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It was lovely to see so many of you at our Maths Morning on Tuesday. We hope you found the morning useful and that you enjoyed seeing your child learning Maths. Mrs Clare, our Maths lead, has added her Power-point to the front page of our website. You can also visit our website/curriculum/Maths to find out more to support Maths learning for your child. <https://www.southhill.herts.sch.uk/numeracy>

I Love Reading Competition

We have launched a new reading competition this week for the children. Each child will be given a template on which they can draw a picture of something from their favourite book, in any way they feel. There are examples and full instructions included as an attachment with this newsletter. The deadline for completed entries to be handed to Mrs Masters is Friday 14th February.



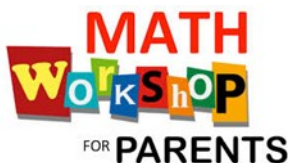
School Readers Competition

We were excited to receive an enormous box of books this week, courtesy of World of Books. Our year 3 pupil, Arthur was a winner of the School Readers Summer Book Review Competition. The photo shows him with all the books he has won for the school! These will be shared out amongst classes.



Maths Workshop

Our maths morning this week explained our CPA approach (Concrete, Pictorial and Abstract). In school, we use equipment to teach all our maths skills for number calculations, shapes and measures. We hope you had an insight into how we use equipment and pictorial to teach addition and subtraction to support learning in classes. Please see the PowerPoint on our website for more information <https://www.southhill.herts.sch.uk/numeracy>.



Girls Football Match

On Monday 20th January, the girls football team played against Bovington School. It was a very tough match, our players tried very hard with Bovington School finally winning the match 4-0. The players of the match were Emilia and Sophie M.



Boys Football Match

South Hill Boys A team played away against Broadfield School on Tuesday. Both teams played well, South Hill dominated and won 5-1. Player of the match was Ben S.



Can You Help?

Due to back-to-back football matches recently, it has become apparent that we are in desperate need of another team kit. Do you own a business who could sponsor our team? Are you able to make a personal donation? The cost of a new team kit is approximately £500. Please contact Mrs Coombs in the school office or Mr B if you are able to help in any way.



Planning a Holiday?

We have now released the term dates for 2025-26. If you are looking to book a holiday, please refer to the dates attached. Please note that we are unable to authorise any holidays taken during term time, unless very exceptional circumstances are apply.



Sports Clubs—Muddy Boots

We are reminding all parents of children that participate in sport clubs (lunch or after school) that use the school field to bring an alternative pair of trainers or football boots for these sessions. Children should also bring a carrier bag to take their muddy boots home. We are trying to preserve the school carpets as much as possible. Children without a change of footwear, will not be able to participate in the club.



Maths Corner

This week in Maths, in Goldfinches we have been extending our understanding of numbers, moving to working with numbers from 11-20. We have been using dienes to investigate the relationship of tens and ones, tens frames to explore adding one more and one less and finally, using Cuisenaire rods to represent these numbers.



Class News—Maple

This week, Maple class have been working hard on their new Geography topic, local environmental issues. We revised our learning from Year 2 about The Water Gardens which we learnt about in History. This time, we are learning about this local landmark through Geography. We researched the redevelopment of this area in 2012 and thought about all the new features and why they had been chosen to try to improve the local area.



Yours sincerely
Miss Wellbelove
Headteacher

Attendance matters
Every student, every day

South Hill Weekly Attendance

Our target is 97% for the whole school

Wrens	95.4%
Robins	99.3%
Goldfinches	96%
Sparrows	93.1%
Owls	98.3%
Kingfishers	97.3%
Ash	94%
Beech	96.7%
Holly	92.3%
Maple	96%
Oak	96.6%
Silver Birch	94.3%
Sycamore	97.1%
Hazel	91.8%
Whole school	95.6%



Star of the Week	
Wrens	Felix
Robins	Stephany
Goldfinches	Indi
Sparrows	Ray
Owls	Finley
Kingfishers	Skylar
Ash	Ronnie
Beech	Colby
Holly	Ella
Maple	Lottie
Oak	Ottilie
Silver Birch	Zoya
Sycamore	Douglas
Hazel	Sofia

January 2025	
Monday 27th	◆ Boys football—Hobletts Manor @ home
Tuesday 28th	◆ Netball match—Bridgewater School @ home
Wednesday 29th	◆ Phonics Parent Workshop 9am in the school hall ◆ Rapid Fire Cricket—Selected children @ Astley Cooper School
Thursday 30th	◆ Boys football—Oakleaf @ home
Friday 31st	◆ Y4 swimming
February 2025	
Monday 3rd	◆ Boys Football—Bovingdon @ home
Tuesday 4th	◆ Y6 Indoor Athletics 9.30-11.45am (Selected Children)
Thursday 6th	◆ Boys Football—Bridgewater School @Away

House Points	
Gade	3200
Lea	2250
Bulbourne	2625
Colne	1950

Attachments

- ◆ I love reading template
- ◆ I love reading instructions and examples
- ◆ Term dates 2025-26
- ◆ Storm Basketball game info
- ◆ Half Term Havoc

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