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What a lovely end to a busy term with our two Easter celebration assemblies!

We cannot believe that we are moving into the summer term already. As we move to the final term of the academic year, we wish you all a happy Easter break and we look forward to the term ahead.

Please ensure that your children arrive on time. We offer a 'soft start' to the day with an 8.40am start in which a task is awaiting the pupils. This allows them to settle into the day. Daily attendance is so important. Each day that a pupil misses is lost learning, not only academically but socially too. Please contact our office if you have any issues with attendance - we are always here to help. Happy Easter!

Maths Corner— Y2

In Year 2 we are currently working on multiplication and division in maths. Children should be able to quickly recall multiplication and related division facts within the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. There are many websites/games you can use to support this, such as Hit the Button, alongside songs and use of TT Rockstars.



Children should know the x sign as 'groups of' or 'lots of' as well as 'times' and 'multiply'. We have used arrays as visual representations to show the link between repeated addition and multiplication. We have used the language of 'rows' and 'columns' and taught the children to find the total by multiplying the number that is in the row by the number that is in the column. Maybe you could spot some real-life arrays with your child and ask them to tell you the multiplication that matches it?

Class News—1 Sparrows

The damp weather did not dull the spirits of year 1 Sparrows on their trip last Friday to Whipsnade Zoo, where the children were linking this visit to our Science topic Animals including Humans. The children saw mammals, fish, amphibians, reptiles and birds. When asked, the children said they enjoyed many aspects of the day, which included visiting the furious lion and listening to the graceful pink flamingos singing. Today, in English the children have completed a wonderful recount of our trip using time adverbials.



Tate Class Trip—Y6

Year 6 enjoyed a wonderful trip to the Tate Modern Gallery last Thursday. They immersed themselves in all the artwork, sculptures & photography in the gallery and saw many famous pieces - Mondrian and Matisse - but particularly focused on collage pieces for their upcoming project next term. Children in year 6 were fascinated with the concept of modern art and have been inspired for their own collage pieces.



Enrico Baj, Fire! Fire! 1963-4

Don't forget the Tate is free to enter so you can enjoy a trip anytime!

Mini Marathon

In the first week of the summer term, each child will be running, jogging or walking one mile in the 2023 TCS Mini London Marathon at some point during the week with their teacher! We will be part of a Guinness World record attempt. So watch this space!



Dacorum Dance Competition

Some children from years four, five and six took part in the Dacorum Dance Competition at the sports centre on Friday night. They greatly enjoyed the experience and made Miss Finnis and Mrs Howard very proud.



Gacha Life—App—Parental Warning

Concerns were raised about incidents of strangers requesting underage age users to verify their age by sending inappropriate images of themselves. So, it's important to have conversations with your child about what they do online and who they talk to. This will help them develop their critical thinking of what is and is not acceptable. It's important they understand when to flag something to an appropriate adult should they get such requests.

Gacha Life's privacy policy encourages parents to be vigilant with their "children's use of e-mail and other online communications and transactional features." Parents may request a review and/or removal of their child's personal information at any time by contacting Gacha Life and providing them with the same screen name, password and email address that your child submitted.

Gacha Heat is content generated by users of Gacha Life who upload the content on social media platforms like TikTok and YouTube. The content is inappropriate and offensive, and it goes beyond stories within Gacha Life gameplay. This content may include sexual violence and other sexual subject matter or may feature age-inappropriate relationships that normalise abusive behaviours.

It is problematic because of its use of characters and art from the Gacha Life mobile video game. Children or young people could view these videos on social media apps, thinking it's appropriate for them when they're not.

"Golden Dustpan" of the Week!

This week's winners of the Golden Dustpan for the tidiest classrooms are Sparrows and Holly. Keep up the good work!



Attendance





The class with the best attendance in the past week is:
Oak with 99.7% attendance. Well Done.



Yours sincerely
J Wellbelove
Miss Wellbelove
Headteacher

Attendance matters.
Every student, every day.

South Hill Weekly Attendance.
Our target is 97% for the whole school.

Wrens	94.3%	
Robins	91%	
Goldfinches	88.6%	
Sparrows	96%	
Owls	93%	
Kingfishers	97.9%	
Ash	90.3%	
Beech	92.3%	
Holly	99.3%	
Maple	97.3%	
Oak	99.7%	
Silver Birch	92.7%	
Sycamore	93.8	
Hazel	93.3%	
Whole school	94.3%	



Star of the Week	
Wrens	Anastazja
Robins	Nazmi
Goldfinches	Luca
Sparrows	Martin
Owls	Bobby & Shay
Kingfishers	Noah
Ash	Lochlan
Beech	Zoya
Holly	Sofia
Maple	Sophie M
Oak	Rishi & Rylee
Silver Birch	Alice
Sycamore	Maisa
Hazel	Harley

Dates for your Diaries

Enjoy your school holiday. We look forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready for Summer Term on Tuesday 18th April. 8.40am

April	
Monday 17th	◆ Inset day- School closed to children
Tuesday 18th	◆ School open as normal. 08.40am ◆ Y6 Top up swimming (selected children only)
Monday 24th	◆ Y3&4 Production Dress Rehearsal
Monday 24th	◆ Lunchtime and After School clubs commence this week ◆ 1st Mini medics club (date specific)
Tuesday 25th	◆ 1st Game on Football Lunch Club ◆ Y3&4 Production 2pm Via KS1 door, parents welcome
Wednesday 26th	◆ Y3&4 Production 6pm via KS1 door
Thursday 27th	◆ Y3 Natural History Class trip
May	
Monday 1st	◆ Bank Holiday (School closed)
Tuesday 2nd	◆ Y6 Top up swimming (selected children only)
Wednesday 3rd	◆ Class Photographs (full school uniform please, PE kit if needed bring in a bag)
Saturday 6th	◆ Coronation of King Charles III
Monday 8th	◆ Bank Holiday (School closed)

House Points	
Gade	4950
Colne	4350
Bulbourne	4375
Lea	4400

Attachments	
⇒	Autism Awareness
Recently Added On Website (on Newsletter page unless specified)	
⇒	IFST Easter
⇒	Easter Poster