



Homer First School & Nursery

Newsletter – Thursday 22nd May 2025

As we approach our final term of this academic year, I'd like to say a huge thank you to our school community for making Homer a wonderful school for our pupils. This term has been jammed packed with lots of events and with the warmer weather finally here, it has been lovely to see the children enjoying the sunshine. Here are a few highlights from this term.

We're pleased to share with you that we've been awarded the Asthma Friendly School award for the 3rd year in a row.

Well done to the Year 3 and 4 children with taking part in Bikeability, you showed great skill and determination throughout your sessions.

Thank you for supporting Mental Health Week with our 'blue and yellow' mufti. We're continuing to focus on mental health during our weekly My Happymind lessons. Please remember to download the parent app. We recently had a review of Special Educational Needs support within the school as part of our inclusion award. The school was praised for its inclusive and nurturing approach and the children's positive behaviour.

It was wonderful to bring the whole school together to celebrate VE Day and recognise the importance of remembering historical events, thank you to Mrs Clark for organising the day's events. Key Stage 2 enjoyed their trip to the Science Museum, it was fantastic day, and the children made us very proud. Thank you to the parents who helped on the trip and to Mrs Bleach for organising it all. The Rock Steady Concert was fantastic; we certainly have some musicians in the making. Well done to all those children who have taken part in sporting competitions this term.

Reading Ambassadors

Congratulations to our Key Stage 2 pupils who became a Reading Ambassador after entering our poster competition launched on World Book Day. It has been wonderful to see the older children supporting the younger children with their reading.

Reading Volunteers

It has been lovely to see so many parents joining us for reading sessions across the school. We really do appreciate your support and the children love having more adults to hear them read and engage in discussion about their books.

Friends of Homer

Thank you to Friends of Homer for organising the Book Fair, it was wonderful to see so many children enthusiastically selecting books. The money raised has been used to purchase some Little People, Big Dreams books for our library areas.

Please take a look at our gallery for photographs of these events. [Gallery | Homer First School & Nursery](#)

Have a lovely half term break!

Mrs Sharma

Updates & Curriculum News

Class Teachers will provide a termly update on the class pages and in your child's planner you'll find key skills in Maths & English for your child to practice.

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

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 week.

93.2%

We are seeing an increase in lateness, and we'd like to remind you that school starts at 8.35am.

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

Changes to PE kit

From September 2025, the new PE kit will consist of the following:-

- Plain red round neck t-shirt
- Plain red sweatshirt (no hoodies - with the exception of Year 4 Leavers' hoodies)
- Black shorts
- Black jogging bottoms
- Trainers

The items may be purchased from any high street store. Plain red t-shirts, black shorts and jogging bottoms are also available to purchase from our online supplier, PMG

Schoolwear <https://pmgschoolwear.co.uk>

Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Breakfast Club & Hot School lunch prices

Due to the increase in costs for food, energy, staffing etc, breakfast club session prices will increase to £7 for a single child and £6.50 for additional siblings from September 2025.

Caterlink have advised us that the cost of a school lunch will increase to £2.99. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 currently remain eligible for the universal free school meals so all you will need to do is make your menu choice on Scopay.

If your child will be in Year 3 or 4, please don't forget to make payment when you make your menu choices (unless you are in receipt of pupil premium).

Diary Dates & Reminders

Monday 2nd June - children return to school

Thursday 5th June – EYFS trip to Odds Farm
Eco Explorer workshops for Years 1 to 4

Friday 6th June – Frozen Fridays. From 6th June and every Friday up to the end of term, FoH will be selling ice-creams/lollies in playground after school.

Thursday 12th June – Sports Day

Thursday 19th June – Reserve Sports Day

Wednesday 9th July @ 9.15am – KS2 Summer Production

Thursday 10th July @ 2pm – KS2 Summer Production

Thursday 26th June – Junior Music Festival for KS2 choir

Wednesday 16th July @ 9.15am RockSteady concert

Friday 18th July – Year 4 Leavers' Evening. Details to follow in due course

Wednesday 23rd July – Last day of term – early finish at 1.30pm
FoH Break the Rules Day – details to follow