



Friday 21 March 2025  
Headteacher: Miss J Wellbelove

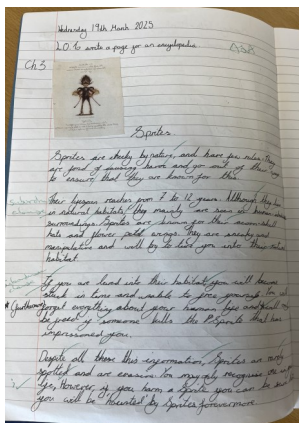


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We had a visit from an English advisor last week who looked at our pupils' English books from EYFS to Year 6.

She was pleased with the progression made in our pupils' books and the hard work that can be seen.

Reading is key to being a successful writer. Please encourage your child to read as much as they can, whether it be a book, a magazine or an extract on an iPad or phone.



### VE Day

This year, on 8th May 2025, we will be remembering the 80th anniversary of VE Day, which marked the end of the Second World War in Europe. We will soon share with you our plans for celebrating this momentous day.



If you have a relative or friend who has first-hand memories or experiences of World War II and who would be happy to share these in an assembly, please ask them to contact Mrs. Carver via the school office.

### Daily Mile Friday is back

We are pleased to announce that **Daily Mile Friday** returned today! This is a chance for parents/carers to join their child on the Daily Mile. We will open the side gate near the EYFS entrance at **8.20 am**. Please note pupils must be accompanied by an adult and not dropped off. The whistle will blow at 8.40 am for pupils to go into school.



### Class News – Holly

Holly class have been working very hard this week rehearsing for our school play. Everyone has been showing off their talents and working hard to deliver their lines! In English, we have started learning about the features of a playscript and how it is different from a narrative.

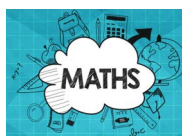
## Features of a playscript

- List of cast or characters
- Scene heading
- Brief stage directions to set the scene
- List of props/ scenery needed
- Speakers' names on left side (plus :)
- Dialogue next to speaker's name- no speech marks
- Stage directions in brackets showing speaker how to say their lines or to show what should happen while they speak



### Maths Corner - Maple

In Maths this week we have started to look at fractions of quantities. To help us with this we have been using counters and thinking about dividing the counters into the relevant number of groups. This lets us visibly see how we can find a fraction of a quantity. Our focus has been  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{3}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$ .



### Author visit KS2, Years 3 - 6

Author Ella Dove gave an inspiring and informative talk to KS2 children on Tuesday.

She spoke to the children about her writing process, her new book and about coping with being an amputee. She explained how her prosthetic leg works and how she coped with a life-changing accident. She was impressed with how polite and well behaved our pupils were.



### Spring Film Night - Postponed

The Film Night is being postponed until the Summer Term. Details will be sent out nearer the time.

### GOSH Fundraising

Mrs. Cummins, who has joined our office team, will be running the London Marathon at the end of April. She will be raising funds for Great Ormond Street Hospital. If you would like to support her, please click on this link: [https://www.justgiving.com/page/sadie-and-katherine-marathon-running-for-noah?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/sadie-and-katherine-marathon-running-for-noah?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL). She recently completed the Berkhamsted Half Marathon, so we know she can do it!



### Lateness and Attendance

A gentle reminder of the importance that your child attends school each day. They should arrive on time, ensuring they are 'ready to learn.' School begins at 8.40 am and the doors close at 8.50 am. Children arriving after this time will be marked as late. Children arriving after 9.10 am will receive an unauthorised absence mark. Persistent lateness may result in a fine being issued.



### Parents' Evening Appointments Reminder

Parents' evenings are being held for all classes (except Wrens) on Monday 31st March and Wednesday 2nd April from 4 pm to 6.50 pm. Please book your appointment via School Cloud <https://southhill.schoolcloud.co.uk/>.





If you are having difficulty making an appointment please contact the school office.


Yours sincerely,  
Miss J Wellbelove  
Headteacher

Attendance matters  
Every student, every day

## South Hill Weekly Attendance

Our target is 97% for the whole school

Wrens	92.4%
Robins	96.3% 
Goldfinches	91.0%
Sparrows	92.0%
Owls	94.0%
Kingfishers	90.3%
Ash	94.8%
Beech	89.3%
Holly	91.7%
Maple	94.7%
Oak	90.7%
Silver Birch	89.7%
Sycamore	92.3%
Hazel	91.0%
Whole school	92.2% 



### Star of the Week

Wrens	Remiya
Robins	Noah
Goldfinches	Eliza
Sparrows	Jesse
Owls	Whole Class
Kingfishers	Alishba
Ash	Connie
Beech	Alex B and Martin
Holly	Harrison
Maple	Aya
Oak	Mario and Grace
Silver Birch	Emily
Sycamore	Ben F
Hazel	Fern

March 2025	
Tuesday 25th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <del>Spring Serenade 9am</del> - This has now changed to Tuesday, 29th April.</li> <li>◆ Y 3&amp;4 Production 2 pm</li> </ul>
Wednesday 26th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Year 3 &amp; 4 Production, 6 pm</li> </ul>
Friday 28th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Year 1 Whipsnade Zoo Trip</li> </ul>
Monday 31st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Parents' Evening 4 - 7 pm</li> </ul>
April 2025	
Tuesday 1st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Class Photographs</li> <li>◆ Rocksteady Concert 2pm</li> <li>◆ Netball Match at home - St Bartholomews</li> </ul>
Wednesday 2nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Goldfinches Class Assembly</li> <li>◆ Parents' Evening 4-7 pm</li> </ul>
Thursday 3rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <del>Spring Film Night</del> - Postponed until summer term</li> </ul>
Friday 4th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Last day of term - 1.15pm finish</li> </ul>
Tuesday 22nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Children return to school</li> </ul>

### House Points - Updated

Gade	5925
Bulbourne	5550
Lea	4500
Colne	2325

### Attachments

- ◆ Claire's Club Easter Holiday Camp
- ◆ Lime Walk Easter Holiday Camp
- ◆ PSA Easter Holiday Camp

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