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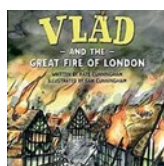
We were delighted with the outcome of our visit from our Read Write Inc consultant. She worked alongside myself and Mrs Masters (Early Reading Lead) to review our phonics teaching and learning across EYFS and KS1.

We can't wait to hear how much our pupils (and staff!) enjoy Young Voices tonight! A full report will be included in next week's newsletter.



Class News - Kingfishers

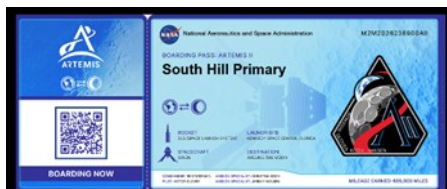
Kingfishers have started to look at The Great Fire of London in History. We have been thinking about the five senses and how these may have been used during The Great Fire of London. In English, we are reading *Vlad and The Great Fire of London*, about the experience of a rat and a flea at this time. It is great that our English and History topics are crossing over!



We are going to the moon!

You may have seen that Artemis II is waiting to launch at Cape Kennedy, USA. South Hill has been registered on the official memory stick which is travelling into space with them!

If you wish to register your child's name, then details are on the NASA Launch website (scan the QR code below).



Parking outside School

Last Friday, we were contacted by a local resident who was upset that a parent had parked and blocked their driveway at school drop off. When cars park on pavements or block driveways—even for just a few minutes—it forces children and parents with buggies into the road. It also makes it very difficult for residents to leave for work or emergency services to pass through.



We want to keep all the children safe, so please can we ask you to:

- Avoid blocking driveways
- Keep pavements clear
- Consider parking a street or more away and walking.

Thank you for helping keep our community safe and accessible for everyone!

Bikeability courses during half term

Does your child want to learn to ride a bike? Ready to boost their cycling skills? Missed out on Bikeability training? If you answered yes to any of these, Hertfordshire have got you covered this February half term! Cycle training sessions are running across Hertfordshire, with options for all ages and abilities. Check out what's happening near you:

Watford Cycle Hub
King George V Playing Fields, Tolpits Lane
Course info [here](#)

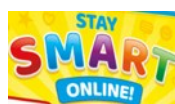
St Albans Cycle Hub C.I.C
Cottonmill Estate, St Albans
Course info [here](#)

SEND Cycling Courses
Various locations across Hertfordshire during most school holidays. In partnership with the Herts Disability Sports Foundation, offering specialist 1 to 1 cycle training for riders with additional needs.

Find out more: www.hdsf.co.uk/find-an-activity/cyclingactivities/



Online Safety - Roblox - Polybuzz (or Polyfuzz)



Schools have been alerted to concerns about something called **Polybuzz** (or **Polyfuzz**) which children may see while playing **Roblox**. **Polybuzz is not a game within Roblox**. It is an **AI chat app** that is rated **18+** and may contain content that is **not suitable for children**. While the app claims to have strong age-verification, these checks can sometimes be bypassed.

It appears that Polybuzz shows as a **pop-up advertisement**, not part of a Roblox game. Pop-up ads are common across many games, apps, and social media platforms. However, it is concerning that age-inappropriate adverts may be shown to children on Roblox, as the platform is aware of users' ages and should be serving age-appropriate content.

You may wish to:

- Check and adjust **Roblox parental controls**
 - Confirm the age set on your child's Roblox account
- Remind children **not to click on pop-ups or adverts**, and to tell you if they are unsure

Staying involved and having regular conversations about online safety can help children enjoy gaming more safely.

Hertfordshire SEND information—Speech, Language & Communication needs

Support your child's communication: visit Hertfordshire SEND Local Offer's information on speech, language, and communication needs. Help is available on the Hertfordshire SEND Local Offer website.

- Understand the developmental stages of speech and language
 - Discover tools and activities to support your child's communication development at home
 - Access fast support through free advice lines
 - Learn about the range of services available
- Find support for speech, language and communication for children, young people and young adults [here](#).

Your sincerely,
Miss J Wellbelove
Headteacher



Sport, Health & Wellbeing

Don't forget the **Daily Mile** every week day starts on **Monday 26th January** from 8:15-8:35 am. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Walk or run; please stay on the daily mile path and avoid the muddy field.



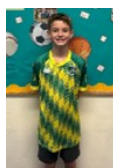
Year 2 Kingfishers PE

Kingfishers had a fun and engaging PE lesson on Wednesday. They were learning different ways of travelling around the hall and trying out different shapes to hold using their core muscles. They worked very well in their pairs and tried their very best!



Football results

On Friday 16th January South Hill Lions played a home game against Greenway School. It was a tough and well fought game from both sides, with South Hill coming away as 2-1 victors.



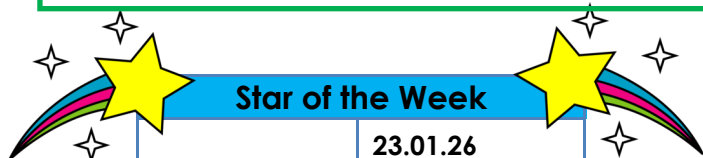
Player of the match was Ben S.

Netball match

On Tuesday Hobbs Hill Wood School came to play a very cold Compete netball fixture. Despite a noticeable improvement in our game we did suffer a loss, the game ended 3-5. Thank you to all our supporters who braved the cold. Our MVP voted by Hobbs Hill was Arina.



January 2026	
Monday 26th	◆ Y1 Parent Phonics Meeting—2.45 pm in the school hall
Wednesday 28th	◆ Owls class assembly 8.50 am in the school hall
Friday 30th	◆ Y4 swimming
Saturday 31st	◆ Herts County Cross Country—9 am—St Margaret's School, Bushey ◆ Herts County Football Final 3.15 pm
February 2026	
Tuesday 3rd	◆ 3.30 pm - Boys' B Team football match v Hobbs Hill Wood (home)
Wednesday 4th	◆ Sparrows class assembly 8.50 am in the school hall ◆ Netball match v Leverstock Green (home)
Friday 6th	◆ NSPCC Numbers Day—wear something number related ◆ Y2 Sports Hall Athletics at Abbot's Hill School



Star of the Week

	23.01.26
Wrens	Blake
Robins	Ella
Goldfinches	Milo
Sparrows	Ahmed
Owls	Violet
Kingfishers	Irene
Ash	Maisie
Beech	Teddy
Holly	Anda
Maple	Arwa
Oak	Joey
Silver Birch	Cece
Sycamore	Mollie
Hazel	Thomas

House Points	
Gade	6775
Lea	4900
Colne	3850
Bulborne	5700

Attendance matters	
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Every student, every day. School Target is 97%	
Weekly Attendance Champion	Maple 98.0%
Whole school	94.6

Attachments	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ School parking flyer ◆ Supporting your child with anxiety ◆ Hemel Storm Basketball home match 23.01.26 ◆ Game On free half-term multisports ◆ Next Thing tech camp half term Lockers Park 	