



Homer First School & Nursery

Message from the Headteacher

It is hard to believe we are finally at the end of the academic year, and what an amazing year it has been! Throughout the year we have watched the children flourish and grow in confidence and they should be so proud of their achievements. I would like to thank the wonderful teaching staff for their dedication and support; they really do put the children at the heart of everything they do. Thank you to you all for the support that you have given your child throughout the year, from hearing them read to completing the mini projects, and supporting the school by attending our many events. Some highlights from this term have been our wonderful KS2 production of Plastic Pirates and the Rock Steady Concert; a big well done to the children who performed.

At this time of year, we say goodbye to our wonderful Year 4's. How quickly time flies, it only seems like yesterday that you joined Homer. Our Leavers' Evening on Friday was a lovely celebration of your journey and you really did make everyone so proud. Year 4's, you should feel so full of pride at your achievements, you will be missed but we know you are going to be amazing!

Mrs Knowles

We are also sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Knowles who, after 37 years of teaching, is retiring. Mrs Knowles has taught at Homer for 8 years and she will be missed by everyone. I would like to thank Mrs Knowles for her hard work over the years, from teaching in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and leading our team of Eco-Warriors.

Reading Volunteers

A big thank you to our parent helpers who have given up their time to help with reading in Early Years and Key Stage One. Your support really has made a difference.

Friends of Homer

Thank you to Friends of Homer for organising so many wonderful events again this year. The money raised has supported the school in so many ways. Thank you for providing the ice cream van for our Year 4 Leavers' Evening - the children loved it.

Summer Reading Challenge - Don't miss out – head to your local library and sign up this summer! Have fun setting your own reading goal, you can read anything you enjoy.

Please take a look at our gallery for photograph highlights throughout the year. [Gallery | Homer First School & Nursery](#)

Have a lovely summer break!

Mrs Sharma



Updates & Curriculum News

Last Friday the children from Year 1 to Year 4 brought home their exercise books. Your children have worked hard this year and we're sure they enjoyed sharing their learning with you. Please look back on class pages to see some of the highlights of the year.

[Class Pages | Homer First School & Nursery](#)

Class pages will be updated in September ready for the next academic year.

We hope you enjoyed reading your child's end of year report. The children have worked very hard and we are very proud of their achievements this year.

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.

93.4%

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

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

Diary Dates & Reminders

Wednesday 3rd September – Inset Day. School closed to pupils.

Thursday 4th September – First day of term for Years 1, 2, 3 & 4.

Monday 8th September – First day for new Reception starters.

Wednesday 10th September – First day for Nursery children who attend morning only sessions.

Thursday 11th September – First day for Nursery children who attend afternoon sessions or all day.

Friday 19th September – Jeans4Genes mufti day

Flu immunisations for Reception, Year 1, 2, 3 & 4.

Wednesday 1st October – School photographs (portraits).

PE Kit

A reminder that from September our PE kit 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