

Friday 25 October 2024  
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It was lovely to see so many of you at Parents Evening this week. It is such an important meeting to find out about your child's learning and progress as well as their learning behaviour and wellbeing. We hope you were able to see their work in classes too. If you were unable to attend, please contact the school to arrange an appointment.



this is a great book with lots of fun facts about nature and wildlife around us. Also, for those who want to attend an event about books, look at events happening at Hemel Library. There is a Zoolab Story Creators event on Monday 28th October from 2 - 3 pm.

### EYFS Phonics Session

On Thursday morning, Reception parents attended a phonics lesson in the EYFS classrooms. They watched the teachers teaching phonemes, graphemes, segmenting and blending. The children were super stars, and everyone did great learning, including the parents! Thank you to all those who attended.

## Phonics



### Sycamore Assembly

Year six Sycamore had their class assembly last week. They showed off their World War II costumes and shared lots of their learning, including art, PE, history and English. The children watching particularly enjoyed all the dancing and singing.



### Y3—Celtic Harmony Class Trip

Year 3 had a great time travelling back in time to the Stone Age on Wednesday. Celtic Harmony really is the place to learn about hunting and gathering, shelter building, fire making and mammoth hunting! The pupils also had a chance to take part in 'trading' and to watch flint being made into a spearhead.



### Remembrance Day 11.11.24

Parents are welcome to join us at 10.40 am on Monday 11 November, in the school playground for our Remembrance service.



### Children in Need

Once again we will be supporting the amazing Children in Need charity that will be celebrated on Friday 15 November. Children are welcome to come to school in non-school uniform for a suggested donation of £1 per child. All donations are to be made via the School Gateway app.



### International Day—7.11.24

This year we will be celebrating international day on Thursday 7 November. Children are encouraged to wear international dress or colours of the flag of their designated country. Parents are invited to attend the afternoon performances, please see the calendar overleaf.



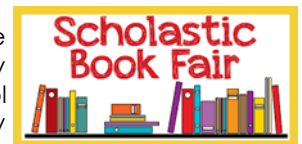
### Netball Match—against St Cuthbert Mayne School

Our first netball match as a team was against St Cuthbert Mayne. There was a mix of nerves and excitement amongst our players. We got off to a strong start by scoring the first goal. At the end of the 1st quarter the score was 1-1. In the second quarter we scored two more and defended well. In the third quarter we had a boost of confidence, all the players were less nervous. The score was 5-2. The final result was 8-4. We were all proud and overjoyed with our win. Most valuable players of this match were Eva and Merry.



### Book Fair

Our annual book fair will be returning to South Hill on Thursday 21st—28th November, after school in the hall. A fantastic opportunity to replenish your home library, or to purchase gifts for special occasions. (No cash, online payments only).



### Diwali

May the light of Diwali illuminate your home and heart with happiness and prosperity.



### Half Term

Next week is half term. We hope that you manage to find some time to relax and recharge your batteries spend some time with loved ones, spend some time outside and enjoy your break from school. We look forward to seeing you all for the second half of Autumn term beginning Monday 4th November at 8.40 am. A reminder that the clocks go back on Sunday. Enjoy your extra hour!



### Half Term Reading

Half term book recommendations and activities - By Mrs Carver and Mrs Masters. 'Birdie' a book by JP Rose is a book set in the 1950s. If you like 'Good night Mr Tom' by Michael Morpurgo then this is the book for you!



We also recommend a book published by the National Trust - 'A story of the Seasons'. For those of you out and about this half term then

### Morning Club Update

Please see the attached morning club update that was sent home earlier today. There are some very important updates that will come in to effect from Monday 4 November.



Yours sincerely  
Miss Wellbelove  
Headteacher

Attendance matters  
Every student, every day

### South Hill Weekly Attendance

Our target is 97% for the whole school

Wrens	95.2%
Robins	96.7%
Goldfinches	99%
Sparrows	95.5%
Owls	97.2%
Kingfishers	96.8%
Ash	96%
Beech	97%
Holly	92.7%
Maple	96.7%
Oak	92.7%
Silver Birch	91.3%
Sycamore	96.7%
Hazel	96.1%
<b>Whole school</b>	<b>95.7%</b>



### Star of the Week

Wrens	Rais
Robins	Rocco
Goldfinches	Mariam
Sparrows	Basit
Owls	Finley
Kingfishers	Chester
Ash	Whole Class
Beech	Whole Class
Holly	Jude S and Ava
Maple	Jodesh
Oak	Lochlan
Silver Birch	Sumaira
Sycamore	Whole Class
Hazel	Aiden

<b>October</b>	
Monday 28— Friday 1st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Half Term</li> <li>◆ Deadline for Secondary School Applications.</li> </ul>
<b>November</b>	
Monday 4th	◆ School begins at 8.40am
Tuesday 5th	◆ Netball match — away — Brockwood School
Wednesday 6th	◆ New Parent Tour 9.30am—School hall
Thursday 7th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ International Day—EYFS &amp; KS1 2pm</li> <li>◆ International Day—KS2 2.30pm in the school hall</li> <li>◆ Boys Football A team—Hemel School</li> </ul>
Friday 8th	◆ Y4 Swimming
Monday 11th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Remembrance Day 10.40am</li> <li>◆ Netball match—Home</li> </ul>
Tuesday 12th	◆ Netball match—away—Galley Hill
Wednesday 13th	◆ Y4 Verulamium Trip

<b>House Points</b>	
Gade	600
Lea	500
Bulbourne	475
Colne	325

- Attachments**
- ⇒ Supporting your child with a limited diet
  - ⇒ Fire Safety Autumn News
  - ⇒ Dental Poster
  - ⇒ October holiday camp
  - ⇒ Morning Clubs Update