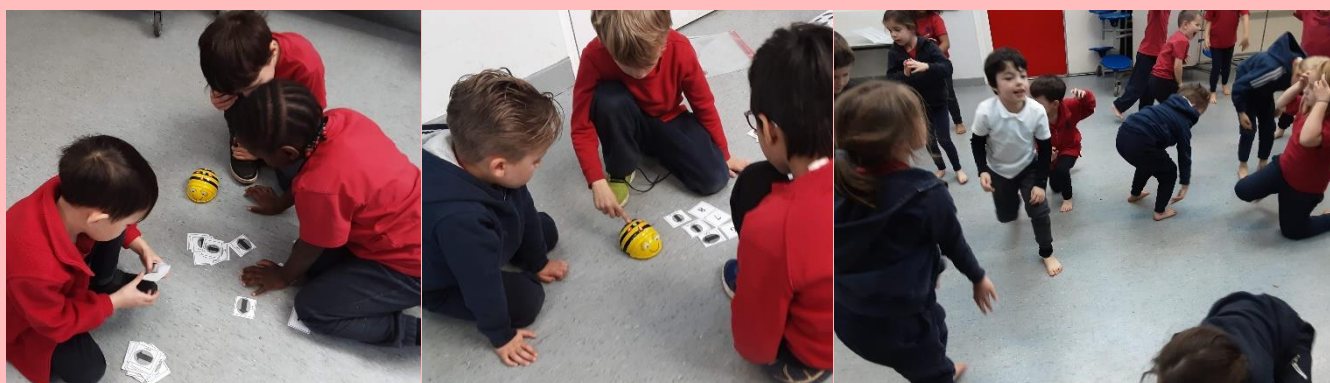




## NEWSLETTER – 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021

### VALUE: Trust

“No one who gossips can be trusted with a secret, but you can put confidence in someone who is trustworthy.” *Proverbs 11:13*



### FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This week, Diamond Class have continued working on their Maya topic. Amongst other activities they have carried out research using the internet. They have also brought in some models of Mayan architecture. The Year 5 children had their last Mini-Police session and thoroughly enjoyed seeing the quad bike. I think many would have been happy to drive it.

Emerald Class have been creating art inspired by Kandinsky. This artist listened to music and used shapes and colours to express the sounds made by the orchestra. Emerald Class's art was created whilst listening to Lohengrin Overture by Wagner.

Sapphire Class have been using the Beebots to develop their understanding of creating sets of instructions for computing. They have also been enjoying movement and dance lessons.



Ruby Class had a chance to go outside on Thursday and enjoy a bonfire. Our school caretaker was the master of the bonfire and made sure everything was safe. It is part of their topic about light sources and they thought about fire including how to be safe around fires. They enjoyed eating toasted marshmallows and holding a sparkler.

**Online Safety:** This week the teachers have accessed training on Online Safety. The online world is constantly changing and keeping up with the risks to children can be a challenge. I receive regular updates from an E-Safety advisor and this information about fake news from his latest email is worth a look.

**Fake News:** There are many different reasons why some people will spread mis and disinformation. It's important that everyone knows what mis and disinformation is and how to spot it. These websites provide some very useful resources. The Guardian link includes investigation tasks and challenge activities and this clever picture in the "Don't trust pictures on the internet!" section.

[NewsWise for families: looking out for fake news | | The Guardian](#)



This BBC link provides articles and videos, like 'Fake News and how to spot it' and includes information about the Trusted News Initiative.

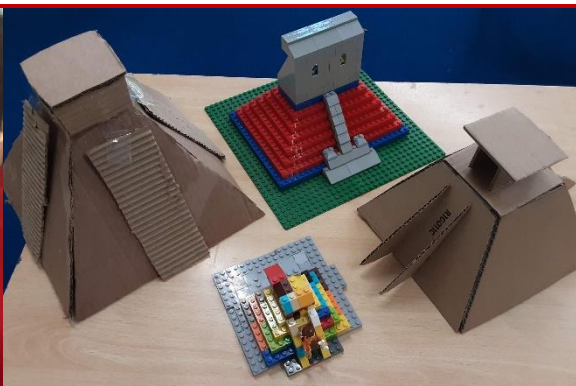
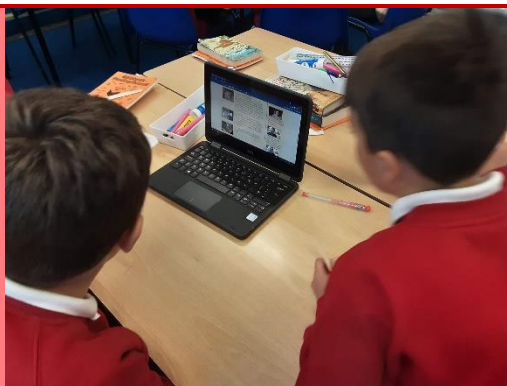
[Beyond Fake News - Beyond Fake News \(bbc.co.uk\)](#)

Please have a look and share the information with your children.



Have a good weekend and stay safe.  
Jeremy Fisher





## MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH

### The Great St Mary's Oasis of Calm - Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November - 3pm-6pm

Revd Debbie writes:



Well, Christmas - that wonderful remembrance of Jesus' birth - is certainly getting closer in Sawbridgeworth. Tomorrow we have the switching on of the town's Christmas lights alongside Great St Mary's 'Oasis of Calm'. With tranquil seasonal music playing, the church will glow with the light of hundreds of candles - a magical sight. And we're being encouraged by the Town Council to make and decorate our own Christmas lanterns from, for example, an old squash bottle or jam jar, to collect a battery-powered tealight from the council offices or from some of the town's shops, and to bring those lanterns to the church for display between 3 and 6pm tomorrow afternoon. I look forward to seeing the joyful creations, some of which have already begun to arrive.



And then next Sunday - 5<sup>th</sup> December - we'll have another seasonal favourite at 3pm: our annual Christingle service - an all-age service of fun with oranges, candles and so much more, all in aid of The Children's Society.



Of course, whenever you're able to pop into Great St Mary's, it would be lovely to see you, as we prepare to celebrate, once again, the joy of Christmas.

May the joy and hope of Jesus live forever in your hearts.

*Revd Debbie*



## STARS OF THE WEEK

### Ruby

- ✚ Abel for focus and attention in different activities.

### Sapphire

- ✚ Shakti for amazing presentation.
- ✚ Dylan for amazing participation.



### Emerald

- ✚ Ella for her amazing anti-bullying poster.
- ✚ Billie for her amazing painting based on Kadinsky.

### Diamond

- ✚ Archie for being an excellent all round role model to be proud of.
- ✚ Alfie for great effort in his English writing.





## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Sapphire  
Harry P  
Sabiha

## ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School**  
**Attendance – 93.6%**

**Whole School Target Set – 96%**

Attendance Ladder



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

✚ **Christmas Decorating Morning** is on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**. If you would like to attend, please return the reply slip sent in a separate email by **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November**.

*Ruby & Sapphire – 9.00 – 10.15 am*

*Emerald & Diamond – 10.30 – 11.45 am*

✚ **Rapunzel Panto @ South Mill Arts** is on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December**. Children will be travelling by coach, with parents picking up from South Mill Arts Centre at around 3.30 pm. The cost is **£14.90**. Payments are to be made on School Gateway by **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December** please.

✚ **Nativity Performance** – parents/carers of children in Ruby & Sapphire are invited to attend on **either Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 4.45 pm or Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30 pm**. For more information, please refer to the letter sent out on Tuesday.

✚ **Christmas Lunch** is on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December**. We would like to invite children who do not normally have a school dinner, to take part. For more information, please see the separate email sent out.


## NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Burger in a Bun (Red)</li> <li>❖ Beany Bolognese (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> </ul>
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Creamy Chicken Pasta (Red)</li> <li>❖ Quorn Hot Dog (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> </ul>
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Roast Chicken (Red)</li> </ul>

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
02/12/21	Rapid Cricket Competition @ Birchwood
03/12/21	Christmas Decorating Morning
09/12/21	Panto @ South Mill Arts Centre
13/12/21 – 17/12/21	PTA Christmas Shop
14/12/21	Nativity Performance 1 @ 4.45 pm
15/12/21	Nativity Performance 2 @ 2.30 pm
15/12/21	Emerald Class Swimming – Last Lesson

	❖ Crispy Topped Vegetarian Pie (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)
Thursday	❖ Organic Beef Lasagne (Red) ❖ Cheese Pinwheel (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)
Friday	❖ Salmon Fish Fingers (Red) ❖ Cheese & Tomato Pizza (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)



16/12/21	Christmas Jumper Day
16/12/21	Christmas Lunch
16/12/21	PTA Christmas Carols
17/12/21	Christmas Service @ Great St Mary's
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
08/06/22 – 10/06/22	Diamond Class Residential
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](mailto:admin@spellbrook.herts.sch.uk)

Website: [www.spellbrook.herts.sch.uk](http://www.spellbrook.herts.sch.uk)

## Advent and Christmas at Great St Mary's Church

**SAT 27TH NOV 3-6PM**

Sawbridgeworth Christmas Lights & Fayre  
Pop into the church to experience a candlelit oasis of calm

**SUN 28TH NOV 5PM**

Advent Carol Service

**THURSDAYS IN ADVENT 12.30-2PM**

Soup, cheese and bread in Church House  
Raising money for The Children's Society

**SUN 5TH DEC 3PM**

Christingle Service

A fun all-age service with oranges, candles and so much more

**SAT 11TH DEC 10AM-12PM**

Carol-singing with the church choir in the Bell Street Car Park

**SAT 11TH DEC 10AM-2PM**

Father Christmas visits Great St Mary's  
Pop into Church House for refreshments  
and to put your order in with Santa

**SUN 19TH DEC 5PM**

Christmas Carol Service

The traditional carol service

Followed by mulled wine and mince pies

**FRI 24TH DEC 3PM**

Crib Service

A shorter fun all-age service, particularly suitable for children

**FRI 24TH DEC 11.30PM**

Midnight Mass

The first Eucharist of Christmas with traditional carols

**SAT 25TH DEC 9.30AM**

Christmas Morning All-Age Eucharist

Come dressed as your favourite

Bethlehem character for a scratch nativity!



Website: [www.sawbridgeworthchurch.org.uk](http://www.sawbridgeworthchurch.org.uk)



Services for  
Young People

Hertfordshire

# Young People's Survey 2021

**Opening 1 November 2021**

**Closing 17 December 2021**

If you are aged between 11-17, share your thoughts and ideas about activities and support for young people in Hertfordshire.

### How to access the survey...

1. Type this link

<https://surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/YoungPeopleSurvey2021/> into your browser.

2. Or email [SfYP@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:SfYP@hertfordshire.gov.uk) for a link.

[www.servicesforyoungpeople.org](http://www.servicesforyoungpeople.org) 0300 123 7538



**Christmas Lunch**  
**on**  
**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

**The Menu**

Sliced Turkey Breast with Chipolata Sausage  
Sage and Onion Stuffing with Gravy **(Red)**

Or

Quorn Fillet  
Sage and Onion Stuffing with Gravy **(Green)**

With

Roast Potatoes and a choice of Seasonal  
Vegetables



**Christmas Dessert**



Ice Cream

Christmas Shortbread



**Great St Mary's  
Sawbridgeworth**

**Christingle  
Service**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December  
3pm**



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info@risingstars-wraparound.co.uk



**Christmas Holiday  
Courses at  
Hillmead Primary  
22 – 23 December**

**Activities  
including  
Indoor and  
outdoor games!  
Crafts!  
Inflatables!  
A variety of  
sports!  
Chill and Care!**

✓ Ofsted Registered    ✓ Childcare Vouchers accepted

8.00 – 5.00 – £22.50  
includes breakfast and light tea  
8.00 – 1.00 – £17.50  
10.00 – 3.00 – £17.50  
12.00 – 5.00 – £17.50

**PLEASE PROVIDE A PACKED LUNCH!**

On registering your child for a place on our course Rising Stars will collect certain information about you/your child which will include your names, email address, telephone number, child's date of birth, gender and school. We will not share this information with any third party for marketing purposes.



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