

Friday 2nd October 2026
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The South Hill Celebration Tree has shed its leaves ready for another year of celebration. As Headteacher, I love to hear of children's achievements from clubs, hobbies and talents from outside of the school environment such as making a cake at home, receiving a sports award, trophy, acting in a performance or overcoming a fear. In return they will receive a leaf to add to our celebration tree. I look forward to sharing these talents.

HS2 Harvest Festival

Silver Birch lead the KS2 Harvest festival in church this week. The children were excellent, confidently reading their lines, performing or holding their signs. We all learnt the importance of sharing and not wasting food within our community. We also give thanks to everyone who helps to get food on our plate.



Maths Corner – Holly Class

In Holly Class, we have been busy developing our understanding of place value and exploring the value of each digit within a number. We have also been learning how to round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000, using practical examples and lots of discussion to help us understand the rules. The children have enjoyed challenging themselves with different numbers and are becoming increasingly confident in explaining their mathematical thinking.

News From Kingfishers

Kingfishers have made a fantastic start to the term, working hard on their handwriting, spelling Year 2 common exception words, and producing excellent independent writing and homework. They have enjoyed writing stories linked to their learning about hot and cold places and are making great progress in maths by recognising odd and even numbers and using < and > symbols to compare numbers.

Crucial Crew Child Safety Class Trip

Year 5 had a super trip to the 'Crucial crew' at Hemel Fire station on Tuesday where we travelled around different activities: Fire service - Hazards at home, police service - 'Lives not Knives', police service - Anti social behaviour, Alcohol awareness, river safety, and paramedic - CPR

This was such an important trip with so many key messages and we even saw the firefighters called to an emergency. Following the trip, could we ask all parents to ensure their child knows the correct emergency numbers: 999 - Emergency calls and 101 - Non emergency.



WWII Day – Year 6

Year Six experienced a fabulous World War II Day on Tuesday this week. They worked brilliantly and enjoyed the different challenges. They baked some war time biscuits, danced to some 1940s music, built an air raid shelter, wrote a letter home as an evacuee and cracked some codes.



Ash Class Assembly

Ash class performed their first assembly of this academic year on Wednesday. They showcased their learning so far, talking about the Stone Age, reading some of their English stories using time adverbials and even speaking a little French!



EU Day Of Languages

Bonjour! Hola! Guten Tag! This year to celebrate the EU Day of languages South Hill joined people from all over Europe to help set a new World Record for the largest language challenge ever organised. Classes took part in language themed activities for example answering the register in different languages, completing a multilingual dance routine from Gonoodle or Danny Go and investigating 'loanwords' - words from different languages that we use in everyday English. Evidence will be submitted to the organisers, and we will receive a certificate to show we took part in the World Record attempt!



Reading Workshop

Thank you to all who attended the Early Reading Meeting on Tuesday. We hope you found it useful. Copies of the presentation can be found on the school website and Mrs Masters or Mrs Albery will be happy to talk to you if you have any questions about how to help your child start their reading journey.

Road Closure – 21.10.26-2.10.26

We have received notification that Heath Lane will be closed to vehicles from 21 October to 23rd October for drainage investigations. Please only use your car if absolutely necessary and park at Everyone Active.

Yours sincerely
Miss Wellbelove
Headteacher

Sport, Health & Wellbeing

Year 3 Ash PE Lesson

Ash class had a PE lesson looking at Tag Rugby this week. They looked at passing backwards, to then run forwards and score a try. They are learning step by step the rules of tag rugby and are looking to strengthen their knowledge over the next few lessons.



Wellbeing Activities

If your child is feeling a little bit emotional, or struggling to find that joy or light at the end of the tunnel, these activities can help them feel better:

Create a worry box or jar so your child can put their negative thoughts and feelings into it, and once in the jar, they can say "goodbye" and move onto more positive emotions

Explore a park or garden to look for specific textures, colours or shapes to encourage mindfulness in an outdoor environment.

Going on walks to stay fit and healthy, this can support a child's wellbeing and mental health by becoming more active each day.



Star of the Week

02.10.2026

Rainbow Room	Whole Class
Wrens	Fron
Robins	Zyan
Goldfinches	Dorela
Sparrows	Albert
Owls	Atharv
Kingfishers	Victoria
Ash	Aadhi
Beech	Baani
Holly	Isabella
Maple	Skylar B
Oak	Aden
Silver Birch	Kayla
Sycamore	Cece
Hazel	Daisy

October

Tuesday 6 th	Sports Leaders going to Galley Hill School 9.30-11.30am
Wednesday 7 th	- International Day Event - EYFS & KS1 – 2pm Parents welcome to attend - KS2 – 2.30pm Parents welcome to attend
Thursday 8 th	- Y4 Verulamium Museum class trip - New to reception parent tour 9.30am
Tuesday 13 th	- Y3 Celtic Harmony class trip - EYFS & KS1 Harvest festival 9-9.45am parents welcome in school hall
Wednesday 14 th	Y4 Holly class assembly 8.50-9.3am parents welcome
Monday 19 th	- Parents evening 4-7pm - Owls, Goldfinches and Sycamore 1-4pm
Tuesday 20 th	Individual and sibling school photographs
Wednesday 21 st	- Sycamore class assembly 8.50-9.30am parents' welcome - Parents evening 4-7pm school hall - Y5&6 Cross Country (selected children only)
Friday 23 rd	End of half term finish time 3.15pm
Monday 26 th	- Half Term Week - School closed to all

November

Monday 2 nd	Children return to school 8.50am
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

House Points

Gade	0000
Lea	0000
Bulbourne	0000
Colne	0000

Attachments

- Impact Sports Football Rec-Y1
- Wow October Half Term Camp
- Storm Basketball Games 3
- Game On Half Term Activities
- Coram Family Lives Newsletter
- Raise Resilience Free Parenting Course

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