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Welcome back to the summer term 2026! It was lovely to see the class photos take place today. Don't forget as the weather is improving, you are welcome to join your child on the Daily Mile each morning. Please enter from the side gate near EYFS at 8.15am. Please stay with your child until the whistle blows as usual for them to go into class.

Sad News

It is with a heavy heart that we share the sad news that one of our former pupils Rafa Zeca has died. Rafa was a pupil here in Years 5 and 6 and left in July 2024 the family recently moved away. Rafa had been unwell for some time, but this news was unexpected. His younger brother and sister were also pupils here. The family are in our thoughts at this incredibly difficult time.

Daily Mile Mornings

Looking to start your day in a fun, positive and healthy way for yourself and your child? (Parent/Guardians to stay with their child/children). Then come and run, jog or walk on our daily mile track to keep yourself fit and healthy. The weather is certainly turning for the better too! Looking forward to seeing you there. You don't want to miss out! Gates opens at 8:15 and closes at 8:35.



SPaG—Owls Class

This week, Year 2 Owls have been learning how to use suffixes. A suffix is a group of letters added to the end of a word to change its meaning. An example of the suffixes we have been focusing on:

- ness (e.g. happy → happiness)
- er (e.g. teach → teacher)
- ment (e.g. enjoy → enjoyment)

This work helps children **expand their vocabulary** and **improve their writing**, supporting both grammar and spelling skills.



Class News—Oak

In Maths, we have been identifying and naming angles and learnt how to use a protractor. In English, we are learning about the features of instruction writing. The photo of our athletics lesson shows us learning how to pass a baton when running at speed. We learnt how to be ready with arm extended and how to pass and receive with care.



Rainbow Room News

Our new Hungry Caterpillar outside story board with puppets has been a big success this week.



The Power of Us

This year, Mrs Albery and Mrs Khan, our School Counsellor, have led *The Power of Us*, a KS2 initiative designed to build pupils' confidence, sense of belonging, and pupil voice, while supporting our work towards achieving a **Wellbeing Quality Mark**. Pupils meet weekly to develop teamwork, resilience, and responsibility.

During the Spring Term, pupils voted to improve our gardening area, gaining practical experience in planning, budgeting, and working through the school's purchasing process. The pupils took great pride in making a positive change to their school environment. As Isaac shared, "I have enjoyed helping to change our school in a positive way."



School Uniform Ordering

A company called Mapac is our official school uniform supplier. We pride ourselves that we do not require lots of school logo uniform, but do ask that each child has a school jumper/fleece so that when school trips take place, each child can represent and be easily identifiable as a South Hill Child. Our uniform suppliers have asked that orders for the new school year are not made late during the summer holidays. We have attached information that may be of assistance.



Autism Awareness Month Assembly

On Wednesday, Mrs Donley talked with the children in Assembly about April being World Autism Acceptance Month. The children learnt that we are all different, just like the colours of the rainbow, and that each colour is important. Together they explored how our school is like a rainbow made up of many different colours, and how this makes it a special, happy and caring place to be. The assembly ended with thinking about kindness, the importance of acceptance, and how we can 'show up' to help and support one another.



Walk to School Week 18-22 May

We will once again be taking part in Walk to School Week before May half term. The week will commence with an assembly about the benefits of walking or travelling to school in an active manner. Now that the weather is kinder to us, we want to encourage many of you to participate in this week. There will be a school—run competition too!



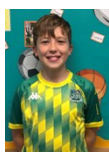
Your sincerely,
Miss J Wellbelove
Headteacher



Sport, Health & Wellbeing

Boys Football—Grove Road School

On the 26 March the Lions played their semi-final match against Grove Road School. The boys won 3-1 with a hat-trick from player of the match Ollie (Hazel).



Y5/6 Football Tournament

The Lions football team played in the district 6a-side tournament on Wednesday at Kings Langley school. They played well considering that this was their first games together, winning 2, drawn 2 and lost two. We went into the quarter finals and after a great team effort, lost 1-0. The team tried hard, but it wasn't our day. Player of the tournament was Bobby (goalkeeper) with some excellent saves.



The Year 5/6 friendly team took part in a football tournament at Kings Langley School on Wednesday. They played extremely well showing excellent teamwork against other teams. The tigers won 4 lost 3 and drew 1. Well, done tigers!

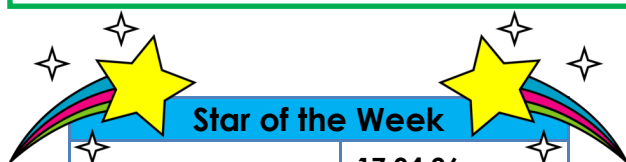


Cross Country

On Tuesday 24 March, a team of children visited Lockers Park School for their annual cross-country event. All our children competed well with the year 3&4's running a distance of 1.5k and 3k. A huge well done to Abigail for finishing 3rd out of the year 3&4 girls' race, and Joey finishing 2nd in the year 5&6 boys' race. A huge well done to the whole South Hill team.



April	
Monday 20th	◆ School Council Assembly 8.50am
Tuesday 21st	◆ Southern football finals—New Date
Wednesday 22nd	◆ School Nurse visit—Reception screening ◆ Football Final A team—Home at Hemel School
Thursday 23rd	◆ Y3&4 football tournament—Kings Langley School
Saturday 25th	◆ Eco Warrior and School Council litter pick 10.15am
Monday 27th	◆ Y2—Ten Tennis Project begins
Tuesday 28th	◆ Wix football tournament 4.45-7pm—Selected students
Wednesday 29th	◆ Y4 Harry Potter Studio tour Class Trip ◆ Y5&6 Laureate Academy parent talk 8.50am school hall
May	



Star of the Week

	17.04.26
Rainbow Room	Luca
Wrens	Emma
Robins	David
Goldfinches	Rayyan
Sparrows	Lois
Owls	Eissa
Kingfishers	Diljan
Ash	Ezric
Beech	Skylar A
Holly	Sam
Maple	Alex M
Oak	Julian
Silver Birch	Jacob
Sycamore	Noah
Hazel	Anthony

House Points

Gade	9950
Lea	8125
Colne	6850
Bulborne	8650

Attendance



Attendance matters

Every student, every day.
School Target is 97%

Attendance



Weekly Attendance
Champion

Robins 99.1%



Whole school

94.1 %



Attachments

- ◆ Mapac School Uniform Ordering
- ◆ Diary Dates for Summer Term
- ◆ Rugby Day

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