



NEWSLETTER 10th September 2021

VALUE: Thankfulness

"Every time I think of you I give thanks to my God." *Philippians 1.3*

"Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough." - Oprah



FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This week has been all about getting back into the routines. The children have settled in and are getting used to the expectations of their new year group. The new staff are also settling in well and we now have Mrs Walton working with us every morning, providing an extra teacher for maths. This higher teacher to pupil ratio is part of our strategy to ensure that all pupils make really strong progress in maths.

A new sports coach, Finley has started working with the children at lunch and in lessons. He will also be running the Tuesday and Wednesday after school clubs, that we are subsidising this term, as we would like more children to take advantage of this opportunity to be involved in healthy, physical activity. For more information, please contact the office.

The new Reception children have begun their phased start to school and so far are doing really well. It is such a big step for them and they are managing it very well.



We welcomed Father Simon in on Monday and he thoroughly enjoyed leading the whole school collective worship and introducing our new value, thankfulness, and introduced the children to a lovely song on that theme.

The Governing Body needs a new representative from the parent group. Attached is a letter providing more information. Governors can make a really significant contribution to the school and many find it extremely rewarding. If you are interested, please get in touch with one of the current governors or myself for further information. You may nominate yourself by emailing the office and the closing date is Friday 24th September.

Now that we have fewer restrictions I am pleased to be able to invite parents in and if you have any issues, please let me know. I hope we see many of you at the meet the teacher meetings this week.

Have a good weekend and stay safe,

Jeremy Fisher



MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH



Fr Simon, our Vicar and governor, writes:

As you'll have read in Mr Fisher's introduction to this newsletter, 'thankfulness' is the theme at the heart of our collective worships for this first half of term. We started on Monday by exploring what we'd been thankful for during the summer - not least the beauty of this planet - and how we expressed those thanks.

And there was much to be thankful for at Great St Mary's last Sunday. We were not only celebrating our patronal festival with uplifting worship as we remembered the life of Mary - Jesus' mother - but, in scorching hot late-summer sun, corks were popped and a good number of us stayed on to enjoy a picnic lunch in the churchyard. We were so thankful to be finally gathering together again as a congregation after the past 18 months of restrictions.

Yes - all of us have been through some difficult times recently - and some of us still are going through them - but, whilst so much of this world is broken (our headlines and consciences continually remind us of that), there is also so much for which to be thankful.

God bless,

Fr Simon



STARS OF THE WEEK

Year 1

- ✦ Sabiha for amazing concentration and effort in Maths.

Year 2

- ✦ Millie for starting the new year with positivity and enthusiasm.

Year 3

- ✦ Zainab for coming back to school full of confidence.



Year 4

- ✦ Harry S for making adventurous word choices in his writing.

Year 5

- ✦ Taliya for being thoughtful towards others.
- ✦ Sam for excellent presentation in his work.

Year 6

- ✦ Paige for being a good friend to a new class member.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

No Birthday's This Week



ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Whole School
Attendance - 96.9%

Whole School Target Set - 96%



Please contact school on the first day of any absence. This can be done by calling **01279 723 204, Option 1** and then leaving a message on the absence line.

If you are going to be late, please also advise the school office to ensure a meal is ordered in time.

PE DAYS

Ruby Class - Tuesday & Thursday

Sapphire Class - Tuesday & Thursday

Emerald Class - Wednesday & Friday

Diamond Class - Monday & Wednesday



Children should come to school dressed in their PE kit. As the weather turns colder, please ensure that your child wears warm clothing i.e. navy blue PE joggers/zip-up hooded jacket and a weather-proof coat.

NOTICES

Afterschool Sports Clubs - the school will be running afterschool clubs on a **Tuesday (Reception to Year 2)** and **Wednesday (Year 3 to 6) from 3.30-4.30 pm** starting next week. The cost of the clubs is **£2** per day. Bookings can be made on School Gateway.

Bag 2 School - is on **Monday 13th September**. Please don't forget to bring in donations of unwanted clothing, bags, shoes etc. in the bags provided. More details on the flyer below.

Meet the Teacher
Diamond Class - **Monday 13th September**
Sapphire Class - **Tuesday 14th September**
Emerald Class - **Wednesday 15th September**
All meetings will be immediately after school. Children will be supervised by a member of staff.

Emerald Class Swimming - starts on **Wednesday 15th September**. Please ensure children come to school 'swim ready' under their PE kits as they also have PE.

Nasal Flu Immunisation Consent - please complete the form and return to school by **Friday 17th September**. This needs to be completed even if you are opting out.

Emerald Trip to Celtic Harmony is on **Monday 20th September**. Children should wear their uniforms with old trainers and bring a packed lunch. Packed lunches have been ordered for parents who requested them. The children will be leaving school at **9.10 am** and returning by **3.40 pm**.

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Day	Menu
Monday	❖ Mild Chicken Curry with Rice (Red) ❖ Vegetarian 'Meat' Balls with Rice (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)
Tuesday	❖ Beef Lasagne (Red) ❖ Quorn Pattie in a Bun (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)
Wednesday	❖ Roast Chicken (Red) ❖ Pasta Bake (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)
Thursday	❖ Pork Sausages with Potato Wedges (Red) ❖ Sweet Potato Slice (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)
Friday	❖ Battered Fish Fillet (Red) ❖ Cheese & Tomato Pizza (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
13/09/21	Bag 2 School
13/09/21	Diamond - Meet the Teacher @ 3.30
14/09/21	Sapphire – Meet the Teacher @ 3.30
15/09/21	Emerald Class swimming starts
15/09/21	Emerald – Meet the Teacher @ 3.30
20/09/21	Emerald trip to Celtic Harmony
08/10/21	Year 6 – School Nurse Visit
11/10/21	Individual/Sibling Photos
20/10/21	Nasal Flu Vaccine – Rec to Year 6
22/10/21	Inset 2
25/10/21 - 29/10/21	Half Term
15/12/21	Emerald Class Swimming – Last Lesson
21/12/21	Last Day of Term
05/01/22	Inset 3
06/01/22	First Day Back
14/02/22 – 18/02/22	Half Term
31/03/22	Last Day of Term
01/04/22	Inset 4
19/04/22	First Day Back
30/05/22 – 03/06/22	Half Term
06/06/22	Inset 5
20/07/22	Last Day of Term
21/07/22	Occasional Day
22/07/21	Jubilee Bank Holiday in lieu

Contact: admin@spellbrook.herts.sch.uk

Website: www.spellbrook.herts.sch.uk

Please park SAFELY

We need everyone to play their part in keeping the roads near schools safe.

DRIVERS SHOULD NOT:

- park on yellow zig zag markings.
- park on double yellow lines at any time, or on single yellows during restricted hours.
- park or drive on footpaths.
- park within 10 metres of a junction, as this decreases visibility.
- block driveways or dropped kerbs.

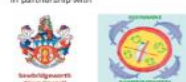
You may be issued with a fixed penalty notice. Thank you for your cooperation.



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SPELLBROOK PTA



Monday 13th September

**CLOTHING SHOES
BAGS JEWELLERY
SOFT TOYS CURTAINS
TOWELS BED SHEETS**



DEVELOPMENT THROUGH DRAMA

One of the greatest life skills we can give our children is the ability to communicate confidently.

ROLEPLAY is vital to a child's development and increases social interaction, problem solving and communication skills. Through imaginative plays, we explore emotions and feelings which helps to boost **WELL-BEING** and **SELF-AWARENESS**.

WE GUARANTEE YOUR CHILD WILL DEVELOP EXCELLENT SOCIAL SKILLS THEY WILL NEED IN EVERYDAY LIFE.

- SPEAK & MOVE CONFIDENTLY
- ANSWER IN FULL SENTENCES
- FEEL GOOD IN THEMSELVES
- IMPROVE CONFIDENCE & ENTHUSIASM
- INCREASE SELF-ESTEEM
- ACT IN PLAYS
- WORK IN GROUP SITUATIONS
- MEET NEW FRIENDS
- DISCUSS SOCIAL ISSUES
- IMPROVE LISTENING SKILLS
- ENCOURAGE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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IN BISHOP'S STORTFORD

**FREE
OPEN
DAY**

Everyone aged 6 to 18 is invited
to our **FREE OPEN DAY** at our
brand new Saturday School.

**9AM
TO
1PM**

Taster classes available
in Acting, Musical Theatre,
Singing and Ballet



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SATURDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

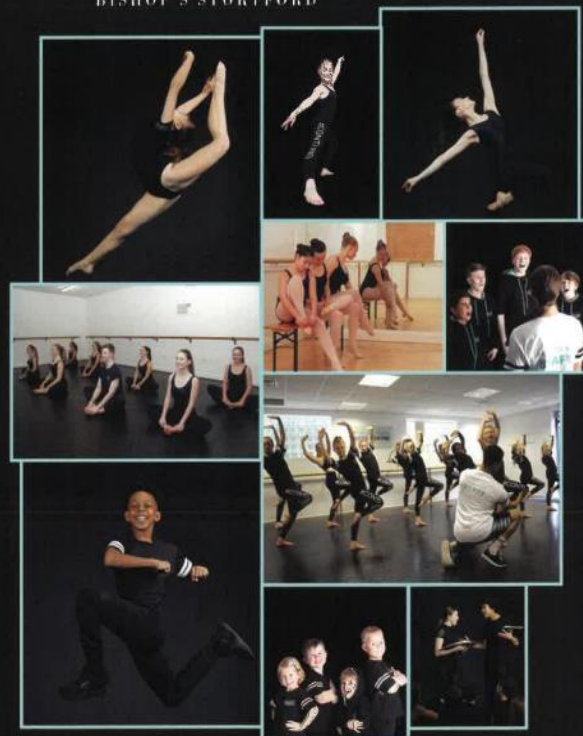
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*The Hertfordshire & Essex High School
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'...an outstanding school with an outstanding Sixth Form.' Ofsted

Thursday 23 September 2021

17:30 - 20:30

Presentations by Executive Headteacher, Cathy Tooze
at 17:30, 18:15, 19:00 and 19:45

**Musical and Sporting Aptitude Tests:
Saturday 9 October 2021**

Warwick Road, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 5NJ; tel 01279 654127
e: admin@hertsandessex.herts.sch.uk www.hertsandessex.herts.sch.uk



OPEN MORNING Saturday 25th September 2021 8.30am-12pm

Presentations & Tours will run throughout the morning

Please register for this event via our website www.hockerill.com

Language & Music Aptitude Tests: Saturday 2nd October

(The deadline for registering for the Aptitude Test is 9am on Monday 27th September. Details can be found on our website)

Principal: **Mr David Woods**

Dunmow Road, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 5HX Tel 01279 658451

www.hockerill.com email: admissions@hockerill.com **Day and Boarding Places**



Leventhorpe
a business and enterprise academy



**Thursday 16th September 2021
6.00pm - 9.00pm**

Headteacher talks: 6.00pm, 6.40pm, 7.20pm
and 8.00pm

Musical Aptitude Test: Saturday 9th October

Headteacher: Malcolm White

Cambridge Road, Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire, CM21 9BY

tel: 01279 836633 email: education@leventhorpe.net

web: www.leventhorpe.net

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BISHOP'S STORTFORD
EDUCATIONAL TRUST

**The Bishop's Stortford and
Sawbridgeworth
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Year 6 students and their parents are invited to
transition events for the September 2022 intake.

For schools hosting onsite: we request that
parents of students in other year groups do not
attend due to our desire to mitigate against Covid
risks; capacity limits may be put in place.

Plans are subject to change and virtual alterna-
tives will be used depending on Covid issues.

See school websites for up to date plans
and schedules.



St Mary's Catholic School

Wednesday 22nd September 2021

4.30-8.30pm

To attend our Open Evening, please visit our website

www.stmarys.net

'Pupils enjoy coming to school and are very proud to be part of the community'

"There is a relentless pursuit of excellence"



Windhill, Bishop's Stortford, Herts. CM23 2NQ

Email: info@stmarys.net Tel: 01279 654901



**THE BISHOP'S STORTFORD
HIGH SCHOOL**



'An Outstanding School' - Ofsted, March 2017

Thursday 23rd September 2021

Doors open 5:30pm - 8:45pm

Headteacher presentations:

5:45pm, 6:35pm, 7:25pm and 8:15pm

London Road, Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire CM23 3LU

Headteacher: Mr Dale Reeve BSc (Hons)

email: office@bshs.org, Telephone: 01279 868686

Music Aptitude Test - Saturday 9th October, 2021

Sporting Aptitude Test - Tuesday 12th October, 2021

Please be aware that parking on the school site is limited.



Bishop's Stortford College

Co-educational Day and Boarding 4 - 18 years

Open Morning for all stages of entry

Saturday 25th September 2021

To attend an Open Morning or arrange a private tour please visit

www.bishopsstortfordcollege.org

Bursaries available from Lower Shell (Year 3)

Head: Kathy Crewe-Read

School House, Maze Green Road, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 2PQ

Tel: 01279 838 575



Birchwood High School

Thursday 30th September 2021

4:30pm-8:30pm

Principal's talks 5pm / 5:45pm / 6:30pm / 7:15pm

Seats limited to 150 per talk to facilitate social distancing

Principal Dr. Chris Ingate

Parsonage Lane, Bishop's Stortford CM23 5BD

Tel: 01279 655936

Website: www.birchwoodonline.co.uk

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Open Day, Sunday September 19
our Apples and Bees day, 11.00-5pm



Lots of activities for children (and adults)

Apple craft

Look inside a
bee hive

Apple variety
identification

Bring your own apples/leaves or
pictures for identification

Apple
juicing

Jam and Jelly
Tombola

Find the
Queen
bee

Candle
making

tasting

Adult entry £5.50, Children under 16 free entry. Gardens postcode: CM6 2BB. For more details go to www.eastonlodge.co.uk charity 1101442
Bring your own containers
(and your own apples if you wish)

**Apple and Bees Day at the Gardens of Easton
Lodge**
Sunday 19th September

Apple juicing and apple craft, the chance to watch bees and find the Queen and a trail for children, as well as the treehouse to explore and the latest addition to the Gardens, an elephant statue to remind us of the Countess of Warwick's love of exotic animals.

Plant, produce and craft stalls. Bishop's Stortford Ukelele Society will be playing fun songs and our volunteers will be serving tasty bacon/cheese/hummus rolls and homemade cakes.

Gates open at 11.00. Adult entry £5.50 - children under 16 free.

More information and advance tickets on www.eastonlodge.co.uk

Saturday 2 October 2pm
St Etheldreda's Church
Fore Street
Hatfield AL9 5AN



FAMILY CONCERT
Holst – *Planet Suite*

Presented and illustrated by James Mayhew



Join children's illustrator James Mayhew for this spectacular concert, featuring thrilling music from Holst's *Planet Suite*, arranged for chamber ensemble by George Morton. James will introduce each piece and then paint illustrations live on stage, which will be projected above the musicians so the audience can watch them change and grow in time to the music.

Performed by the resident Festival professionals alongside

The Purcell School for Young Musicians

Conductor – Paul Hoskins

Tickets: Adults - £12 / 4-18 year olds - £5

For full details and to buy tickets visit: hatfieldhousemusicfestival.org.uk
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