

Friday 9th October 2026
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What a wonderful celebration on Wednesday as we celebrated International Day 2026. It was a pleasure watching our pupils dancing on stage and really enjoying themselves through dance and music. Thank you for joining us to celebrate.



International Day

What a fantastic International Day we had! The children enjoyed celebrating and learning about different countries and cultures. They looked wonderful in their colourful clothes and had a wonderful time singing, learning new dance moves, tasting delicious foods and discovering more about Geography. It was a fun-filled day of learning, sharing and celebrating. Well done everyone!



National Poets Day

To celebrate National Poetry Day on 1st October we shared poems in class. We also posted poems on Class dojo school story every day for a week, each poem was chosen and read by a member of the staff team, please do take a look if you haven't already.

Living Eggs

Year 2 are looking forward to getting to know our newly hatched chicks. The children have patiently waited until Thursday for the chicks to hatch. We have completed fantastic writing about chicks and chickens, and we have been learning about the life cycle of a chicken. We can't wait to watch the chicks grow next week.



Writing Corner – Hazel

In Hazel, we have been learning how to use dialogue to reveal a character's personality. We put this skill into practice by writing a conversation between two characters from our class book, *Letters from the Lighthouse*. We carefully chose their words and actions to show their thoughts and feelings.

Our top tips for writing dialogue:

- Use inverted commas around the spoken words.
- Start a new line when a different character speaks.
- Choose words such as *whispered* or *snapped* to show how a character speaks.
- Include actions and facial expressions to reveal feelings.

Class News from Sparrows

As well as having lots of fun celebrating International Day, Year 1 have been busy building our foundational skills! We used colourful stickers to follow patterns and strengthen our fine motor skills. We then put these skills into action during our handwriting practice. Fantastic work, Year 1!



Reception News

Wrens and Robins have made a fantastic start to school, settling well into their new classes, learning routines, making friends, and building positive relationships with the Early Years team. In Maths, the children explored and created repeating patterns using a variety of resources, including natural materials. In Literacy, they have enjoyed *The Leaf Thief* while developing early writing skills by using phonics to write initial sounds and simple CVC words. A highlight of the week was International Day, where the children confidently performed for their families. We are incredibly proud of them all.

Parent Governor Election

I am delighted to announce that Roxanne Tipton has duly been elected as a Parent Governor to serve on the South Hill Governing Board for the next four years. Roxanne has a child in Reception and brings a wealth of experience to the Board as a solicitor specialising in dispute resolution. Welcome Roxanne. I would also thank the other two candidates for putting their names forward.

Hans Peters, Chair of Governors

Road Closure – 26.10.26-27.10.26 - Update

The planned road closure for Heath Lane and Anchor Lane has been amended and is now due to be closed during October half term. It now also includes Anchor Lane.

Children In Need 13.11.26

This year we will be supporting Children in Need taking place on Friday 13 November. This will be a non-school uniform day at South Hill. We ask parents to donate to the Children in Need charity via the School Gateway app.

Yours sincerely
Miss Wellbelove
Headteacher

Sport, Health & Wellbeing

Sports Leaders

On Tuesday 6th October, our Year 6 sports leaders visited Galley Hill school to take part in their Activity Ambassador training day. There was an hour of practical learning and an hour of theory-based learning. They all gave great answers and showcased good understanding of what they need to do to promote physical activity around the school. They had a very enjoyable time, and we thank Galley Hill for the use of their facilities on the day, and DSSN for teaching our leaders on the day. They certainly have a busy 10 months ahead of them!



PE with Y6 Hazel

Year 6 Hazel enjoyed a PE lesson focusing on tag rugby skills to use in a match. They have been passing and moving practices, as well as looking at, set plays to attack quickly and the scissors movement to commit the defender before passing at the right time. All pupils considered the skills and put them into practice extremely well!



Star of the Week

09.10.2026

Rainbow Room	Luca
Wrens	Lowenna
Robins	Joy
Goldfinches	Freja
Sparrows	Khalil
Owls	Ivy
Kingfishers	Alfie
Ash	Ekin
Beech	Minahil
Holly	Whole Class
Maple	Whole Class
Oak	Grayson
Silver Birch	George
Sycamore	Isaac
Hazel	Lottie

October

Tuesday 13 th	- Y3 Celtic Harmony class trip - EYFS & KS1 Harvest festival 9-9.45am parents welcome in school hall - No Game On lunch club today
Wednesday 14 th	Y4 Holly class assembly 8.50-9.3am parents welcome
Monday 19 th	- Parents evening 4-7pm - Owls, Goldfinches and Sycamore 1-4pm
Tuesday 20 th	Individual and sibling school photographs
Wednesday 21 st	- Sycamore class assembly 8.50-9.30am parents' welcome - Parents evening 4-7pm school hall - Y5&6 Cross Country (selected children only)
Friday 23 rd	End of half term finish time 3.15pm
Monday 26 th	- Half Term Week - School closed to all

November

Monday 2 nd	Children return to school 8.50am
Wednesday 4 th	EYFS & KS1 Author visit – Sam Usher
Thursday 5 th	- New to reception parent tour 9.30am - Y6 District cross country TBC
Friday 6 th	- Diwali begins - Boys A Team football –Two Waters School - home
Tuesday 19 th	Y6 Heath Check – School Nurse Visit
Wednesday 11 th	Remembrance Service 10.45 – 11.15am Parents welcome
Friday 13 th	Children in Need – Non Uniform Day
Monday 16 th	Girls football – Potten End School - Home

House Points

Gade	0850
Lea	0925
Bulbourne	0850
Colne	0675

Attachments

- Balance Bike Course Oct Half Term
- Junior Gym Letter for Primary schools
- Laureate Academy Firework Display
- What's Cooking at School

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