

Friday 10 October 2025

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We celebrated Harvest at St John's church with Key Stage 2. The service was led by Year 5 Silver Birch and they shared the importance and true meaning of Harvest. Thank you to Father Mike who shared with us the journey of his Pizza! Thank you for all the wonderful harvest contributions. These will be given to the Salvation Army who are very appreciative and will use the items in their food bank.



Holly Class Assembly

Holly class were thrilled to share their learning so far this term during their class assembly last week. They shared Roman facts, written descriptions, a science quiz, facts about Buddhism and played the boomwhackers too! So much learning has already taken place in the short time we've been back to school. Well done Holly.



Class Assembly

Online Safety

Please see the attachment to this newsletter that highlights the dangers of group chat and how to keep your child safe while online.



Inset Day

A reminder that the school is closed to all children on Tuesday 14 October for one day, as it is a staff training day. We welcome the children back on Wednesday 15 October at 8.40am.



School Photograph Day

Remember to bring your smile on Wednesday 15 October. This will be individual and sibling pictures.



Y5&6 Tag Rugby

On Wednesday 1st October, pupils from Years 5 and 6 took part in a Tag Rugby Festival at Camelot rugby club. The children played in teams of 7 against several other local schools. The children played with enthusiasm and respect, and this was noted by staff from other schools.



Y6 WW2 Day

Last Friday, Year 6 stepped back in time for a World War II Day filled with shelter building, code breaking, dancing and wartime cooking, a truly immersive taste of life on the home front!



Y2 Living Eggs

Year 2 has received a very special delivery this week, a set of eggs! The children are eagerly watching the incubator and waiting to see the eggs hatch. This is a wonderful opportunity for the class to learn and write about life cycles and caring for living creatures. We can't wait to welcome our new fluffy arrivals.



Ash Class Assembly

Year 3 Ash showcased their learning so far in their class assembly on Weds. They talked about The Stone Age and read some Stone Age stories, showed some rocks in science and even spoke some French!



School Council Meeting Focus—Respect

The first School Council meeting of the year and the discussion focused on how we can promote the importance of *Respect* and *Tolerance* within our school community. The pupils shared a range of creative ideas and have been asked to return to their class to gather more suggestions from their peers. The Council will meet again next term to share and develop these ideas further.



Secondary School Applications - Important

The application window is now open, for all Secondary School applications. All applications are to be made online direct to County Admissions via the following link [Secondary and upper school places | Hertfordshire County Council](#)

The deadline date is 31 October, although County advise that you make the application earlier to prevent possible delays due to technical difficulties.



SPaG

In Silver Birch we have worked on adding the -ed suffix to verbs and writing these as a fronted adverbial to add extra detail to a main clause.



Yours sincerely,
Miss J Wellbelove
Headteacher

Attendance  Attendance matters
Every student, every day  Attendance

South Hill Weekly Attendance

Our target is 97% for the whole school

Wrens	93.4%
Robins	96.1%
Goldfinches	91%
Sparrows	96.3%
Owls	97.9% 
Kingfishers	92.7%
Ash	97.6% 
Beech	98.8% 
Holly	98.9% 
Maple	98% 
Oak	97.3% 
Silver Birch	93.7%
Sycamore	95.7%
Hazel	94.1%
Whole school	95.6% 



Star of the Week

	10.10.25
Wrens	Mila
Robins	Elsie
Goldfinches	Samuela
Sparrows	James
Owls	Zeziah
Kingfishers	Minahil
Ash	Whole Class
Beech	Ciel
Holly	Oliwia
Maple	Isaac
Oak	Lana and Leo
Silver Birch	Bella
Sycamore	David
Hazel	Freddie

October 2025

Monday 13th	♦ Y6 SAT's Evening—5.30pm in the school hall via KS1 door.
Tuesday 14th	♦ INSET DAY—School Closed to children
Wednesday 15th	♦ School Photo Day—Please bring your smile
Thursday 16th	♦ International Day—Performances in the afternoon—Parents welcome EYFS and KS1—2.15pm KS2—2.30pm
Friday 17th	♦ Cross Country Trials—Lunch time ♦ Y4 Swimming
Monday 20th	♦ Parents Evening 4-7pm in school Hall—All classes except Holly
Tuesday 21st	♦ Y3 Celtic Harmony Trip ♦ Y5 Viking Day ♦ Holly Class Parent Consultations 2-4.30pm in Head Teacher Office ♦ EYFS & KS1 Harvest Celebration 2.45pm in School Hall—Parents welcome

Attachments

- ♦ Group Chat Online Safety
- ♦ Music Making Day
- ♦ Storm Basketball Game

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