



## NEWSLETTER – 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022

### VALUE: JUSTICE

**Focus:** Seeing God's love in action

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



Sapphire Class Science

### FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This week we have been hit by staff absences. In a small school this can be quite a challenge. Staff have worked well together to cover. Sometimes we are able to cover by moving staff around and sometimes using cover teachers. In each case, we rely on the staff who are in to provide planning and support and to be incredibly flexible. I am pleased that the needs of the children and their routines for learning have been maintained. Thank you for your patience with messages to and from the office.

This week I have seen some excellent work. Our current science topics are based around life and living processes. Sapphire Class have been exploring the school grounds looking for materials that would be suitable for a home for a dormouse (see above). Diamond Class have learned about the different classes of animals and how they reproduce and Teddy and Toby have presented their learning very neatly.

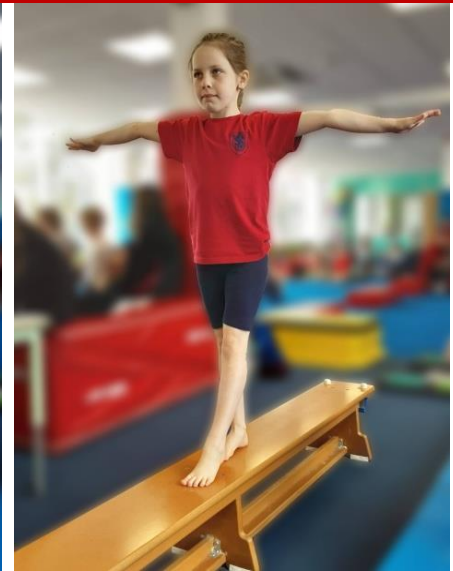
This week, a team of six Year 1 and Year 2 children took part in a gymnastics competition. There were nine schools taking part and each gymnast had to perform a floor exercise and either a vault or beam exercise. Our gymnasts told our school journalists that they had included roly polies, Teddy bear rolls and a bridge in their floor routines. This was in front of three judges who scored them on both of their exercises. This was very nerve racking and they showed such character to overcome their nervousness.



They all performed really well and the team came 6<sup>th</sup>. This was the first time that any of these children had represented the school at any external competition and they did so admirably and we are very proud of them.



They said that they had loved it and hopefully they will perform again. It is great to be able to give children opportunities like this and I am grateful to the staff and parents for helping with the arrangements. It is even better when we see how much they have gained from the experience.



Next week annual reports for Sapphire, Emerald and Diamond class will be coming to you. If you wish to discuss the contents, please contact the class teacher by Class Dojo.

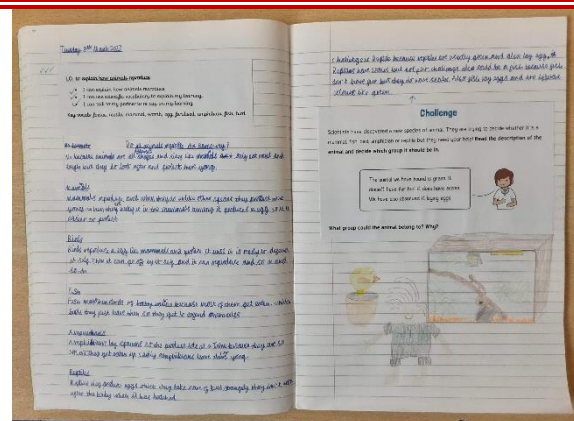
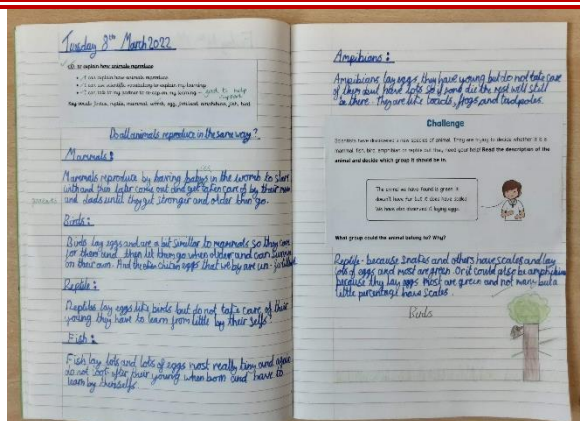
Ruby Class do not receive their reports until the summer term, so we are arranging parent consultations in school instead. These will be on Thursday 17th March - 3.30 - 5.00 pm and Tuesday 22nd March - 2.00 - 4.20 pm. Parents can book a time online on Arbor and an email has been sent to Ruby Class parents. If you have any issues, please contact the office.

Covid-19. We have cases of covid-19, currently in Emerald and Sapphire. The guidance remains test if you have the main symptoms and to isolate if you receive a positive test.

A Safety Related Request: At the end of the day, after some children are picked up, they are allowed to run off into the MUGA or onto the Trim Trail. This should not be happening as they are not supervised and I am concerned that preventable accidents will happen. This week there have been incidents between children at this time. Please keep your children with you as you collect any others and as you leave the site. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe.

Jeremy Fisher



Science work from Diamond Class



## MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH



*Fr Simon writes*

With the situation as bleak as ever in Ukraine, tomorrow evening - Saturday - at 6pm, many are going to be gathering in the Bell Street car park in Sawbridgeworth for a prayer vigil during which tea lights will be lit, messages can be left in chalk on a wall, stones can be painted with the colours of Ukraine, and we will pray for all those involved in the situation.



But come on! We surely all know that prayer doesn't work. So what's the point of praying?

We shouldn't attempt to use prayer as a means of manipulating God for our own ends as if he were a slot machine: we put our prayer coin in and a gold rush of goodness comes out for us. After all, our prayer might be diametrically opposed to the prayers of another person; think of the way football players pray to God as they walk onto the pitch or the way the two sides in a war will often claim God's support.



Instead, we should use prayer as a means of opening our hearts to the goodness of God - the wellspring of creative energy within us and the universe. This helps us to accept who we are: not the controllers of our own earthly destiny but a beloved member of God's wider creation. It also helps us to become more present and aware of the needs of those around us, whilst also expressing thanks for the blessings of our lives. Indeed, regular prayer can help us develop hearts of compassion and empathy, allowing us the opportunity to choose the path of goodness more regularly over the path of evil.



This is the way our world can be changed by prayer - good step by good step, wise mind by wise mind, tender heart by tender heart. This is the way God wants us to change our world. And it's why gathering to pray for Ukraine tomorrow night is so important.

May God bless you all and the people of Ukraine.

*Fr Simon*

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Sapphire  
Henry

## STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

✚ Wren for always doing the right thing and participating in lessons.

Sapphire

✚ Pedro for becoming more independent when working.

Emerald

✚ Ewan for always trying his best and being a fantastic role model.

✚ Sienna T for writing a fantastic set of instructions.

Diamond

✚ Toby for excellent work in Science.

✚ Harry F for explaining his thinking clearly in Maths.

## ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK



**Whole School Attendance – 92%**

**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.

✚ Ranjeet for superb historical and political knowledge.

## NOTICES

✚ **Reception Height & Weight Screening** – the school nurse will screening the Reception children on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March**.

✚ **Ruby Class Parents Evening** takes place on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March** from 3.30 – 5.00 pm and **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** from 2.00 – 4.20 pm. Please book your meetings online in Arbor.

✚ **Big Walk and Wheel Week** – from **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April** we are inviting children to walk, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible.

## NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Pork Sausage with Gravy (Red)</li> <li>❖ Quorn Pattie in a Bun (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> </ul>
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Lamb Slice (Red)</li> <li>❖ Macaroni Cheese (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> </ul>
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Roast Beef (Red)</li> <li>❖ Veggie 'Meat-Free Balls' (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> </ul>
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Chicken Deli Wrap with Rice (Red)</li> <li>❖ Italian Pasta Bake (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> </ul>
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Battered Fish Fillet (Red)</li> <li>❖ Cheese &amp; Tomato Pizza (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> </ul>

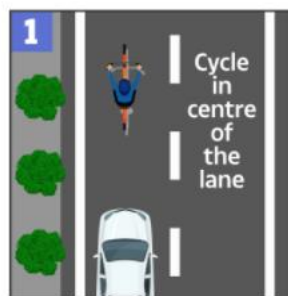
## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
17/03/22	Reception Weight & Height Screening
17/03/22	Ruby Class Parents Evening 3.30 – 5.00 pm
21/03/22 – 25/03/22	PTA Mother's Day Gift Shop
22/03/22	Ruby Class Parents Evening 2.00 – 4.20 pm
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](mailto:admin@spellbrook.herts.sch.uk)

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



**Sustrans**  
**BIG WALK AND WHEEL**  
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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## Mental Health & Wellbeing Event



**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**

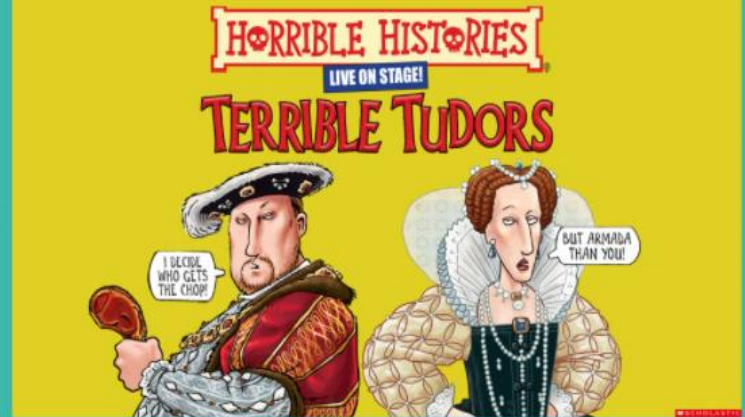


**Exhibition • Workshops • Main Stage Talks**  
**Meet the Therapists • Experts & Practitioners**  
**Food & Refreshments • Free Parking**

Please register your interest / for more information  
email: [jessica@yellow.me.uk](mailto: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.



**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!*

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## Venues

### Hertfordshire & Essex Venues

Bishops Stortford  
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Hitchin  
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Abbots Langley  
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Saffron Walden  
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