# South Hill Primary School Newsletter

Building Character, Learning Together

Friday 21 November 2025

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Thank you to those of you who attended our 'come and watch your child learn maths' morning. It was great to see so many of you. Our focus was learning through misconceptions and the use of Concrete, Pictorial, Abstract (CPA) to support maths learning. The PowerPoint presentation is on the front page of our website.

#### Class News—Beech

Beech Class put on a fantastic assembly, proudly sharing their learning — from counting to ten in French and performing their own sea shanty to presenting creative 'Wanted' posters for Blackbeard. They also explained how forces and friction work, making it a great celebration of their hard work.



#### Y5 National Space Centre

On Friday 14 November Year 5 visited The National Space Centre in Leicester, exploring the Planetarium, Rocket Tower and various galleries. A highlight was the "GROSSOLOGY" talk, where the children learned fun



and unusual space facts, especially the space nappy! It was a long but thoroughly enjoyable day.

#### **Winter Serenade**

The 2025 Winter Serenade will be held on Tuesday 25 November, starting at 9am with Street Dance and 9.45am with musical performances. Please enter via the KS1 door at the appropriate time. We look forward to the event.



# **Boxmoor Christmas Light Switch On**

Once again our choir will be performing at the Boxmoor Christmas lights switch on, taking place on Saturday 29 November at 4pm. We are excited to be taking part.



#### **SPaG—Maple Class**

Maple have been learning about pronouns—short words used instead of names to avoid repetition. This week, they practised using them in sentences, such as "Ben packed his school bag but he forgot his lunchbox."



# **Christmas Disco and Film Night**

This year we will once again be hosting a film night and a disco, Please see the attached posters with information and dates. Sign up is via the School Gateway app. All funds raised will go towards updating the outdoor wooden play equipment.



#### **Book Fair**

Our annual book fair is here. Come to the school hall after school before Wednesday for a fantastic opportunity to replenish your home library, or to purchase gifts for



special occasions. (No cash, online payments only).

#### School Closed Friday 28.11.25

The school will be closed to all students and staff on Friday 28 November for an occasional day. School will resume at 8.40am on Monday 1 December.



## Coffee Morning—Wednesday 03.12.25

Join us for coffee and a chat with our School Pastoral team and Gade Family Services. They can offer advice, SEND support, wellbeing information, computer/ printer access, and help with Morning 2026 reception applications. Open to all parents and family



members—young children welcome. 8:40-9:40am.

#### Seasonal Flu Vaccination—Final Session—04.12.25

The final seasonal flu vaccination day will take place on

Thursday 4 December. Only children whose parents/carers have given consent and who have not received a vaccination this year will be able to be vaccinated. There will not be another



session available at the school after this date.

# Cake Sale—Thursday 11.12.25

On Thursday 11 December former South Hill students will fundraise for their 2027 Camps International Expedition to Borneo, aiming to raise £6,500 for community and conservation work. They'll be selling sweet treats at the **CAM** front of the school at 3:15pm, please support international them.



## **Children in Need 2025**

Thank you all for your kind generosity, A whopping £341.46 was raised for the charity. Thank you all for your support.



#### Christmas Dinner 10.12.25

The option to choose Christmas dinner is now on the School Gateway app. Please make sure you make your choice early. The kitchen will not be offering a jacket potato option on this day. Copy of menu attached.



## Reception 2026—Applications Now Open

Applications can now be made via the link here <a href="http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/">http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/</a> admissions The deadline for applications is 15 January 2026.



Your sincerely, Miss J Wellbelove Headteacher

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# Sport, Health & Wellbeing

# Netball Match 11.11.25

Our netball team had their first competitive match on Tuesday 11 November. Bishopswood brought a strong team to South Hill, with many of their girls playing competitively for club teams. Despite a heavy loss, Miss Cason and Mrs Masters are proud of our girls, they demonstrated all



our school values, and we saw them develop many skills throughout the game. Bishopswood named Arina our most valued player.

## Netball Match 18.11.25

Our girls played well in the netball match against Boxmoor Primary School on Monday 19 November. Unfortunately, we lost 9 -2, but they tried their very best. Good effort girls! Well done to Arina for being selected most valued player by Boxmoor Primary!



# Football 18.11.25

On Tuesday 18 November, the boys' Tigers team played their first game of the league against Nash Mills. It was a tight game with a 2-1 result to South Hill. Both goals scored by player of the match Romeo.



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Star of the Week					
	21.11.25				
Wrens	Junior				
Robins	Oliver				
Goldfinches	lvey				
Sparrows	Soophia				
Owls	Whole Class				
Kingfishers	Izzy				
Ash	Grace				
Beech	George				
Holly	Jojo				
Maple	Amy				
Oak	Artem				
Silver Birch	Olivia				
Sycamore	Mario				
Hazel	Zoya				

		November 2025		
	Monday 24th	Book Fair—from 3.15pm in school hall—no cash payments		
	Tuesday 25th	<ul> <li>Book Fair—from 3.15pm in school hall—no cash payments</li> <li>Winter Serenade 9am Street Dance</li> </ul>		
		<ul> <li>Winter Serenade 9.45am Music Sere- nade</li> </ul>		
	Wednesday	<ul> <li>Hazel Class Assembly 8.50am in the school hall—Parents Welcome</li> </ul>		
	26th	<ul> <li>◆ Book Fair—from 3.15pm in school hall—no cash payments—last day</li> </ul>		
	Friday 28th	<ul> <li>Occasional Day—school closed to staff and pupils</li> </ul>		
		♦ No Y4 swimming		
	Saturday 29th	Boxmoor Lights switch on—choir to attend—3.45pm by the post box		
		ecember 2025		
7	Monday 1st	Y2 Christmas Performance dress re- hearsal		
	Tuesday 2nd	<ul> <li>Y2 Production 2pm in school hall— younger siblings welcome</li> </ul>		
		Boys' Football—away—St Albert the Great School 3.30-4.30pm		
	Wednesday 3rd	Coffee Morning 8.40-9.40am in computer suite. All welcome		

Attendance Every student, of School Targe	Attendance		
Weekly Attendance Champion	Beech	99.3%	
Whole school	95.4		1

House Points

Gade 4400
Lea 3400
Colne 2725
Bulborne 3725

#### **Attachments**

- School Disco and Film Night
- ♦ Coffee Morning

<u>Please follow the link here to see all attachments via our school website</u>