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Ready, Respect, Safe

21st May 2026

Message from the Headteacher

It has been another busy and productive term here at Homer, and the weeks certainly seem to be flying by. As always, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all the staff for their continued hard work and dedication in making Homer such a fantastic school and for supporting the children's learning and development so effectively.

I would also like to thank you, our parents and carers, for your ongoing support. Your partnership is truly appreciated and plays a vital role in the success of our school. Thank you to those who took the time to complete the recent parent/carer survey—your feedback is incredibly important to us and helps shape our future priorities.

Throughout the term, we have continued to reinforce our school values of being *Ready, Respectful and Safe*. We regularly remind the children to uphold these values in everything they do, both in and out of the classroom.

We continue to promote the importance of good attendance and punctuality. This is monitored daily, and we will reach out to families where attendance or punctuality falls below expectations. As always, if you need any support, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

We are delighted to have been awarded the Asthma Friendly School Award, recognising our commitment to supporting pupils with asthma.

Please do take a moment to look at our Climate Action Plan. Mrs Bleach and her team of Eco-Warriors have been working incredibly hard to make Homer a more environmentally friendly school. Please see an update below.

Our Early Years children thoroughly enjoyed their Teddy Bear's Picnic show—fortunately, the sun was shining, and everyone had a wonderful time enjoying the outdoor activities and performance.

Thank you to Friends of Homer for organising the recent book fair—it was lovely to see so many children excited about reading.

We also took part in Mental Health Awareness Week, helping the children to better understand the importance of wellbeing. In addition, during Walk to School Week, we promoted active travel and discussed important safety messages, including scooter safety, during assemblies.

The Singing Picnic in aid of Alexander Divine was a truly special afternoon. Thank you to everyone who joined us and to Mrs Bleach for organising yet another fantastic community event.

Next term is set to be just as busy, with many exciting events planned. Over the half-term break, we kindly ask that Year 1 pupils continue to practise their phonics in preparation for the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check, and that Year 4 pupils keep up with their Times Tables Rock Stars practice ahead of the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check.

RBWM have asked us to share the press release below regarding play park refurbishments in the Borough:-

<https://www.rbwm.gov.uk/news/2026/new-and-exciting-summer-play-adventures-boroughs-children>

We welcome back Mrs Cole from her maternity leave after half term and wish her every success as she takes up her new teaching post in September.

Thank you once again for your continued support, and we wish you all a restful and enjoyable break.

Mrs Sharma



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Updates & Curriculum News

myHappymind

In myHappymind this half term, the children have been learning about the **'Relate'** module. We have talked about friendships, working together, showing kindness, and how to be a good friend to others. The children have really enjoyed sharing their ideas and practising these skills during play and group activities.

After half term, the children will be moving onto our final module of the academic year, **'Engage'**.

Class teachers have updated their class pages, please use the link below. Here you will find information about what is being taught in school this term.

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



Eco Warriors and the Climate Action Plan Update

The Eco Warriors have had a very successful term, having planned and delivered an assembly on Earth Day, arranged a 'wear green' mufti day and planned and ran the book sale. The mufti day and the book sale raised a total of £149.

The Eco Warriors are now going to look at purchasing a shed and setting up their 'Bring and Swap a Book' idea, to encourage Homer pupils to reuse the books they don't read any more.

From this year, all schools have a Climate Action Plan (CAP), which is a three-year plan for schools to create that will help our community to look after our planet. Our CAP can be found on the school website.

We realised that we are already achieving lots of our targets. We applied for a local grant to help us, and we are pleased to say that we have been successful. This has already enabled us to purchase gazebos, outdoor rugs and some canopies to create more shade for the children. Our next target is encouraging more recycling around the school.

<https://www.homerfirstschool.co.uk/climate-action-at-homer/>



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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.

94.2%

This is below our target of 96% whole school attendance. We will continue to address persistence absences and lateness both now and going forward into the next academic school year.

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

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

At Homer First School and Nursery, we believe every child is unique and deserves a supportive, inclusive environment where they can thrive. This year, we have focused on strengthening our Ordinarily Available Provision, ensuring high-quality teaching and everyday support meet the needs of all learners.

We also completed our Partnership in Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) project, enhancing support for neurodivergent pupils through staff training, parent feedback, and a whole-school audit, which will continue to shape our practice.

In addition, we are nearing the completion of our Attachment Aware Gold Award year. Our focus has been on embedding behaviour regulation strategies consistently across the school community. This has included close collaboration with our after-school provider, The Gap Club, to ensure a unified and supportive approach for all pupils.

Mrs Young has started her role as Deputy Area SENCO for the Windsor First Schools, and we were very pleased to host the Windsor First School SENCO Cluster earlier in the term.

As parents and carers, you are fully involved at every stage of meeting your child's needs, should you wish to discuss your child's needs please contact the school's SENCOs Mrs Young and Miss Noon via the school office.

Further information about our SEND offer can be found on our website

<https://www.homerfirstschool.co.uk/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/>



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Diary Dates & Reminders

Thursday 21st May	Last day of term
Friday 22nd May	Inset Day
Monday 1st June	First day of term
Friday 5th June	Sports Day followed by family picnic.
8th & 9th June	Year 4 Ufton Court residential
Friday 12th June	FoH Father's day shop
Tuesday 16th June	EYFS trip to Willows Activity Farm
Wednesday 17th June	Junior Music Festival at The Hexagon for children in Homer choir.
Thursday 18th June	Class photographs
Monday 22nd June	KS1 trip to Adventure Play at Savill Gardens - details to follow.
Thursday 25th June	Reserve Sports Day
Monday 29th June	KS2 Go Ape trip
Friday 10th July	Year 4 Leavers Evening - details to follow.
Wednesday 15th July	RockSteady concert – parents of children who attend band lessons are invited to join us.
Thursday 16th July	KS2 summer performance, 9.15am
Wednesday 22nd July	Last day of term- 1.30pm finish.



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Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

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.

Children in Year 2 will also take the check if they did not achieve the required result when in Year 1 or they have not taken the test before. Further information can be found on our website.

<https://www.homerfirstschool.co.uk/english/>

We would strongly encourage all pupils in Year 1 to use the QR codes provided by your class teachers to practise their decoding over the half term break.

Year 4 Multiplication Check

Pupils in Year 4 will be participating in the multiplication tables check (MTC) in June.

The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics.

We would strongly encourage all pupils in Year 4 to keep up with their daily Times Table Rock Stars practise throughout the half term break



A GUIDE TO THE MTC

WHAT IS THE MTC?

- MTC stands for 'Multiplication Tables Check'.
- Online quiz for year 4 children in England, set by the government.
- Pupils demonstrate their times tables skills, which they've been practising for years.
- Helps us to know your children are ready for year 5 maths

MTC KEY FACTS

- Must be taken in school between 1st and 12th June 2026
- Start with 3 practice questions
- Then 25 multiplication questions (no division)
- For each question, you must enter an answer within 6s
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PREPARING PUPILS : SCHOOL

We might...

- spend a little more time learning times tables in class
- set times tables homework
- organise class tournaments

PREPARING PUPILS : OUT OF SCHOOL

- Regular, *short* verbal times tables practice
- Kitchen, bathroom, bedroom, walking
- Play TTRS on mobile/tablet/computer
- Those who scored 25 last year typically played 6 minutes three times a week.

BEST GAME MODES FOR YEAR 4



