

Friday 22 May 2026  
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It was wonderful to dance together at our wellbeing festival 2026. In keeping with festival tradition, all pupils were treated to a refreshing ice pop, as well as dancing and singing with the help of Mr Braithwaite, our DJ, and the music was heard at the Marlowes!



### Wellbeing Festival 2026

The Wellbeing Festival is always a highlight of South Hill School's calendar and never fails to delight both pupils and staff. This year was no exception, with our very own Mr Braithwaite providing fantastic music that had everyone singing, dancing, and enjoying time with friends and siblings. It was another wonderful occasion that brought our school community together.



### Art Week

This week, all children across the school have been enjoying Art Week, taking part in lots of creative activities linked to the theme "Microscopic to Astronomic." They have been working hard on ideas and techniques to create their final pieces. The finished artwork will be displayed at our Art Gallery on 8th July 2026, where all pieces will also be available to purchase.



### Maths—Robins Class

This week Reception are learning all about shapes - in the environment, in patterns and in regular and irregular arrangements. We are also investigating how to compose and decompose shapes. We do this by making and creating models and pictures from a variety of 2D and 3D shapes while discussing their names and properties. It is a fun topic and the children are enjoying the exploration. Ask your child what 'rotate' means!



### Ash—Class News

Ash class have had a busy week! In English we have been writing persuasive letters using features such as repetition, rhetorical questions and expanded noun phrases. In maths we have been looking at duration of time. We have also enjoyed exploring sgraffito and scumbling techniques with oil pastels ready for our art week gallery pieces.



### Year 6 Transition for Secondary School

Year Six are starting their transition journeys now. Their secondary schools have contacted us to arrange visits, and we are arranging visits to them too. They will hopefully experience some lessons in a secondary school setting next half term, which is hugely valuable, even if it isn't their secondary school.



### Walk to School Week Competition

Please encourage your children to take part in the Walk to School competition, which involves them designing a new set of trainers, a new bike or scooter. Please send entries in by Tuesday 2 June.



### Safer Travel Team

Wednesday 20 May was Tom's 65th Birthday. We would like to wish Tom a very happy birthday and thank him for all the times he has helped children and adults to cross the roads safely. Happy Birthday Tom.



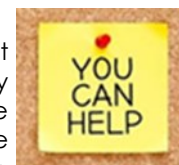
### Is Your Child too Ill For School?

If you are in any doubt about sending your child to school if they are feeling unwell, please click the official NHS link here <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>.



### Donations for New Play Equipment

Many of you may have seen the request for donations to replace the old Smokey Trail play equipment. If you have a little spare, please make a donation via the School Gateway app—Donations to replace and enhance the Smokey Trail. Every little donation is much appreciated. Thank you.



### Free School Meals—Are You Missing Out?

Have your circumstances changed recently? Are you in receipt of Universal Credits? Are you struggling financially and in need of a little support? **Guidelines are changing and you may be entitled to some help. Please follow this link and make an application, <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>, or ask Mrs Coombs in the school office who may be able to assist you.**



Yours sincerely,  
Miss J Wellbelove





## Sport, Health & Wellbeing

### PE Lesson—Sparrows

Year 1 Sparrows had an excellent lesson before half term focusing on different skills they have learnt over the last few weeks. They focused on throwing bean-bags into targets such as hoops and football goals as well as rolling a ball through a narrow lane. They all enjoyed it and came away with big smiles on their faces!

### Wellbeing for Half Term

Over the half term, there are various activities children and families can do to stay busy: Local walks for staying fit and healthy, as well as socialising as a family.

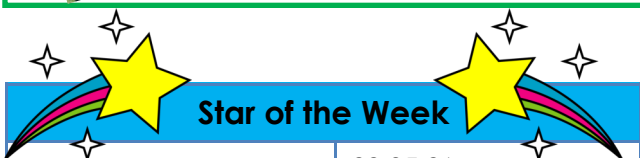
Trips to the park for children to enjoy the different activities they can take part in.

Bike rides to encourage physical activity for everyone.

Playing different sports in a field or a park to keep everyone active.

Experience different venues such as Centre Parcs, Go Ape, The XC and many more.

Stay busy this half term!



## Star of the Week

22.05.26

Rainbow Room	Whole Class
Wrens	Kevin
Robins	Ianis
Goldfinches	Tymon
Sparrows	Amelia
Owls	Catherine
Kingfishers	Eliza
Ash	Finley & Marley
Beech	Rhys
Holly	Luca
Maple	Martin
Oak	Louie
Silver Birch	Aru
Sycamore	Andrea
Hazel	Emily

## June

Monday 1st	◆ Return to school 8.40am
Tuesday 2nd	◆ Y6 Mixed Cricket 9.30-3.30—Leverstock Green
Wednesday 3rd	◆ Silver Birch Class Assembly 8.50am—Parents welcome ◆ Y5 Box Moor Trust Trip ◆ Y1 Allotment Class Trip ◆ Y6 Girls Cricket—Hemel Cricket Club
Thursday 11th	◆ Y3 Tennis
Tuesday 16th	◆ Sports Day
Wednesday 17th	◆ EYFS and KS1 Quidditch
Thursday 18th	◆ KS2 Quidditch
Tuesday 23rd	◆ Reserve Sports day
Wednesday 24th	◆ Wrens Class Assembly—Parents welcome 8.50am

## House Points

Gade	10300
Lea	8400
Colne	7150
Bulborne	9025

Attendance



## Attendance matters

Every student, every day.  
School Target is 97%

Attendance



Weekly Attendance  
Champion

Maple 100%



Whole school

95.8%



## Attachments

- ◆ Walk to School Competition
- ◆ Bubble Rush
- ◆ SEND Recruitment
- ◆ Impact Sports May Holidays
- ◆ PB Soccer May Holidays
- ◆ DSPL8 Information

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