

Friday 1st December 2023
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Thank you to all of those who joined us for the South Hill Christmas Fair last Friday. It was a lovely afternoon with great community spirit. Thank you to all those parents who helped set up, run stalls and pack away. We appreciate your help.



not stop a strong side, who all compete outside of school. We lost 9-3. Congratulations to Alice for player of the match awarded by the Grove Road team.

We raised £1,385 for the school. Thank you so much!

Class News - Goldfinches



We have had a great week of learning in Goldfinches. We started the week with practising our songs and dances for the Christmas show and we even tried our camel and angel costumes on. In English, we read 'The Snowman' by Raymond Briggs and by the end of the week, we sequenced the story focusing on what happened at the **beginning, middle** and **end** of the story. We focused on our grammar of time adverbials (first, next, finally) and using the conjunction 'and' in our writing to join our ideas together in a sentence.



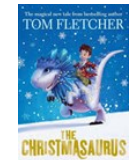
In Geography this week, we have been learning about **human and physical geography**. We learnt that human geography is something that has been built by humans such as a **school** or a **house**, compared with physical geography, which is about natural features, for example, **oceans, mountains** and **ivers**.

Grammar Corner—Holly

This week in Holly we have been looking at personification to expand our descriptions of the events of Pompeii in our diary entries. Personification is where you give an inanimate object the features or actions of a person or animal. 'The lava **ran quickly** down the side of the volcano.' 'Large rumbles **shook the Earth with fury**'. The use of personification in our diary entry enhances our setting description and allows us to demonstrate what the people of Pompeii experienced during this time.



Author of the Month



Our author of the month is Tom Fletcher. Tom has written over 20 children's books including The Creakers and There's a Monster in Your Book. In 2017 Tom wrote The Christmasaurus, which is a story about a boy named William Trundle and a dinosaur named the Christmasaurus. It's about how they meet one Christmas Eve and have a magical adventure. It includes friendship and families, sleigh bells and Santa, singing elves and flying reindeer. Also discovering your heart's true desire, and learning that the impossible might just be possible . . . Tom has since added to his range of Christmasaurus adventures so as we approach Christmas it is a great time to try one of Tom's books.

Netball Report

Tuesday 21 November the netball team travelled to Grove Road for a match. Despite an excellent performance by everyone we could



Forest School

Year 6 have created some amazing wooden Christmas plaques. They used electric drills to make their hanging holes and then wood glue to stick on natural resources. They finished their forest school sessions with a campfire.



Reception Applications for 2024—Now Open

Parents of children born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 can now make an application to join our Reception classes in September 2024. Applications must be made online via www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions. The deadline for applications is Monday 15th January 2024.



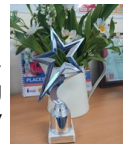
Non Uniform Day—Christmas Jumper day

We are **not** following the official National Christmas Jumper day this year. We have decided to incorporate our non-uniform/Christmas Jumper days with the Silent Disco taking place on **Monday 18 December** and on the last day of term **Wednesday 20 December**. This means the children are able to wear party outfits or something comfortable for the silent disco and non-uniform/Christmas jumper for the last day of term.



The Marlowes Community Award 2023

During the months of September and October, nominations were made and voting commenced for The Marlowes Community award. On 1 November the winners were announced and our very own Miss Wellbelove won the Best Teacher category. The trophy was collected today in an award ceremony. Congratulations Miss Wellbelove!



Elfridge's—PTA Christmas Present Shop

The PTA Christmas shop will be available for children to purchase Christmas gifts for their loved ones. This will take place on Friday 15th December. You can make your payment of £3 per gift online via the school Gateway app.



Children in Need

It was lovely to see the children dressed in wonderful outfits last week, celebrating Children in Need. The total raised for this charity was £334. Thank you for helping others at a time when we are all feeling the strain.





Juggling Work and Life—Help is available

Thousands of families could save money on their childcare costs. But many simply do not know what help they are eligible for. Don't miss out on getting the support you are entitled too. Please follow this link to find out. <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>





Yours sincerely
Miss Wellbelove
Headteacher

Attendance  Attendance matters
Every student, every 

South Hill Weekly Attendance

Our target is 97% for the whole school

Wrens	95.9%
Robins	92.3%
Goldfinches	90.7%
Sparrows	94%
Owls	94%
Kingfishers	94.7%
Ash	94.7%
Beech	94.5%
Holly	93.1%
Maple	91%
Oak	96.3% 
Silver Birch	91%
Sycamore	94.5%
Hazel	93.1%
Whole school	93.6% 

December	
Saturday 2nd	◆ Boxmoor Christmas Lights Switch on event 3-5pm. School choir singing at 4pm.
Monday 4th	◆ KS1 Dress Rehearsal ◆ Last Mini Medics After School Club
Tuesday 5th	◆ New Reception Parent Tour 9.30am ◆ KS1 Production 2pm Parents Welcome
Wednesday 6th	◆ KS1 Production 6pm Parents Welcome
Thursday 7th	◆ Y5&6 Choir at Mountbatten Lodge 10.30-11.40am
Friday 8th	◆ No Y4 Swimming ◆ Y6 RAF Hendon Class trip ◆ Last Roxolid Lunch club of the year
Monday 11th	◆ Last week for Lunch and after school clubs unless confirmed individually. ◆ EYFS Production Dress Rehearsal ◆ Street Dance Lunch Club moved from Wednesday 13th
Tuesday 12th	◆ EYFS Production 9am Parents Welcome ◆ EYFS Production 2pm Parents Welcome
Wednesday 13th	◆ KS2 Carol Service at St John's Church—Parents Welcome ◆ NO Street Dance Today - moved to Monday 11th
Thursday 14th	◆ Choir attending Heath Lane Nursery ◆ Choir attending South Hill Centre ◆ Reception decorating St John's Church Christmas Tree 1.30pm
Friday 15th	◆ Christmas Dinner day ◆ PTA Christmas Shop
Monday 18th	◆ No lunch or after school clubs this week unless stated below. ◆ Silent Disco—All children—during the school day. Non-uniform day
Wednesday 20th	◆ Last Street Dance Lunch Club today ◆ School finishes at 1.15pm



Star of the Week

Wrens	Anastasia
Robins	Brad
Goldfinches	Arlo
Sparrows	Svea
Owls	Roase
Kingfishers	Sufyaan
Ash	Braydon
Beech	Advin
Holly	Otilie & Whole Class
Maple	Whole Class
Oak	Freddie & Aiden
Silver Birch	Kit
Sycamore	Izzy
Hazel	Zeeshan

House Points

Gade 2250
Lea 2300
Bulbourne 2375
Colne 2725

Attachments

- ⇒ [Elfridge's Christmas Shop—PTA](#)
- ⇒ [PTA Christmas Fair Update](#)

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- ⇒ [Access to all attachments](https://www.southhill.herts.sch.uk/newsletter) or copy paste the link below