to our parent volunteers who support reading across the school. Your time and encouragement make a real difference to our pupils' confidence and progress. I would also like to thank Friends of Homer for organising a range of enjoyable events throughout the year. Their hard work not only brings our community together but also raises valuable funds that enhance opportunities and experiences for our pupils. Finally, I would like to thank our Governing Body, whose commitment, challenge and support help to drive continuous improvement and ensure the best possible outcomes for our children.

Year 4

To all of our Year 4 children, I would like to say a huge well done for everything you have achieved during your time at Homer. It has been a privilege to be part of your educational journey and to watch you grow in confidence, character and independence. You are ready for this next chapter, and I encourage you to embrace the opportunities ahead with confidence, resilience and determination. We know that you will continue to shine and make us proud.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to our Year 4 parents and carers for your valued partnership and support throughout the years. It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Year 4 Leavers' Evening and to celebrate the achievements and successes of your children together. Your encouragement and support have played an important role in helping them reach this milestone, and we are grateful for all that you do.

We wish all of our Year 4 pupils every success and happiness as they move on to the next stage of their education. Remember, once a Homer pupil, always a Homer pupil!

As I mentioned, it has been such busy a term and I would like to highlight some of the key events from this term.

Sports Day – Sports Day was a wonderful event that truly brought our whole school community together. Thank you to Mr Finney and our Sports Leaders for their hard work in ensuring the day ran so smoothly and was enjoyed by everyone.

Ufton Court – Our Year 4 pupils enjoyed a fantastic residential trip to Ufton Court, where they fully immersed themselves in Anglo-Saxon life. The children embraced every opportunity and created memories that will last a lifetime.

Willows Activity Farm – Children in Nursery and Reception had a fantastic day on our school trip to Willows Activity Farm, filled with exciting experiences, including meeting farmyard animals and enjoying adventure play areas

The Hexagon – Our Year 3 and 4 Choir delivered a wonderful performance at this year's Hexagon concert, showcasing their talent, enthusiasm, and beautiful singing. A huge thank you to Mrs Bleach and Mrs Clark for their dedication and hard work in leading and inspiring the choir.

Maintenance Day – Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Maintenance Day. Your support makes a huge difference to maintaining and improving our school grounds. Please look out for details of our next Maintenance Day and join us if you can.



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Go Ape Trip – Our Key Stage 2 trip to Go Ape was a fantastic adventure. The children demonstrated great skill, determination and bravery as they took on the challenges and made the most of this exciting experience.

Rock Steady Concert – It was wonderful to see our young musicians perform on stage. Their talent, confidence and enthusiasm on stage were truly impressive, and they should be very proud of their achievements.

Key Stage 2 Production: Hoodwinked – Our Key Stage 2 production of Hoodwinked was a huge success. The children showcased incredible talent and confidence, delighting the audience with their performances, including some outstanding solo roles. Thank you to Mrs Bleach and the Key Stage 2 team for their hard work in bringing this fantastic production to life.

Year 4 Transition Event – Thank you to Rev. Walker and his team for delivering such a thoughtful and engaging transition event for our Year 4 pupils. It was a wonderful opportunity to help prepare the children for the next stage of their educational journey.

Savill Garden Trip – Our Key Stage 1 pupils had a fantastic day at Savill Garden, exploring the adventure play area, walkways, slides, sculptures and treehouses. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Thank you to Mrs Lawrence for organising such a memorable trip.

Thank you to all the parent and carers who helped on the many trips and events this term.

Colour Run – What a wonderful way to end the school year! The Colour Run was a fantastic community event, and it was lovely to see so many children, families and staff coming together to enjoy the fun and celebrate another successful year at Homer.

Have a wonderful summer break!

Mrs Sharma



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Curriculum News & Updates

Gold Attachment Aware Schools Award – Since 2023, we have been part of the Attachment Aware Schools Award, led by the Virtual School. Through this programme, we have continued to strengthen our relational approach to behaviour and further embed trauma-informed practices across the school. We are delighted to have been awarded the Gold Award in recognition of this work. A special thank you goes to Miss Noon and Mrs Young, our SENCOs, for their dedication and leadership in promoting inclusive practices and ensuring that all pupils feel supported, valued and able to thrive.

Platinum School Games Mark Award – We are delighted to have been awarded the Platinum School Games Mark, recognising our ongoing commitment to promoting sport and physical activity across the school. Throughout the year, we have focused on increasing opportunities for all pupils to be active, engaged and healthy throughout the school day. A huge thank you to Mr Finney for his hard work and dedication in developing and enhancing our provision for physical activity. The wide range of opportunities on offer is thoroughly enjoyed by our children and has made a significant contribution to their wellbeing and enjoyment of school.

End of Year Reports – On Monday, we sent home your child's End of Year Report along with their school books. We hope you have enjoyed looking through these together and celebrating all that they have achieved this year. The reports provide an opportunity to reflect on the progress, effort and successes of the year, while the books showcase the children's hard work, learning journey and personal growth across the curriculum.

We are pleased to let you know that our new website will be launching soon but for now please continue to take a look at the class pages on the school website.

Attendance

The Government has issued statutory guidance on attendance for all schools. We will continue to monitor attendance and punctuality.

Our overall school attendance this year.

94.1%

This is below our target of 96% whole school attendance. Next academic year we will continue to address persistence absences and lateness.

[Should I keep my child off school checklist poster \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

In September, you will notice signs displayed at both school gates highlighting the importance of good attendance and punctuality, and the significant impact that missed learning time can have on a child's education. It is often surprising to see how just a few minutes of lateness each day, or a small number of days absent from school, can quickly accumulate into a considerable amount of lost learning over the course of a year.

Regular attendance and arriving on time help children to make the most of every learning opportunity, build positive routines and develop important habits that will support them throughout their education and beyond. Attendance and punctuality are valuable life skills, and by working together, we can help ensure that every child has the best possible chance to thrive and succeed.



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Diary Dates & Reminders

PE Kits

A reminder that from September our PE will be:

- Plain red T-Shirt
- Black jogging bottoms or shorts
- Plain red sweatshirt (no hoodies - with the exception of Year 4 Leavers' hoodies)
- Trainers

Diary Dates

Tuesday 1st September	Inset Day – school closed to children
Wednesday 2nd September	Children in Years 1 to 4 return to school. Gates open 8.30am, classroom doors at 8.35am
Thursday 3rd September	Reception (current Nursery) start school
Monday 7th September	First day for Reception children new to school Parent coffee morning at 8.40am
Tuesday 8th September	First day for children attending morning only sessions at Nursery
Wednesday 9th September	First day for children attending all day and afternoon only sessions at Nursery Parent coffee morning at 8.40am
Thursday 10th September	Flu immunisations for children in Reception, Years 1, 2, 3 & 4
Wednesday 30th September	School photographs (individual and school siblings)
Friday 23rd October	Inset Day
Monday 26th-Friday 30th October	Half term
Monday 2nd November	Inset Day



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Homer First School & Nursery Summer Reading Bingo

Challenge yourself to read in as many of these locations as you can, tick the ones you've completed and return to your class teacher in September.

All entries will be entered in a prize draw.

Happy Reading!

Name:

Class:



Read in bed.	Read for 20 minutes in one go.	Read to someone over the phone.	Read in your pyjamas.	Read to someone younger than you.
Read on a comfy chair.	Read by torchlight.	Read to your teddy.	Read a page in a funny accent.	Read while eating breakfast.
Listen to someone reading to you.	Read with someone, taking turns to read a sentence at a time.	Read while wearing a hat!	Read while lying on the floor.	Read on a Saturday.



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WINDSOR & ETON BOWLING CLUB

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME



Free taster sessions

Sundays 10:00-12:00



& Wednesdays 18:00-20:00



Bring flat shoes



Windsor & Eton Bowls Club

Barry Avenue, SL4 1QX

windsorandetonbowlingclub.co.uk



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Summer

Holiday Tennis Camps

13th July - 27th August

We are Ofsted registered and accept childcare vouchers and tax free childcare payments. Details can be found during the booking process.

OPTIONS!

9am - 12pm (free 8.30am drop off)

12 - 3pm (late pick up 4pm option)

9am - 3pm (free 8.30am drop off + late pick up option, 4pm)

Full Week Offer! (limited places)

Full week half day (Mon - Thurs) £112

Full week full day (Mon - Thurs) £189

Early Bird 20% Discount Offer for half and full day! (limited places)

Half Day £28

Full Day £48

Book by 5th July for any July dates

Book by 26th July for any August dates



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Booking Link: [Holiday Camps | Active-Tennis.](#)

If your child wants a fun, active week filled with tennis, games, and new friends, now's the perfect time to jump in.

Camp Details

 13th July - 27th August

 Ages 4 - 16

 All abilities welcome

 Windsor Lawn Tennis Club, Royal Windsor Way, Windsor

What to bring

- Water bottle
- Comfortable sports clothing
- Packed lunch (for full-day sessions)
 - Lots of energy!

We can't wait to welcome everyone for some summer fun of tennis!



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WANT TO GET INTO RUNNING?



JOIN US FOR A FREE RUNNING CLUB TASTER SESSION

Come along and join our friendly running club for middle distances (800m to 2k+). It's a great way to get fit, meet new friends, and compete in various races. We train at TVAC and The Lookout Centre, Bracknell and welcome children 8 - 15 years.

Contact coach Shireen on: 07715 766638 / shireen.higgins1@gmail.com



Albert R - "The training helps you get faster and improve your technique, and everyone is welcome, no matter their speed."

Lily B - "I have made lots of new friends at the club, and my running has improved lots too!"

Eddie E - "It's always fun and great to run with other people. I also enjoy the challenge of racing and being part of a team."