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It has been a busy end of term week. We began by launching Children's Mental Health week 2026 which had the theme of 'This is my place.' It focused on the feeling of belonging in friendships, schools and communities. We also had an inspiring visit from the author M G Leonard who used to be a pupil at our school. It was also safer internet day on Tuesday and our school digital leaders shared the theme of 'Smart tech, safe choices' and they explored the safe and responsible use of AI.

SPaG

Year 6 are learning about the **present perfect tense**. It is used for actions that happened in the past but are still important now or have just finished. We form it with **have/has + a verb**.

Examples:

She has finished her homework.
They have lived here for five years.
I have eaten breakfast.



Owls Class News

This week, the Owls class took part in Mental Health Week by creating personal maps about belonging and enjoying an outdoor minibeast hunt, with photos shared on Class Dojo. In English, they completed writing on *The Great Fire of London*, focusing on adjectives and conjunctions, while in Maths they continued overlearning the 2, 5, and 10 times tables with growing confidence.



Y2 Visit to Abbots Hill—Athletics Morning

Last week, Year 2 enjoyed an athletics event at Abbots Hill School. There was lots of events for all children to try such as speed jumping, running, javelin and hurdles. Every child tried their best and they all supported each other cheering each other on. Behaviour was exceptional and all children followed the South Hill Way.



Author Visit

We were thrilled to welcome author, Maya Leonard to South Hill on Monday. Maya attended South Hill when she was in Year 6 and lived locally. It was a thrill to have her here and for her to see the many changes to the building! She introduced the children to her Time Keys series and talked about where her ideas come from.



Kingfishers Class Assembly

Kingfishers put on a wonderful assembly on Wednesday sharing their learning with a large audience. They told us all about *The Great Fire of London* and showed us how this learning was also used in their English, DT and music lessons. They sang brilliantly and demonstrated their understanding of counting in multiples of 2, 5 and 10. Well done Kingfishers!



Payment and Communication Change

Very soon we will be moving away from the School Gateway app. We are hoping to consolidate the number of apps we currently use to make it easier for parents to make payments, sign up for clubs and pay for school trips and events and be able to access so much more information. We will be using the Arbor parent portal app, this is a free app available in your app store. The logo you are looking for is pictured above. Please download this app and we will notify you when we are ready to make the move and switch on.



NSPCC Numbers Day—06.02.26

Thank you to all families that took part in the NSPCC numbers day last Friday. The children seemed to enjoy the math's themed day. A huge thank you to all that donated to this amazing cause. A huge £205.50 has been raised.



Safer Internet

Our Digital Leaders delivered an engaging Safer Internet Day assembly on **Smart tech, safe choices**, exploring the safe and responsible use of AI. They highlighted both the benefits and risks of AI, encouraged critical thinking online, and reminded pupils where to seek help. Well done to the team for such an informative session.



Chinese New Year—17.02.26

Celebrating the year of the horse. We wish all of our families a very happy new year, with happiness, peace and prosperity.



Ramadam Begins—18.02.26

Ramadan Mubarak, may this beautiful month bring peace to your heart, ease your mind and blessings to your life.



Lent Begins—18.02.26

May your Lenten journey be filled with peace, reflection and renewal.



Heath Lane Nursery Applications Now Open

Do you have a child aged 3-5 looking for a nursery place from September 2026. The application window is now open. Heath Lane Nursery have 15hr and 30hr spaces available. Book before the deadline of 30 April and receive a free polo shirt and sweatshirt for your little one. Applications to be made here <https://www.heathlane.herts.sch.uk/apply-now>



Your sincerely,
Miss J Wellbelove
Headteacher



Sport, Health & Wellbeing

On the 11 February the Boys Lions played against Lime Walk primary school. The match was the boys first go at 8 a side and they adapted excellently winning 4-0.



MGC made a big speed stack tower that involved good teamwork and very close and careful hand control so the cups wouldn't fall. They were very good as a team and really listened to each other extremely well!



Here are some of our Y4 Maple class, showing off gymnastic skills that they have been learning over the last 5 weeks.



With half term approaching, there is a chance for families to stay active while away from school. This can be by going for local walks, going to the park, going for family bike rides, trying different activities for example trampolining, going on a nature walk and by going to go ape which can be a huge child favourite! Stay safe but go and explore different adventures as a family.

Follow the link here for more ideas, help and advice.
[What's On for families in Hertfordshire in January & February 2026](#)

February 2026

Half term Monday 16th - Friday 20th February

Monday 23rd	◆ Return to School 8.40am
Tuesday 24th	◆ Regional football tournament—Selected children
Thursday 26th	◆ Come and watch your child learn morning—focus on Guided Reading 8.50am in school hall then in child's class room ◆ International Language Day
March	
Thursday 5th	◆ World Book Day—Dress in Pyjamas day
Monday 9th	◆ Y5 Science Day in Abbots Hill School—all day
Tuesday 10th	◆ Y2 Roald Dahl Museum Class trip
Wednesday 11th	◆ Oak Class Assembly—Parents welcome 8.50am
Friday 13th	◆ Y1 Whipsnade Zoo Class Trip

House Points

Gade	7575
Lea	6325
Colne	5325
Bulborne	7150

Star of the Week

13.02.26

Wrens	Ronnie
Robins	Dorela
Goldfinches	Mersana
Sparrows	Teona
Owls	Chloe
Kingfishers	Darasimi
Ash	Rosie
Beech	Julia
Holly	Emilia
Maple	Quinn
Oak	Romeo
Silver Birch	Iannis
Sycamore	Lochlan
Hazel	Ellie

Attendance



Attendance matters

Every student, every day.
School Target is 97%

Attendance



Weekly Attendance
Champion

Maple 99.6%



Whole school

95.5% %



Attachments

- ◆ Beezee Families x 2 attachments
- ◆ PB Soccer Camp
- ◆ Storm Basketball Game
- ◆ K Pop free Event Half Term
- ◆ DSPL8 Info Fayre

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