



Homer First School & Nursery

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parent & Carers,

It has been an **Eggcellent** week in school! Thank you to Friends of Homer for organising the Easter events for the children, it was lovely to see them so excited and the Crazy Hair Creations were very imaginative! Thank you to Rev. Walker for delivering an Easter Assembly this week.

A big Thank You to all the parents and carers who have volunteered to support with reading across the school. Your support is much appreciated and will make a difference in our commitment to ensure the children at Homer become confident and fluent readers.

Following contact from one of the local care homes, we were very pleased to welcome Margaret, an ex-Headteacher, to one of our assemblies. It was lovely to be able to fulfil her wish to return to school for a day and fascinating to hear her stories.

This academic year continues to fly by, and the children continue to amaze us with their all their hard work. Thank you for attending the recent Parents' Evening either in person or via phone call, your support is key in your child's development. Thank you to Ashley Cox-Higgins & Matt Bowley, our Chair and Vice Chair of our Governing Body for attending Parents' Evening. If you'd like to find out more about our Governing Body, please visit our Governors page: [Governors | Homer First School & Nursery](#)

The Spring Term has been another busy term, and the children have taken part in lots of exciting events which have enhanced their learning. Here's a reminder of some of the events:

- ❖ Little City Visit for Early Years & Year 1
- ❖ World Book Day
- ❖ Where the Wild Things Are & Alice in Wonderland Dance Storytelling Workshop
- ❖ Charlie & the Chocolate Factory – Avenue Dance workshop
- ❖ Dog Trust Visit for Year 3 & 4
- ❖ Team Super Schools – thank you for all your support with fundraising
- ❖ Hartbeeps Sensory Classes in Nursery
- ❖ Year 3 & 4 Trip to the Barbican

Well done to all the children who have taken part in Windsor Schools Partnership competitions this term, you should be proud of your sport achievements.

You'll be able to see photos in our Gallery and on Class Pages

[Gallery | Homer First School & Nursery](#)

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Have a lovely break!

Mrs Sharma



Updates & Curriculum News

Class teachers are busy updating classes pages on the school website. Please use the link below to find information about what is being taught in school this term and what is coming up next term.

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

If you'd like to find out more about our curriculum, please take a look at our curriculum page [Curriculum | Homer First School & Nursery](#)

Year 1 Phonics

The phonics screening check is a statutory reading check that all year 1 children take during a particular week in June. The check is designed to assess if each child has reached the age-appropriate standard of decoding by the end of year 1.

Further information can be found on our website [Useful Links | Homer First School & Nursery](#)

Year 4 Multiplication tables check

All Year 4 pupils will be participating in the multiplication tables check (MTC) in June. Further information can be found on our website [Mathematics | 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 for the academic year so far:-

93%

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

Attendance is also recorded on your child's end of year school report.



Diary Dates & Reminders

PE Kits

A reminder that our school PE kit is plain black or blue joggers/shorts & jumper and a white T-Shirt.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 22 nd April	Inset Day
Wednesday 23 rd April	Children return to school
Wednesday 30 th April to Friday 2 nd May	Book Fayre FoH – 3.10pm to 3.45pm in school hall
Friday 2 nd May	Bikeability for Year 3 & 4 children signed up in advance.
Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Wednesday 7 th May	Rock Steady concert at 9.15am
Thursday 8 th May	VE Day – Red, white & blue or 1940s mufti
Thursday 15 th May	KS2 trip to Science Museum. Further info to follow.
Thursday 22 nd May	Last day of term, 3.10pm finish
Friday 23 rd May	Inset Day
Monday 2 nd June	Children return to school