

Friday 23rd October 2026
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Today we bring a close to the first part of autumn term, it's been a very busy term and we hope that you can have some time to enjoy your break. We are looking forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready on Monday 2 November at 8.40am.

Sycamore Class Assembly

Sycamore class made their families and teachers very proud on Wednesday when they performed their assembly. They showcased their learning so far through dancing, singing, playing the piano, sharing work and videos. Well done, Sycamore.



Writing Corner with Oak Class

This week, in Year 5, we have been writing non-chronological reports. We created a Chimera (an animal made up of several animal parts), and we then used Chat GPT to bring these images to life! We absolutely loved creating our Chimeras and our writing has been outstanding as a result.



Owls Class News

Owls class have been busy. We have enjoyed watching the chicks grow and were sad to see them leave last week. The chicks really helped our understanding of life cycles in science, and we have been busy making a variety of life cycles to impress our teachers! In English we have been learning to use expanded noun phrases and enjoyed reading 'The gift of the sun.' In math's, we have been using our knowledge of number bonds to help us add ones to 2-digit numbers. We are really practicing using what we already know to solve problems.

Year 5&6 Cross Country

South Hill took a team of Year 5 and Year 6 children to the inter-schools cross-country event at JFK School this week. Despite the very cold, wet and windy conditions, all the children showed fantastic determination and resilience, running brilliantly throughout the event.

A huge well done to Joey, Alex M and Abby, who won their respective races, and congratulations to Aden, Julian, Harry, Esme, Tillie and Taylor, who all achieved top-three finishes. We are incredibly proud of all our South Hill runners for their fantastic efforts, positive attitudes and sportsmanship. Well done, everyone!

Scholastic Book Fair – 19.11.26-25.11.26

The book fair will once again be visiting South Hill Primary after school from 3.15pm - 4pm. This is your chance to boost your own library or purchase gifts for others. All while helping

the school receive books for our own library. Card or online payment only. Sorry, no cash.

Children In Need 13.11.26

This year we will be supporting Children in Need taking place on Friday 13 November. This will be a non-school uniform day at South Hill. Donations can now be made via the School Gateway app, all money raised will go to Children in Need.



Herts Parent Carer Involvement 5th Annual SEND Survey (2026)

Hertfordshire families of children and young people with SEND survey. Whether your experiences have been positive, difficult or somewhere in between HPCI want to hear them. They run this survey every year so they can see what's improving, staying the same or getting worse. Please complete the survey thinking of ONE child or young person only. If you have more than one child with additional needs, please complete a survey for each of them if you can.

There are 2 surveys:

[HPCI Short Annual SEND Survey \(2026\)](#) - there is only 10 questions to this one

[HPCI 5th Annual SEND Survey \(2026\)](#) - this will take between 15-30 minutes to complete depending on the needs of your child.

Both close on **Sunday 1st November 2026 at 11pm.**

Gade Family Support – Name Change

Gade Family Support are rebranding and have changed their name to Practical Parenting Support. The name may have changed but they are still available to support all families if help is needed.

Keeping Our School Smoke-Free

Please remember that smoking and vaping are not permitted anywhere on the school grounds or in the immediate area around the school, including the school gates. We kindly ask all parents, carers and visitors not to smoke or vape near the school gates, as our children and families need to pass through this area safely. Thank you for helping us keep our school environment healthy and safe for everyone.



Yours sincerely,
Miss Wellbelove
Headteacher

Sport, Health & Wellbeing

Pe Lesson

Year 1 Goldfinches and Year 2 Kingfishers enjoyed an exciting lesson filled with teamwork, throwing and running as they competed against other teams. Both classes demonstrated fantastic teamwork, resilience and excellent listening skills throughout the activities. They also took part in the Daily Mile challenge, where both classes performed brilliantly! Well done to everyone for their enthusiasm, effort and determination!



Mr Kilty's challenges

How many press-ups can you do in one minute? Can you beat your score each day? The challenge is to keep practising and try to complete more press-ups every time!

Once you've mastered the press-up challenge, why not try a sit-up challenge too? How many sit-ups can you do in one minute? Can you improve your score each day?

Remember, **practice makes progress!** Keep challenging yourself, do your best and see how much you can improve!



Star of the Week

23.10.2026

Rainbow Room	Amaya
Wrens	Zaviyar
Robins	Teddy
Goldfinches	Ezra
Sparrows	Emma
Owls	Ellie
Kingfishers	Jonah
Ash	Maher
Beech	Bailey
Holly	Joey
Maple	Zimal
Oak	Remy
Silver Birch	Emilia
Sycamore	Lilli
Hazel	Noah

October

Monday 26 th	- Half Term Week - School closed to all
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November

Monday 2 nd	Children return to school 8.40am
Wednesday 4 th	EYFS & KS1 Author visit – Sam Usher
Thursday 5 th	- New to reception parent tour 9.30am - Y6 District cross country TBC
Friday 6 th	- Diwali begins - Boys A Team football –Two Waters School - home
Tuesday 19 th	Y6 Heath Check – School Nurse Visit
Wednesday 11 th	Remembrance Service 10.45 – 11.15am Parents welcome
Friday 13 th	Children in Need – Non Uniform Day
Monday 16 th	Girls football – Potten End School - Home
Wednesday 18 th	- Y6 Heath Questionnaire with school nurse - Boys B Team football – Oakleaf School – home
Thursday 19 th	- Book Fair arrives – 3.15-4pm in KS1 entrance Parents welcome - Flu Vaccination Day - KS2 Author visit – Matt Oldfield - A Team football – St Cuthbert Mayne school
Friday 20 th	- Y5 National Space Centre Class Trip 8am start 5pm return - Children in Need – Non School Uniform
Monday 23 rd	Girls football – Bovindgon School - Away
Wednesday 25 th	- Hazel class assembly -8.50-9.0am parents welcome - Boys A football – Chambersbury School - away

House Points

Gade	1225
Lea	1425
Bulbourne	1525
Colne	1125

Attachments

- Storm Basketball Game No 5
- Storm Basketball October Half Term Camp
- Bee Zee Families Poster
- Ghoulisn Gingerbread
- Spooky Stuffed Peppers
- The 3 Peas of Reading at South Hill
- Practical Parenting Support x 3 attachments

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