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Welcome back to the Spring Term. It is lovely to be back at school and back into our routines. We look forward to the term ahead.

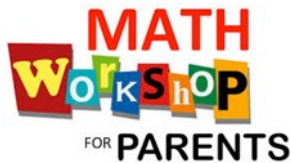
Herts Catering

We are pleased with our new caterers, Herts Catering. Pupil voice has echoed this and we will continue to monitor the service provided.



Maths Workshop and class visit

We are pleased to invite you to see your child learning Maths in their class! The morning will begin at 9am in the school hall. The focus will be using manipulatives (equipment) to support Maths Learning. You will then be able to visit your child's class to see their Maths lesson at 9.30am. We look forward to seeing you.



Football Matches

South Hill Girls played against Hobletts Manor School in December in a very competitive match. The South Hill defensive was finally beaten by two goals. Katie was awarded player of the match.



South Hill Boys played away against Nash Mills in December and had a very good start with two goals in five minutes. Another 2 goals were scored in the second half. The final score was 4-1, player of the match was Teddy.

Forest School

Year 5 enjoyed a forest school campfire during the last week of term, toasting marshmallows on a damp, cold day!



Star of the Autumn Term

We are launching a new reward scheme "Star of the Term". This is an award in recognition of a child who has worked above and beyond for the term, overcome social or emotional difficulties or has just been an all-round super star. The children who have won the award are listed overleaf. Well done to all children listed!



Coffee Morning

Our next parent coffee morning will be held on Wednesday 15 January at 8.40 – 9.40am. This is your chance to see a member of our pastoral team in a relaxed environment for help or advice. Meet other parents, get help with applications, gain SEND support, support with child wellbeing, obtain pre-loved uniform, find out about school clubs and any other support that you may need. We look forward to seeing you at then.



Safer Travel

At this time of year, we would like to remind you to be safe and seen especially as you come and go from school. We also attach a guide to road safety which we hope that will find useful.



Bird Watch

The RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch 2025, taking place on 24-26 January. Some Y6 pupils are planning South Hill's participation with Miss Wellbelove. They have shown great leadership skills. Sign up by following the link and get your free guide. Record the number of birds that land in your garden during a time a date of your choice. The records your findings. Simple as that. <https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch>



KS2 Competition

Following the recent winning success for reading and writing competitions, we



are keen to keep up the positivity moving momentum. Scholastic Books are running a competition for the month of January. KS2 children can design a new dinosaur for the new book published by Philip Kevan. Please follow the link here for more details. <https://www.scholastic.co.uk/designadino>

Be Prepared

As the new term begins, we are making an effort to reduce the amount of lost property that gets disposed of every term. In order to do this we are asking that all parents/carers name or label everything that your child brings into school. This includes coats, bags, uniform, water bottles and packed lunch boxes. You do not need to have fancy expensive labels, a simple sharpie pen or permanent marker will do the job just as well. Please make sure you label everything. This will help any misplaced items to be returned to the correct owner.



Start of the School Day

A reminder that the school day begins at 8.40am. The doors remain open until 8.50am. Anyone arriving after 8.50am will be marked as late and a parent or carer will need to sign their child in the late book at the school office. Children arriving after 9.10am will receive an unauthorised absence mark for the morning session. The day is less daunting for children who arrive on time with their peers.



Gade Family Support Services

We work very closely with Gade Family Support who offer a huge range of services, help and support for families in this area. A member of Gade Family Support will be at our coffee morning on Wednesday 15 January at 8.40 -9.40am.








Yours sincerely
Miss Wellbelove
Headteacher

Attendance matters
Every student, every day

South Hill Weekly Attendance

Our target is 97% for the whole school

Wrens	97%	
Robins	100%	
Goldfinches	92.2%	
Sparrows	96%	
Owls	94.3%	
Kingfishers	96.7%	
Ash	88.9%	
Beech	96.7%	
Holly	91.7%	
Maple	97.2%	
Oak	96%	
Silver Birch	92.2%	
Sycamore	96.8%	
Hazel	99.4%	
Whole school	95.3%	

★ Star of the Autumn Term ★

Wrens	Jonah
Robins	Henry Ma
Goldfinches	Baani
Sparrows	Maisie
Owls	Juno
Kingfishers	Savas
Ash	Lara
Beech	Nouralain
Holly	Bobby
Maple	Joey
Oak	Mollie
Silver Birch	Angela
Sycamore	Emily
Hazel	Henry

January 2025	
Monday 13th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Lunch and After School clubs begin this week ◆ Boys Football match—St Paul's School at Home ◆ Drumba workshop EYFS, Y1, Y2 and Y3—PE kit required
Tuesday 14th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Y5 Science Workshop—Abbots Hill selected children ◆ Drumba workshop Y4, Y5 and Y6 PE kit required
Wednesday 15th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Reception application deadline ◆ Sparrows Class Assembly 9am Parents welcome ◆ Coffee Morning 8.40am—9.40am ◆ Y2 Multi skills at sport centre
Thursday 16th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ School Census Day—Special School Menu offered.
Friday 17th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Y4 Swimming
Monday 20th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Girls football away at Bovingdon
Tuesday 21st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Parent Maths Workshop 9am school hall ◆ Boys football away at Broadfield school ◆ Last choir rehearsal after school
Thursday 23rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Young Voices Concert at the O2.

House Points	
Gade	2525
Lea	2075
Bulbourne	2050
Colne	1525

Attachments

- ◆ Gade Family Support
- ◆ Healthy Recipes
- ◆ Teaching Road Safety
- ◆ Weekend Arts and Crafts
- ◆ PSA February Camp
- ◆ Electric Umbrella

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