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On Wednesday, we celebrated South Hill Primary School's 75th anniversary. The children learnt about the history of our school and the 1950s! We had a wonderful afternoon singing, dancing and waving our flags as we celebrated 75 years of South Hill primary school (1951-2026) Thank you to all those who joined us on such a magical afternoon dancing in the sun.



South Hill House Boarding School

South Hill School was known as South Hill House and was a high profile Victorian boarding school for boys. Wealthy families sent their children to the school as the elevated position on the hill was considered healthier with fresher air than London.



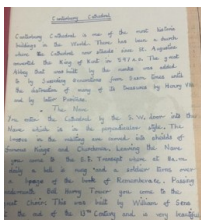
South Hill Land

The field area on the left of this picture is where South Hill School is now. South Hill house boarding school was knocked down, and South Hill Primary School inherited the name and much of the land and is the physical ghost of the Victorian private school.



Visit From An Ex South Hill Pupil

We had a visit from Mr Graham Gibbs who was a pupil at South Hill School when it opened in 1951! Mr Gibbs brought in his schoolbooks and showed us his wonderful handwriting. He told us that his teacher used chalk and a chalk board and he used an ink pen that could get very messy. He showed us a picture of the teachers and headteacher from 1951.



Pictures From The Past

Teachers from South Hill School in 1951.



Sports Day in the 1950s on our current school field, included the wheelbarrow race, tug of war and egg of spoon race.

In assembly, the children were shown photos inside the school from the 1950s'. Pupils have wooden desks.



Writer of the Month - 75th Anniversary Theme

For our Writer of the month wall, we chose the work that the children had produced in celebration of our 75th anniversary. The children learnt lots about the past and produced some lovely pieces of writing.



Celebrations

We started the celebration by singing a song from the past, 'Rock around the clock,' and we ended with our school song 'Give it all you got.' It was wonderful to hear the pupils sing, "We are the children of South Hill School, we take a pride in the things we do!" What a fantastic celebration.

Don Rae Academy - 75th Anniversary Celebration

During our 75th celebration, the pupils all learnt a dance which was taught to them by a friend of the school, Mr Don Rae. Don Rae leads our International day too. On Wednesday each year group performed a dance through the decades with Year 6 dancing in the 1950's style when the school was opened. We had so much fun dancing and singing songs through the decades.



Each year group performed the following dances:

Year 6 - 1950
Year 5 - 1960
Year 4 - 1970
Year 3 - 1980
Year 2 - 1990
Year 1 - 2000
EYFS - 2010
Teachers - 2020



Staff Dance

There was a staff dance near the end of the celebration. Staff used their lunchtime to learn a dance in 15 minutes! We all thoroughly enjoyed representing the dance of 2020!



Yours sincerely,
Miss J Wellbelove
Headteacher

Our Gift To You

In order for all children to be able to further celebrate the 75th Anniversary and have an item to remember this momentous occasion. The school has given each child a commemorative water bottle. These will be coming home with your child today.

It would be fantastic to see the new water bottles in use. All have been named to prevent loss.



Star of the Week	
	18.09.26
Rainbow Room	Whole Class
Wrens	Aniyah
Robins	Eden
Goldfinches	Arthur
Sparrows	Mason
Owls	Mirna & Julia
Kingfishers	Jessie
Ash	Rosse
Beech	Maya
Holly	Finley
Maple	Em
Oak	Yugandhara
Silver Birch	Enal
Sycamore	Stevie
Hazel	Nicole

September	
Monday 21st	♦ Yom Kippur
Tuesday 22nd	♦ M.G Leonard Author Visit Y2-6 ♦ Girls Football trials at lunch time
Tuesday 29th	♦ Y5 Crucial Crew class trip ♦ Y6 WW2 Day
Wednesday 30th	♦ Ash class assembly—Parents welcome 8.50-9.30am ♦ Flu Vaccination day ♦ KS2 Harvest—St Johns Church 2-3pm 2pm start parents welcome
October	
Wednesday 7th	♦ International Day
Thursday 8th	♦ Y4 Verulamium class trip ♦ New Parent Tour 9.30-10.30am
Tuesday 13th	♦ Y3 Celtic Harmony class trip ♦ EYFS, KS1 Harvest—School hall 9-10am parents welcome
Wednesday 14th	♦ Holly class assembly 8.50-9.30am
Monday 19th	♦ Parents Evening 4-7pm
Tuesday 20th	♦ School Photographs, Individual and Siblings
Wednesday 21st	♦ Sycamore class assembly 8.50-9.30am ♦ Parents Evening 4-7pm ♦ Y5&6 Cross Country TBC
Friday 23rd	♦ End of half term—finish at 3.15pm
Saturday 31st	♦ Y6 Deadline for Secondary school application
November	
Monday 2nd	♦ Return to school 8.40am

Attachments

- ♦ Game 1—Storm Basketball

[Please follow the link here to see all attachments via our school website](#)