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On Wednesday, our School Effectiveness partner carried out a review of South Hill School.

It was a very successful day and a privilege to visit all classes with him. He commented on our strong teaching in classes and strong support for our learners, There was a lot to celebrate and opportunities to move forward too.

He summed up the visit by saying, "It is so evident that children are at the centre of everything the staff do at South Hill"

### Class News – Sycamore

Year six have been learning to simplify and calculate ratios this week. Ratio shows how much of one thing there is compared to another and is written in the form a:b. The children are great at simplifying fractions so they have used this skill to help them simplify ratios. If you are making orange squash and you mix one part orange to four parts water, then the ratio of orange to water will be 1:4. The order in which a ratio is stated is important. Changing the order of the numbers in a ratio changes the proportions.

### Class News - Owls

We have had a great week of learning in Owls. Particularly around books! As well as it being World Book Day, the children have created their own class book featuring their very own dragon. We described our dragons using expanded noun phrases and exclamation sentences! We also enjoyed our trip to Laureate Academy for a multi-sport tournament.



### Lockers Park Year 6 Visit

On Monday 3rd March, year 6 pupils were invited to spend the morning at Lockers Park school. Here they met the author Alex Atkinson and listened to her talk about her new book "The Cinderman". Alex also did a Q and A with pupils at the end. The children participated brilliantly, asking some thoughtful questions and answering questions with imagination. Pupils reported that they enjoyed the experience of meeting an author and learnt about mystery story writing.



### Class News - EYFS

Our very own superhero, Tom the Lollipop Man, came to visit EYFS this week. The children listened avidly as he described his job, his uniform, and his superpower of stopping cars to save lives. As part of our Communication and Language learning, we are focusing on how to ask questions. The children practiced and prepared some very good questions for Tom and the EYFS team were very proud of their lovely manners. Hopefully they learnt how to cross the road safely too.



This week in Reception we are exploring the concept of Whole, Part, Part. This means how a whole number can be split into 2 or more parts. It is important



foundational knowledge for all future computations. The children have been experiencing practical lessons, using manipulatives such as Numicon to investigate how 10 can be made from other numbers, using only 2 pieces. Tricky learning but they have enjoyed the challenge and progressed very well.



### World Book Day

We had a fantastic World Book Day with a plethora of characters and colourful costumes worn by pupils and staff!



The day started with a whole school assembly, where the children celebrated books and saw what others were wearing. This was followed with different activities in class.

Children had the opportunity to design a new book token as part of a World Book Day Competition. In case your child did not bring home the entry form, the link is here.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/competition/design-a-nbt/>

### Phonics and Spelling morning for parents - reminder

We look forward to parents joining us in the school hall on Wednesday 12th March after drop-off at 8.40am for a phonics and spelling morning.

**Phonics**

At 9am, Mrs Carver and Mrs Masters will talk about phonics and spellings at South Hill and then you will have the chance to go to your child's class to see live learning from 9.30am-10am.

### Year 4 - Swimming Kit Donations

We would like to keep some spare swimming equipment in school, if you have any swimming hats or goggles that you could donate to school please send them in with your child.

### Parents' Evening appointments-reminder

Parents' evenings are being held for all classes (except Wrens) on Monday 31st March and Wednesday 2nd April from 4 pm to 6.50 pm. Please book your appointment via School Cloud <https://southhill.schoolcloud.co.uk/>.



Wrens parents' evenings are on Tuesday 18th March 3 pm to 5.50 pm and Wednesday 19th March 4 pm to 6.50 pm.

If you are having difficulty making an appointment please contact the school office.

### Spring Film Night

We will be holding our spring Film Night on Thursday 3rd April. £5 per child, keep an eye out for payment on School Gateway next week. Further information to follow.







Yours sincerely,

Miss J Wellbelove  
Headteacher

Attendance matters  
Every student, every day

## South Hill Weekly Attendance

Our target is 97% for the whole school

Wrens	93.5%	
Robins	93.3%	
Goldfinches	97.0%	
Sparrows	95.3%	
Owls	97.3%	
Kingfishers	91.3%	
Ash	92.8%	
Beech	94.7%	
Holly	94.3%	
Maple	96.3%	
Oak	97.3%	
Silver Birch	94.3%	
Sycamore	94.8%	
Hazel	93.8%	
<b>Whole school</b>	<b>94.7%</b>	



### Star of the Week

Wrens	Matthew K
Robins	Meila
Goldfinches	Levi
Sparrows	Kaylen
Owls	Rosie
Kingfishers	Zimal
Ash	Chloe
Beech	Amy
Holly	Thea
Maple	Freya
Oak	Whole Class
Silver Birch	Brooklyn
Sycamore	Orkun
Hazel	Freddie D

March 2025	
Tuesday 11th	◆ Y2 Roald Dahl museum trip
Wednesday 12th	◆ Phonics and spelling morning for parents, 9am, school hall. ◆ Y5 WOOFYT trip
Thursday 13th	◆ Lockers Park Invitation cross country Y3-6
Friday 14th	◆ <del>Boys football away at St Bartholomew's cancelled</del>
Tuesday 18th	◆ Wrens class parents evening 3-6pm, Mrs Clare
Wednesday 19th	◆ Y6 visit transition visit to Hemel School ◆ Wrens class parents evening 3-6pm, Mrs Clare
Tuesday 25th	◆ <del>Spring Serenade 9am</del> —This has now changed to Tuesday, 29th April. ◆ Y 3&4 Production 2pm
Wednesday 26th	◆ Y 3&4 Production 6pm
Monday 31st	◆ Parents evening 4-7 pm

#### House Points-updated!

Gade	4650
Bulbourne	4125
Lea	3700
Colne	3375

#### Attachments

- ◆ Herts Balance and Ride courses
- ◆ Game On Easter holiday camps
- ◆ Storm Basketball holiday camps
- ◆ Claire's Club Easter holiday club

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