

Friday 8th September 2023  
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### Welcome back to the new academic year 2023-24!

We welcome our new pupils and staff to South Hill School. It has been lovely to see our pupils settled in their new classes in what has been a very hot week back at school! We hope they all enjoy the term ahead.

### South Hill Family News

It is with great sadness that we share with you the passing of one of our South Hill parents. Mr Ford sadly passed away during the summer and leaves behind his wife and two daughters. Mr Ford was known to so many at South Hill and his loss has been felt greatly by the school community. His family are in our thoughts and prayers at this most difficult time.

### Pastoral Support Assistant

We are delighted to introduce you to our new Pastoral Support Assistant for South Hill Primary School. Miss Iroegbu is excited to be supporting our pupils and families and is here to help and support. Further information about her role is attached.



### Class News - Sycamore

Sycamore have had a brilliant week settling into year six. We have been given our roles of prefects and play leaders and some of us are going to apply for some of the many other roles available. We are enjoying reading 'Letters from the Lighthouse' in our English topic and have already started completing some writing on this. In maths we have been revising our place value knowledge through active games and activities - the sunshine has helped immensely with this! In computing we have been learning about keeping safe online by managing passwords effectively.



### Wellbeing Garden

Over the summer, Mrs Albery organised some staff and volunteers from our local community to help renovate the garden area. There was lots of hard work to do, including moving old tyres and railway sleepers. However, it was so worth it because the new raised beds will enable the area to be used by the pupils to improve their science knowledge and also support their wellbeing and mental health.

This project would not have been possible without the incredible help of our volunteers and Mrs Albery would personally like to thank our brilliant school staff and the Harman Group for coming in and working so valiantly and contributing to purchasing soil and plants. Thank you also to our fabulous PTA, who also supported our school with funding and enabled our school to purchase the new bench and plant/ vegetable boxes, and finally Mr Jamie Creed, without whom this project would not have been possible.



### Grammar Corner

This year we will be focusing on the teaching of grammar. Grammar is the glue which holds our language together. Grammar is a compulsory element of the National Curriculum, which means learners have to understand and be able to use a range of specific grammatical features. Grammar helps us to read and to write effectively and is an important part of our communication. The grammar document we follow can be found [here](#).



This week in Year 5 we have revised a grammar rule by using and applying **expanded noun phrases** to our writing by describing a Viking god or goddess. **Expanded noun phrases** give more information about a noun. A child described the god Odin as being a tall, mysterious figure. The adjectives "tall" and "mysterious" help to describe Odin.



We look forward to keeping you updated on our grammar journey as the year progresses.

South Hill School website <https://www.southhill.herts.sch.uk/>

Our school website is full of useful information to help parents know what their child is learning in school as well as general information about South Hill. **Please look at the following pages as your child starts in their new year group:**

**Class Pages** - Under the 'Class Pages' tab, you will find information about your child's new year group, including a PowerPoint to introduce your new teachers, a 'Yearly Overview' to explain what your child will learn this year as well as other important year group/class information.

**The South Hill Curriculum** - Under the 'Curriculum' tab, you will find information about what we teach at South Hill and more detail about each subject from our subject leaders. This is detailed on our:

- 'Long term plans' - gives information for how the subject progresses right from EYFS to Year 6
- 'Knowledge Organisers' - examples of key knowledge needed for each specific topic taught
- 'Subject Overview' - gives more detail about a particular subject, including the vision and learning sequence.

### News from staff!

Mrs Clare had a very exciting opportunity during the summer where she got to play in a Touch Rugby Festival with her team at Twickenham Stadium before the England vs Fiji International game. Mrs Clare was also a flag bearer during the National Anthem and had a great time doing the half-time walk out. What an opportunity!





### Football Tryouts

Mr B will be holding football team tryouts next week. Girls will be after school on Monday; mixed team Friday after school; lunch time Thursday - girls; and lunch time Friday - mixed.

### Home/School Agreements







Please read through the Home/School agreement which was sent out earlier this week. It is also on the home page of our website. Thank you.

Yours sincerely  
*J Wellbelove*  
Miss Wellbelove  
Headteacher

Attendance  Attendance matters  
Every student, every  Attendance

## South Hill Weekly Attendance

Our target is 97% for the whole school

Wrens	99.2%	
Robins	100%	
Goldfinches	88.8%	
Sparrows	100%	
Owls	98.3%	
Kingfishers	97.5%	
Ash	96.7%	
Beech	92.1%	
Holly	94.4%	
Maple	96.6%	
Oak	99.6%	
Silver Birch	94.2%	
Sycamore	85.1%	
Hazel	94.0%	
<b>Whole school</b>	<b>95.1%</b>	

September	
Monday 11th	◆ All lunch time and after school clubs commence this week.
Wednesday 13th	◆ How to teach early reading, meeting for Reception & Y1 parents in the hall - 9 am
Wednesday 20th	◆ Ash class assembly
Thursday 21st	◆ Year 4 6-a-side at Lockers Park
Friday 22nd	◆ Year 6 World War 2 day

## Morning Games Club

Year 2 and above

Don't forget Mr B's friendly, fun Morning Games Club which starts at 8.00am. At only £3.50 per session, your child can start their day in a fun, friendly way.

## School Clubs

**Monday**

**Arts and Crafts** Ys 1 & 2 (lunchtime)  
**Girls Football** Years 3 – 6 (after school)

**Tuesday**

**Netball** Years 4 -6 (after school)

**Thursday**

**Football Club** Years 3 & 4 (after school)

**Friday**

**Football Club** Years 5 & 6 (after school)

**Every Day**

**Games Club** Years 1 – 6 (8 .00 am)  
**Library Club** open to all (8.15 am)

**Don't forget to sign up  
via the School Gateway**

## Attachments

- ⇒ [Pastoral Support Assistant introduction](#)
- ⇒ [Recently Added On Website  
\(on Newsletter page unless specified\)](#)
- ⇒ [Claire's Club—looking for childcare](#)
- ⇒ [BeeZee Bodies autumn timetable](#)
- ⇒ [HENRY calendar](#)



## Star of the Week

Wrens	(will start next week)
Robins	(will start next week)
Goldfinches	whole class
Sparrows	whole class
Owls	Nourulain
Kingfishers	Alex
Ash	whole class
Beech	whole class
Holly	whole class
Maple	whole class
Oak	whole class
Silver Birch	whole class
Sycamore	Niamh
Hazel	whole class