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Welcome back to the new academic year 2026-2027! I would like to welcome all our new staff and all of our new EYFS pupils and families to South Hill Primary School.

Please ensure that you speak to us if you have any questions or concerns. We are here to support you and your child. Please see the attached communication protocol for the best way to contact members of staff. The easiest way is to speak to a member of staff is at drop off or pick up. If you think it will take a little longer, please send an email into admin@southhill.herts.sch.uk and ask to arrange a meeting with the relevant member of staff.

South Hill School's 75th anniversary (1951-2026)

You are invited to join us on Wednesday 16th September as we celebrate South Hill School's 75th anniversary. Each class will celebrate by performing a dance through the decades and we will also be singing too. We would love you to join us as we wave our flags in celebration. Please join us via the side gate to the field at 1.45pm ready for a 2pm start. Please go to the KS1 playground to watch the celebration.



Communications Protocol

Please see the attached information for your convenience in support of clear communication.



Supporting Maths at Home with NumBots and TT Rock Stars

We are encouraging all children to regularly use **NumBots** (KS1) and **Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS)** (KS2) at home to support their maths learning. NumBots helps children develop quick and accurate number skills, while TTRS builds confidence and fluency with times tables through fun and engaging games. Just a few minutes of practice each day can make a big difference to your child's mathematical confidence and progress. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child become a successful mathematician!



Home Reading

I would like to take the opportunity at the start of the academic year to remind you of the importance of reading at home with your child. Reading at home is one of the most valuable things you can do to support your child's learning. Spending just 10 minutes each day sharing a book, listening to your child read, or talking about stories helps to build confidence, develop vocabulary, and improve comprehension skills. It also creates special opportunities for quality time together and encourages a lifelong love of reading. Thank you for helping us nurture enthusiastic and successful readers at home. Don't forget to look at the Book Missions for The National Year of Reading on class dojo for some fun book related activities and watch this space for our next reading competition.



Daily Mile

We are delighted to share that we are opening the Daily Mile everyday for our South Hill families! Mr Kilty, PE Coach, will open the side gate by EYFS which leads to the field at **8.15am** each morning. Mr Kilty will blow a whistle at **8.35am** to signal the end. Please could parents take their child to their normal entry point to access the school day. We hope our families can use our lovely grounds, spend time with your child and keep fit!



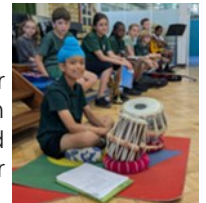
Rocksteady Concert

On Tuesday 14 July we enjoyed a fantastic Rocksteady concert. The South Hill Rockstars performed brilliantly! Many thanks to Daz for all his hard work teaching the children. Places are still available if you would like your child to join Rocksteady.



Summer Serenade

We all had a real treat watching our performers in the Summer Serenade on Thursday 16 July! Such talent and confidence! Thank you to Mr Tees for supporting the guitar players.



Operation Encompass

At South Hill School, the safety and wellbeing of our children is at the heart of everything we do. As part of our commitment to safeguarding, we are working with **Operation Encompass**. This is a partnership between schools and the police which helps us provide support to children who may have been affected by domestic abuse. If the police attend an incident of domestic abuse where a child is connected to the household, they will confidentially share this information with the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead. This allows us to be aware that a child may need a little extra care, understanding or support at school. Only key safeguarding staff receive this information, and details are treated with the utmost sensitivity and confidentiality. The aim is simply to ensure that children feel safe, supported and ready to learn, particularly during challenging times. By working closely with local the police through Operation Encompass, we can respond quickly to children's needs and ensure that a child receives the right support at the right time.



Rosh Hashanah

Wishing health, happiness and peace to our family's celebrating the new year.

Yours sincerely,
Miss J Wellbelove
Headteacher





Star of the Week

	04.09.26	10.09.26
Rainbow Room	Whole Class	Caleb
Wrens	N/A	Raif
Robins	N/A	Callie
Goldfinches	Maverick	Nikita
Sparrows	Oliver	Alina
Owls	Viktor	Teona
Kingfishers	Krishang	Zohan
Ash	Whole Class	Ivaan
Beech	Whole Class	Evelyn
Holly	Lennie C	Raven
Maple	Ciel	Ichika
Oak	Toby	Rose
Silver Birch	Jaike	Yusha
Sycamore	Taylor	Carter
Hazel	Jasmine	George



Star of the Summer term

Rainbow Room	Keziah
Wrens	Oliver
Robins	Natty
Goldfinches	Samuela
Sparrows	Amoura
Owls	Camelia
Kingfishers	Brad
Ash	Tasmeen
Beech	Lucy
Holly	Maggie
Maple	Martin
Oak	Daisy
Silver Birch	Dan
Sycamore	Lochlan
Hazel	Gabriel

September	
Saturday 12th	♦ Rosh Hashanah (New Year)
Monday 14th	♦ French Club Begins
Tuesday 15th	♦ Magical Maths Club begins
Wednesday 16th	♦ School 75th Anniversary Parents welcome 1.45pm ♦ Street dance club begins
Thursday 17th	♦ Gymnastics club begins
Friday 18th	♦ Y5&6 Football trials at lunch time ♦ Y4 Swimming
Monday 21st	♦ Yom Kippur
Tuesday 22nd	♦ M.G Leonard Author Visit Y2-6 ♦ Girls Football trials at lunch time
Tuesday 29th	♦ Y5 Crucial Crew class trip ♦ Y6 WW2 Day
Wednesday 30th	♦ Ash class assembly ♦ Flu Vaccination day ♦ KS2 Harvest—St.Johns Church 2pm start parents welcome
October	
Wednesday 7th	♦ International Day
Thursday 8th	♦ Y4 Verulamium class trip ♦ New Parent Tour 9.30am
Tuesday 13th	♦ Y3 Celtic Harmony class trip ♦ EYFS, KS1 Harvest—School hall 9am parents welcome
Wednesday 14th	♦ Holly class assembly
Monday 19th	♦ Parents Evening 4-7pm
Tuesday 20th	♦ School Photographs, Individual and Siblings

Attachments

- ♦ Communication Protocol
- ♦ Coram Family Lives Autumn Workshops
- ♦ South Hill 75th Anniversary Celebrations
- ♦ Save the Date
- ♦ Rocksteady Flyer
- ♦ School Lunches Made Easy
- ♦ How to Use Your School Crossing Patrol

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