



NEWSLETTER - 4th March 2022

VALUE: JUSTICE

Focus: Making Wise Decisions

'Learn to do right. Seek justice.' Isaiah 1.17



World Book Day

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This has been a busy week at Spellbrook. On Wednesday, we had a special service led by Father Simon and Reverend Debbie to mark Ash Wednesday. The children found out about the significance of Ash Wednesday as the start of Lent, recognising the time when Jesus went into the desert for 40 days and nights. They thought about the way that Christians focus on repentance and preparing for Easter. Many of the children chose to have a cross marked in ash. Some chose to have it on their foreheads, others on the backs of their hands.



On Thursday, as well as World Book Day, we had a visit from Mrs Anne Gorolini who is our Hertfordshire Improvement Partner. Her role is to come

into school to assist in review and evaluation and provide information and evidence on School Development for myself and the Governors. When Ofsted came, the recognition that we are now a good school was very reassuring and rewarding, but it is important that we keep developing. After a few years of intense focus on developing the curriculum for English and Maths, we are now in a position to sustain that, but also put more time and attention into other

We have also been celebrating World Book Day and children and staff dressed up as favourite story characters. There were so many different costumes and during the day the children enjoyed sharing who they had come as and where those characters originate from. Emerald class drew selfies of themselves as their chosen character. There were many children and even staff, from J K Rowling's Wizarding World; comic book and fairy tale heroes and villains; Roald Dahl favourites and familiar characters from classics such as the Wizard of Oz and Winnie the Pooh. Each class had extra reading and story times and each class contributed to a whole school story. Ruby Class started it off and the others added to it. It was inspired by the story "The Day the Crayons Quit" and was titled, "The Day the Fruit Quit." It is about a day in school when the fruit for Ruby Class's snacks decide they have had enough, disappear and leave letters explaining their grievances. It reads very well and we are now adding some illustrations. We will put the finished article on our school website.



subjects. Our recent focus has been some of the humanities subjects and Mrs Gorolini came in to review the impact. She talked to staff and children and looked at the work in books. One of our key aims is to ensure that all of the children fully understood the key ideas and related vocabulary for each topic and that they retain it. I am sure you can all think of occasions when you have learned something but a short time later are unable to recall it. This is something we are trying to address and for some teachers and children this can be quite a challenge. Mrs Gorolini was able to report that we are having success and the strategies we are following are having a positive impact.



On a very different note, I have a 17 year old daughter who is currently studying 3D design as part of her A-levels and is trying to organise some work experience for the summer. If anyone works in product design and would be able to offer a week's work experience for a very capable and hardworking young person at the beginning of July, we would be most grateful and I would welcome any discussions about possibilities.

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe.

Jeremy Fisher



We have some new resources for music. Sapphire class have enjoyed using the new glockenspiels

MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH



Revd Debbie writes:

Before moving to Sawbridgeworth, my husband and I used to live in London just around the corner from the Ukrainian Cathedral – the place which Boris Johnson visited earlier this week. We passed it by most days on our way to and from work, and on the way to church every Sunday when we would see crowds of cheerful people greeting friends and family on their way to worship. We even had the pleasure of meeting members of the congregation when we were given a grand tour of the beautiful cathedral during an open

day.



Oh how sad, worried and mournful they must be now as they watch the destruction of their homeland on their TV screens, and how proud they must be of the people of Ukraine and of the Ukrainian President

Volodymyr Zelensky. Addressing the European Parliament the other day, he told members of the EU: "Nobody is going to break us. We are Ukrainian."



There was a sight I used to look forward to witnessing every year on Easter Day outside the Ukrainian Cathedral: joyful women and children carrying brightly adorned baskets full of beautifully painted Easter Eggs and traditional food. My hope is that, as soon as this Easter, they may joyfully gather once again, in the knowledge that peace has prevailed in their homeland.

In the meantime, my thoughts and prayers are with the people of Ukraine.

May our Lord truly grant us peace.

Rev'd Debbie

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



No Birthdays This Week



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STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ✚ Jessie for good contributions during carpet time.

Sapphire

- ✚ Henry for good effort in lessons.
- ✚ Poppy for lovely RE work.

Emerald

- ✚ Harry S for trying really hard and focusing on his work.
- ✚ Izzy for fantastic RE work.

Diamond

- ✚ Sam for excellent work in Maths.
- ✚ Charlie S for all round focus and hard work.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Attendance Ladder



Whole School Attendance – 96%

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.

NOTICES

- ✚ **PTA Non-Uniform Day** is on **Friday 11th March**. We are inviting children to bring in a donation of a new or unused toy, book, craft set or game rather than a monetary contribution.
- ✚ **Dinner Money** – Please ensure that your child's dinner account is in credit at all times.

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatballs (Red) ❖ Tortilla Stack (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Organic Beef Bolognese (Red) ❖ Cheese & Leek Slice (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Roast Pork (Red) ❖ Quorn Fillet (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Chicken Pie (Red) ❖ Sticky Vegetarian Sausages (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Fish Fillet Fingers (Red) ❖ Cheese & Tomato Pizza (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)

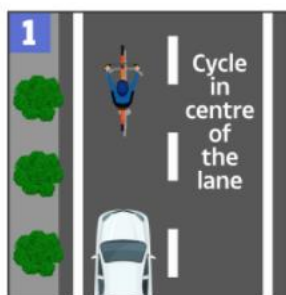
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
11/03/22	PTA Non-Uniform Day
17/03/22	Reception Weight & Height Screening
21/03/22 – 25/03/22	PTA Mother's Day Gift Shop
30/03/22	Sapphire Class Last Swimming Lesson
31/03/22	PTA Easter Egg Hunt
31/03/22	Last Day of Term
01/04/22	Inset 4
19/04/22	First Day Back
02/05/22	Bank Holiday
03/05/22	Class Photos
30/05/22 – 03/06/22	Half Term
06/06/22	Inset 5
08/06/22 – 10/06/22	Diamond Class Residential
14/07/22	Secondary Transition Day
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

THE FIVE HIGHWAY CODE CHANGES ON DRIVING NEAR CYCLISTS



Changes to the Highway Code

Are you aware of the changes to the Highway Code?

You must leave as much space for cyclists as you would if you were overtaking a car when driving.

Below is the link to the Highway Code for more information.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code>

Written by our Spellbrook JTAs Bobby Cohen and Kimora-Lee Herbert.



Spring time at Great St Mary's Church

SHROVETIDE PANCAKES

A seasonal delight after the 9.30am service
Sunday 27th February - 10.45am - Church House

ASH WEDNESDAY EUCHARISTS

With imposition of ashes
Wednesday 2nd March - 10am & 7.45pm - Church

LENT LUNCHES

Soup, cheese and more
Saturdays in Lent - 1pm till 2pm - Church House

LENT TALKS 2022

Fr Simon leads four reflections on the eucharist
Wednesdays 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th March - 7.45pm - Parish Hall

MUSTARD SEED

A short, informal service with crafts for children followed by food
Sunday 20th March - 4pm - Church

MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE

With the giving out of plants and flowers
Sunday 27th March - 9.30am - Church

'THE CRUCIFIXION'

A performance by the church choir of John Stainer's popular oratorio
Sunday 3rd April - 5pm - Church

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION

The traditional procession to church for the 9.30am service
Sunday 10th April - assemble 9am - Bell Street carpark

HOLY WEEK MEDITATIONS

Three meditations followed by the service of compline
Monday 11th to Wednesday 13th April - 8pm - Church

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE AND WATCH

Thursday 14th April - 8pm - Church



Website: www.sawbridgeworthchurch.org.uk



Spring time at Great St Mary's Church

GOOD FRIDAY - Friday 15th April

9.30am - The Stations of the Cross - Church
10.30-12.30pm - Hot cross buns and coffee - Church House
12.30-1.45pm - Frugal lunch - Church House

GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY

A remembrance of our Lord's passion and death
Friday 15th April - 2pm - Church

AN EASTER CELEBRATION

Easter crafts and informal worship for younger members of the family
Holy Saturday 16th April - any time between 2 & 4pm - Church

EASTER VIGIL SERVICE

The first celebration of Easter
Holy Saturday 16th April - 8pm - Church

EASTER DAY EUCHARIST

With joyful Easter hymns, Handel's 'Hallelujah Chorus'
and followed by an Easter egg hunt and Prosecco
Sunday 17th April - 9.30am - Church

ST GEORGE'S PROCESSION AND SERVICE

The annual service involving the town's uniformed organisations
Sunday 24th April - 5pm - Church

SAWBRIDGEWORTH MAY FAYRE

Displays and activities for all the family
Sunday 1st May - 12 till 4pm - Church

ASCENSION DAY EUCHARIST

The annual celebration of our Lord's ascension to heaven
Thursday 26th May - 7.45pm - Church

PLATINUM JUBILEE BANK HOLIDAY

Including art and photography competition
The Big Tea in the churchyard - The Platinum Jubilee Civic Service
Thursday 2nd - Sunday 5th June

THE GREAT ST MARY'S SUMMER FESTIVAL

Including flower festival, bridal gown display, wood sculpting, and concert
Saturday 2nd - Sunday 3rd July



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The Rotary Club of Bishop's Stortford ROTARY YOUNG MUSICIAN 2022

An exciting competition for young performers residing or
in full-time education in postcodes CM21, CM22, CM23 and CM24

SATURDAY 23rd APRIL 2022

Bishop's Stortford College



Classes for:

**BRASS; WOODWIND; STRINGS (including Guitar);
PIANO (including Organ); VOCAL**
in three age groups—Junior, Intermediate, Senior

Although there are likely to be some very high standards of performance amongst
the participants, we also wish to encourage entries from young instrumentalists and
singers at the beginning of their musical journey, who will benefit from the
experience of performing and from sympathetic and positive adjudication

For further information, please contact margaretwebb01@gmail.com

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES — 12th March 2022



21 March – 1 April 2022

**Go on an amazing
journey every day**

- ✓ Be active and feel more energised
- ✓ Help the environment by replacing a car journey
- ✓ Help your school win some fantastic prizes

Are you taking part in the UK's biggest walking, wheeling,
scooting and cycling to school competition?

21 March–1 April 2022

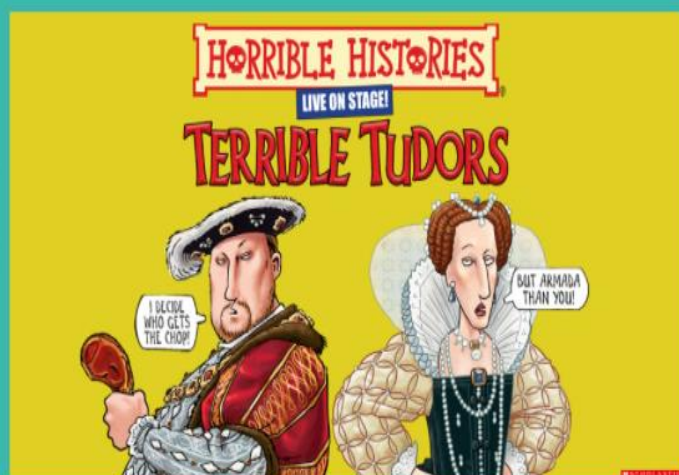
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JOIN THE MOVEMENT



29th Apr - 1st May

We all want to meet people from history. The trouble is everyone is dead! So it's time to prepare yourselves for Terrible Tudors live on stage!

From the horrible Henries to the end of evil Elizabeth, hear the legends (and the lies!) about the torturing Tudors. Find out the fate of Henry's headless wives and his punch up with the Pope. Meet Bloody Mary and see Ed fall dead in his bed. Survive the Spanish Armada as they launch their attack!

It's history with the nasty bits left in!

For school bookings, please contact our Box Office on 01279 710200 or enquiries@southmillarts.co.uk

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PRAYER VIGIL FOR UKRAINE



**6PM SATURDAY
12TH MARCH
(BY TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE,
BELL STREET CAR PARK)**

**EVERYONE WELCOME TO COME AND
SHOW SOLIDARITY WITH UKRAINE.**

Mental Health & Wellbeing Event



Joyce
Frankland
Academy
Newport
Established 1967 for Saffron Walden & District

Thursday March 24th
5.00pm - 9.30pm
£10 Admission*

OPEN TO PARENTS AND CARERS

It's never too early or too late to start thinking about your child's mental health, and how as a parent you have a hugely important role in helping them to develop their ability to cope with life's challenges as they grow.

SAVE THE DATE!
24.03.22



Exhibition • Workshops • Main Stage Talks
Meet the Therapists • Experts & Practitioners
Food & Refreshments • Free Parking

Please register your interest / for more information
email: jessica@yellow.me.uk or text: 07818 013200

The Main Hall, Joyce Frankland Academy, Newport, Saffron Walden, Essex CB11 3TR

*The admission fee will go towards the schools Mental Health provision of services.