



Friday 30 January 2026  
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We are so proud of the children who sang at the Young Voices concert last Friday. They represented the school beautifully and sang their hearts out! Please see the report below from some of the children and staff who attended.

### **Class News - Robins**

Reception are learning about superheroes in our community. Last week our very own superhero Steven came to visit and tell us about how he helps people and keeps them well. The children enjoyed finding out about his job as a first aider with St John Ambulance, looking at his uniform and sticking his plasters all over each other!



### **Holly Class - SpaG**

This week in Year 4, we learned how to use apostrophes to show ownership, and saw how the position of the apostrophe changes in singular and plural words. The children practised writing their own sentences, changing the meaning of them with differently placed apostrophes. For example, the dog's bowl is empty (one dog), and the dogs' bowl is empty (plural, multiple dogs). When reading at home, please encourage your child to look for these apostrophes and how they change the meaning in a sentence.

### **Silver Birch Class - Maths**

This week in Silver Birch we have continued to look at fractions. We began the week continuing our learning with fractions of amounts and finding the whole. We have drawn bar models to show dividing by the denominator and multiplying by the numerator. We have also looked at the links between dividing and multiplying fractions and amounts.



### **Young Voices Concert - written with feedback from choir members!**

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 61 choir members went to take part in the Young Voices Concert at the O2. It was magical, brilliant and the best day ever! It was an experience of a lifetime. It was joyful, fabulous and unforgettable! Our choir have worked so hard to learn all the songs and it was an extraordinary experience to sing as a huge choir of over 8,000 voices. Many thanks to parents who supported us.



### **School Council visit from MP**

Last Friday our local MP, David Taylor, visited our school, where he met with members of the School Council. Pupils shared details of their project focused on the British Value of Respect and explained how they had used democratic processes to ensure that both pupil and staff voices were heard. By gathering ideas and opinions, the School Council has helped to bring about meaningful and positive changes within the school. Mr Taylor was extremely impressed by the commitment and hard work shown by the School Council. He spent over fifteen minutes engaging in discussion with the pupils



about their project and sharing insights into his role as a Member of Parliament, both locally and internationally.

### **Year 1 phonics meeting**

Thank you to the Year 1 parents who attended our meeting about the phonics screening check which will take place in June. For those who were unable to attend a copy of the presentation is now on the school website: [Year 1 | southhill](http://Year 1 | southhill). If you have any further questions, please do ask Mrs Masters or a member of the Year 1 staff team.

### **Year 2 Owls Class Assembly**

What a fabulous turnout of parents and carers for our Owls assembly on Wednesday!

The children gave a super performance that showcased their learning and creativity. They talked about the Great Fire of London, sharing key facts and events. The Owls also impressed everyone with their musical talent as they performed "Grandma Rap", demonstrating their understanding of pulse, beat, and rhythm in a fun and lively way. To top it off, we all enjoyed watching a video of their Forest School adventures, which highlighted their teamwork, curiosity, and love of outdoor learning .

### **Big Birdwatch 2026**

Our Eco Warriors are carrying out our Big Birdwatch survey this week. So far we have seen over five different species in our lovely school grounds. Results will follow next week!



### **World Book Day Thursday 5 March**

Ahead of half term, we want to inform you about our plans for World Book Day. To avoid any unnecessary expense on costumes, this year we have chosen the theme of BEDTIME STORIES. Children may therefore come to school in pyjamas, dressing gowns or warm onesies and bring in a book they like to read at bedtime. Teachers will be sharing their favourite stories too.

### **Hemel Hempstead Library**

During half term, on February 19<sup>th</sup>, Hemel Hempstead Library is hosting the children's author, Michael Catchpool, who will be reading and discussing his latest book for 7-11-year-olds. The event details can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/4kkewz7t>

### **Parent webinars on county lines and criminal exploitation (Ivison Trust)**

The Ivison Trust is a national charity working to keep children safe from exploitation.

During March 2026, the Ivison Trust is delivering a series of live webinars for parents and carers focused on county lines and criminal exploitation. The sessions help parents understand how exploitation happens, how children are groomed, what warning signs to look out for, and where to access advice and support. Each webinar includes local context, time for questions, and input from a parent with lived experience.

More information and booking details are available at: <https://ivisontrust.org.uk/webinars/>

Your sincerely,  
Miss J Wellbelove  
Headteacher



## Sport, Health & Wellbeing

### Daily Mile Week

This week marked our first week of the family daily mile opened to all parents, children, and staff. Just a reminder that the gate will be open from 8:15 to 8:35 am every day. It's a great way to start your day to be healthy and active, and it can also support pupils' social skills.

### Year 1 visit to Sports Centre

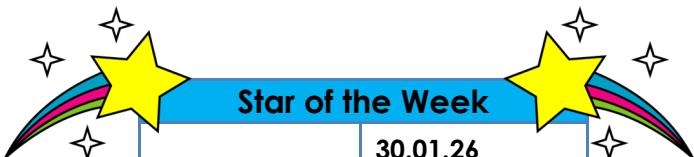
On Thursday, Year 1 were lucky enough to travel to Hemel Hempstead Sports Centre to take part in a DSSN activity circuit! The children practised many skills, including riding bikes, throwing basketballs, trampolining and bowling. Goldfinches and Sparrows had a great time trying out all of activities. Well done!

### Year 4 PE Lesson

Holly and Maple had a fun, exciting and engaging PE lesson. While some pupils were practising their lines for the Year 4 production, others were selected to take part in gymnastics. Pupils used pieces of apparatus to travel in different ways and jump from low and medium heights. They also had the opportunity to use the wall bars, which is a favourite of all pupils!

### Lions Football Match

On 22nd January the Lions played a home game against Hobletts Manor Junior School. We won the game 7-0, with a standout performance from player of the match, Josh P.



### Star of the Week

30.01.26

Wrens	Kai
Robins	Eva
Goldfinches	Levern
Sparrows	Emerald
Owls	Savannah
Kingfishers	Kristian
Ash	Arthur
Beech	Helena
Holly	Enal
Maple	Nourulain
Oak	Jodesh
Silver Birch	Stevie
Sycamore	Whole Class
Hazel	Whole Class

### 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
Monday 9th	◆ Visiting author for Years 2 –6 ◆ Girls' football match v Tudor Primary School—away
Tuesday 10th	◆ Year 5 Egyptian Day
Wednesday 11th	◆ Kingfishers class assembly
Thursday 12th	◆ Fire engine visiting Year 2

### Half term Monday 16th - Friday 20th February

Tuesday 24th	◆ Regional football tournament
Thursday 26th	◆ Come and watch your child learn morning—focus on Guided Reading

### House Points

Gade	6775
Lea	4900
Colne	3850
Bulborne	5700



### Attendance matters

Every student, every day.  
School Target is 97%



### Weekly Attendance Champion

Ash 99.3%



### Whole school

95.1 %



### Attachments

- ◆ Hemel Hempstead Library half term event
- ◆ JP Pro half term football camp
- ◆ Dads Together online group

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