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At South Hill School, we present 'Picture News' to our pupils in assembly on Monday mornings. Picture News helps our pupils learn about current affairs and develop respect for others. This week, we discovered that in 2025, pupils will be allowed to study British Sign Language as a GCSE. We thought about the question; 'Should we learn sign language at school?'



Half Term Pop-up Clinics for MMR Vaccinations

Pop-up vaccination clinics have been arranged over half term to make it easier for you to make sure your child is fully vaccinated against measles mumps and rubella and any other childhood vaccinations they may have missed. **People of all ages can attend the clinics, including young people and adults.** Measles can make your child seriously unwell and one in five children end up in hospital because of complications. Measles spreads very easily, especially in schools. **A child with measles will infect almost all unprotected children they have contact with as they can catch it just by spending time in the same room.** Vaccination is the best protection against measles, and it is vitally important to make sure your children have had both of their free MMR vaccinations. **You can book your appointment by calling 0300 555 5055 and choosing option 1.**



South Hill Coffee Morning—26.02.24

Our 2nd targeted coffee morning is for parents/carers of EYFS children, Monday 26 February, 9am—10am in the school library. We look forward to seeing you.



Fire Engine Visit

The Fire Brigade visited Year 2 last week. They spoke about all the equipment they use and how they rescue people. It was funny when they made our teachers wear their uniform, they found it hard to walk as it was so heavy. It was great fun when we got to use the fire hose at the end.



Egyptian Day

Year 5 had a most enjoyable Egyptian day workshop. We learnt Egyptian myths and beliefs, danced and made hieroglyphs! We enjoyed dressing up and re-enacting the history of Egypt.



Author of the Month

As February 24th is the birthday of Wilhelm Grimm (one of the Brothers Grimm), why not spend half term re-visiting some of their famous tales like Rapunzel, Snow White or Hansel and Gretel? You could find links in these old tales to stories and films of today.



Parents Guided Reading Workshop

We had an enjoyable meeting on Tuesday and welcomed about 100 parents into the school to learn about how South Hill teaches and supports reading. Parents were informed about a child's reading journey from EYFS to



Year 6, how reading is promoted and how to follow up with reading support at home. If you missed the presentation, please find it on our website on the HOME page and also in the curriculum section under English. Please continue to support your child by reading regularly at home.

Class News - Holly

Holly class have become inventors! We have created Krindlekrax creature catchers to trap the crocodile and stop it from hurting the residents of Lizard Street in our English lessons. We have focussed on fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases to explain how the inventions work!



Grammar Corner—Robins

Reception classes have been reading the book *The Tiger Who Came To Tea* by Judith Kerr and have used it for our writing inspiration. We have decided to hold a mini Tiger Tea Party and so the children have written their own invitations for their parents and decorated biscuits to eat at the party. They have also been practising retelling the story and sequencing all the story parts.



Kingfishers Assembly

Kingfishers were great ambassadors of our 4 Rs, especially showing great resilience and overcoming challenges to put on such a wonderful display of their learning, particularly about The Great Fire of London. Well done Kingfishers and thank you for all the support families showed the class, it was lovely to see so many of you there.



Goldfinches Assembly

Goldfinches had a lovely morning on Wednesday for their class assembly. We spoke about our learning this term from our Victorian Day to our learning in Maths, where we have been studying 2D and 3D shapes. Thank you to all the adults who joined us.



Netball Match v St Thomas More Primary School

On Tuesday the school netball team travelled to St Thomas More Primary School to play a netball match. We put in a strong performance and the match ended in a draw at 6-6. The player of the match was Alice who scored 5 of our goals. Reported by Billie.

Netball Match v Greenway School

On Monday, the netball team played a match at Greenway School and won 1-29. The girls played really well and Billie was player of the match. The staff are really proud of how the girls have worked on their skills and not only did they show these in abundance on Monday but they showed great respect to their opponents and were a credit to the school.



Yours sincerely
Miss Wellbelove
Headteacher

Attendance matters
Every student, every

South Hill Weekly Attendance

Our target is 97% for the whole school

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| Wrens | 92.4% |
| Robins | 90.7% |
| Goldfinches | 92.7% |
| Sparrows | 97.3% |
| Owls | 91.4% |
| Kingfishers | 94% |
| Ash | 93% |
| Beech | 94.3% |
| Holly | 97.5% |
| Maple | 90.7% |
| Oak | 91.3% |
| Silver Birch | 90% |
| Sycamore | 89.4% |
| Hazel | 88.6% |
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| Whole school | 92.4% |

| February | |
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| HALF TERM | Monday 19th—Friday 23rd February |
| Monday 26th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents Evening booking goes live today at 6pm Coffee Morning—EYFS parents/carers welcome 9-10am. |
| Thursday 29th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y1 DSSN Sports Event at the sports centre. Boys football v The Reddings—away |
| March | |
| Friday 1st | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secondary school allocation day Reception late application deadline |
| Wednesday 6th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PTA Mothers day |
| Thursday 7th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Book Day—Non uniform day |
| Monday 11th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bikeability Week Y5 Coffee morning—SEND parents 9-10am Girls football v Greenway—home |
| Tuesday 12th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y6 Creative Workshop at Abbots Hill School |
| Wednesday 13th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Owls Class assembly |
| Thursday 14th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y1 Whipsnade Zoo Trip |
| Monday 18th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y3 Natural History Museum trip |



| Star of the Week | |
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| Wrens | Noah |
| Robins | Harry |
| Goldfinches | Whole Class |
| Sparrows | Ioanna |
| Owls | Tillie |
| Kingfishers | Lily-Mae |
| Ash | Stevie |
| Beech | Freya |
| Holly | Caleb |
| Maple | Freddie |
| Oak | Aiden |
| Silver Birch | Merryn |
| Sycamore | Maisie C |
| Hazel | Rylee |

| House Points | |
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| Gade | 3875 |
| Lea | 3775 |
| Bulbourne | 3700 |
| Colne | 4075 |

Attachments

⇒ Coffee Morning Poster EYFS
⇒ Picture News for Parents
⇒ School Nurse Newsletter

⇒ **Please click on the link below to access all attachments**
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