



SPELLBROOK CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



LEARN TOGETHER - ENJOY TOGETHER - SUCCEED TOGETHER

NEWSLETTER - 20th May 2022

VALUE: SERVICE

Focus: Looking at the heart

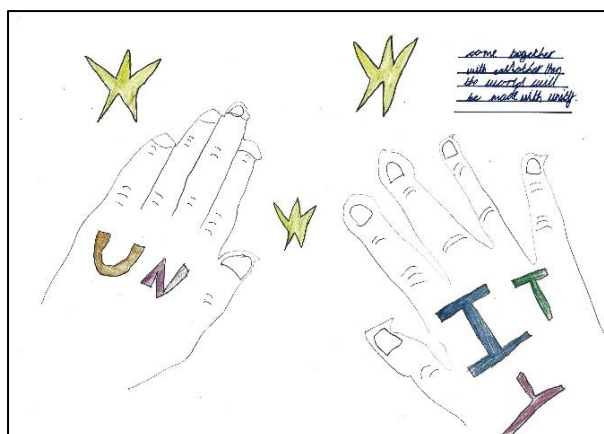
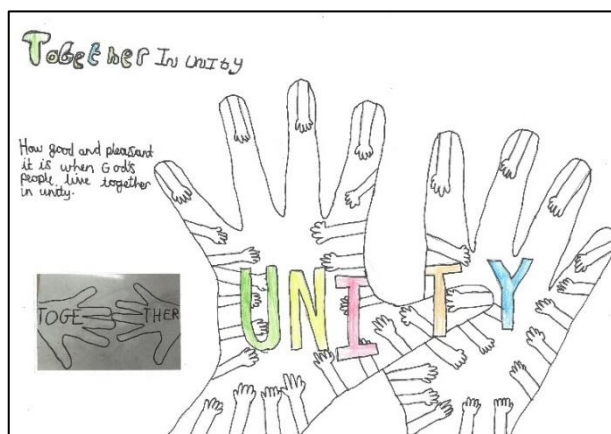
'Serve one another in love.' Galatians 5.13



Ruby Class have been outside on the field, developing their mindfulness techniques.



Walk to School Week



Unity Posters

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Walk to School Week

Thank you for supporting Walk to School Week. I have seen many of the children walking in or coming in on scooters and I know that families have been parking up nearby and striding in. We have been filling our 'Walk to School Week Ladder' with symbols to show the sustainable options that have been taken and we have over 100 sustainable journeys. Mrs Hasty, who organised the week, with the help of the Junior Travel Ambassadors was really pleased.

"The parents have been amazing and even more so considering the weather this week. The Junior Travel Ambassadors have been really helpful. They helped with the assembly and have completed a survey this week. Well done."

A Warm Welcome

This week we have welcomed two Ukrainian children to our school. Both Sapphire and Emerald class were very excited and many children spent time over the weekend learning how to say hello in Ukrainian. I trust it has not been too overwhelming for the brother and sister, as so many children have wanted to help, support and befriend them. The children in Emerald class quickly got to grips with using google translate, which translates from one language to any other. They have been sharing information and instructions. One of the laptops is now set up with the Ukrainian alphabet, enabling work that is typed in Ukrainian to be instantly translated into English for the teacher to see.



It is great to see how technology can open up communication and enable inclusion.

Unity

Diamond class have been thinking about Unity. They have discussed texts from different religions that encourage unity across the world. They looked at symbols and graphics that are used to communicate the idea of unity and created some of their own. (see above)

Cricket

Year 5 and Year 6 girls went to Sawbridgeworth Cricket Club with four other schools for a competition. Mya and Teddy provided a brief report.

"When we arrived, we watched a match first then we played four matches. We started off batting first but it wasn't going too well. We found out that fielding was our strength. We got quite a few people out by stumping them and we even won one of the matches. We were close in one of the other matches too. Olivia was a star player with excellent batting and fielding. Celia was our best bowler. Some of us managed to hit the ball to the boundary. We were all very supportive to each other and we want to thank Miss Prow for her support. We all enjoyed it."



Crucial Crew

Each year in May, nearly 700 Year 6 pupils from Bishop's Stortford, Sawbridgeworth and nearby village primary schools visit The St. Barnabas Centre in Thorley to take part in 'Crucial Crew'. The pupils take part in a variety of interactive scenarios about personal safety, including e-safety, first-aid, dangerous substances, road safety, fire safety and managing money. Crucial Crew encourages pupils to become independent and to make healthy choices. It teaches them to recognise dangers and to understand what to do when they feel unsafe. Our Journalist, Frank has written a report (see below).



Safety in the Car Park

When I first joined Spellbrook I was struck by the unique drop-off system. This is the only school I know that has such a system and I believe it works really well because everyone works together thoughtfully. I have just a few reminders and requests to help continue that and to ensure everyone is safe.

Please can I remind parents that staff come out at 8:40 to supervise the drop-off and open the gates. We are keen to avoid cars backing up into the road, so please do not arrive too early. When we do start the drop off, the likelihood of backing up into the road is reduced if all drivers maintain minimum but safe gaps between vehicles, however please be cautious as you drive around as I have noticed more children using the crossing from the centre of the car park and want to ensure they are safe. If you are parking up or your child is getting out of your vehicle to do this, please ensure it is safe to do so. Could you also ensure that they wait calmly at the gate if they are there before it is opened at 8:40.

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe.

Jeremy Fisher



Crucial Crew

The Year 6's went to this place called Crucial Crew. It's all about before you go to secondary school, it helps you know how money works, what's safe and what's not, how to travel safely and what's the most dangerous thing on the planet like plastic in the ocean because we need to save those turtles also Nemo. Okay, now let's stop the jokes and do some good old reports.

The Games

All of the games were about being safe and how to avoid getting yourself hurt. In one of the activities you got to go in the police van, in the place where the criminals are kept if they are being really naughty especially if they are drunk.

The Money Game

The money game was like one of my favorite games, monopoly. So, the red exclamation mark is when you lose money, the white plane person means question, so if you answer it correctly you get money and the money sign means you get money. Marcia and Natasha won.

The Fire Checking Game

The fire checking game was about who could see the most things that would set a fire like a fork in a toaster or a cloth on TV because the heat sets the cloth on fire and then the fire would make the TV explode.



We thought it was fun and interesting. It was useful to know more about being safe and how money works.

By Frank

MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Fr Simon writes:

Today I've been delighted to receive an invitation to your Platinum Jubilee Party next Friday afternoon. What a worthy thing to celebrate. After all, this is the first time any British monarch has celebrated a Platinum Jubilee and, after 70 years on the throne, very few of us will be able to remember anything other than living in Elizabethan times.



The Queen's reign has been marked by almost unimaginable changes in society and in the world. Her coronation, for example, was credited with kick starting the television age. Now screens - handheld or flat and wall-mounted - are just about everywhere. Meanwhile, Her Majesty's first Christmas broadcast in 1952 could only be heard on the radio whilst her latest, last December, could be watched on TikTok or heard on Amazon Alexa!

Through it all, the Queen has been a constant presence in an ever-changing world, and it's testament to her humility and service that, though scandals may have rocked her family and a great number of her governments, the Queen herself remains an inspiration to many and a role model of humble service.

No wonder we too at Great St Mary's will be celebrating. From 12.30pm on Sunday 5th June, we're going to be holding a Big Platinum Jubilee Picnic Lunch in the churchyard. Do bring along your picnic, your chairs, picnic blankets, Union Jack decorations and friends, and enjoy the leisurely atmosphere. Drinks - including something fizzy - will be provided.



And the afternoon will conclude at 3pm with a Platinum Jubilee service of thanksgiving in the church, no doubt featuring well-known patriotic hymns and the National Anthem.

As we approach the Platinum Jubilee weekend, may we all be inspired by Her Majesty's many years of humble service to dedicate our lives to the service of those around us.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Simon

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



No Birthdays this Week

STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

✚ Abel for extending writing in individual tasks.



Emerald

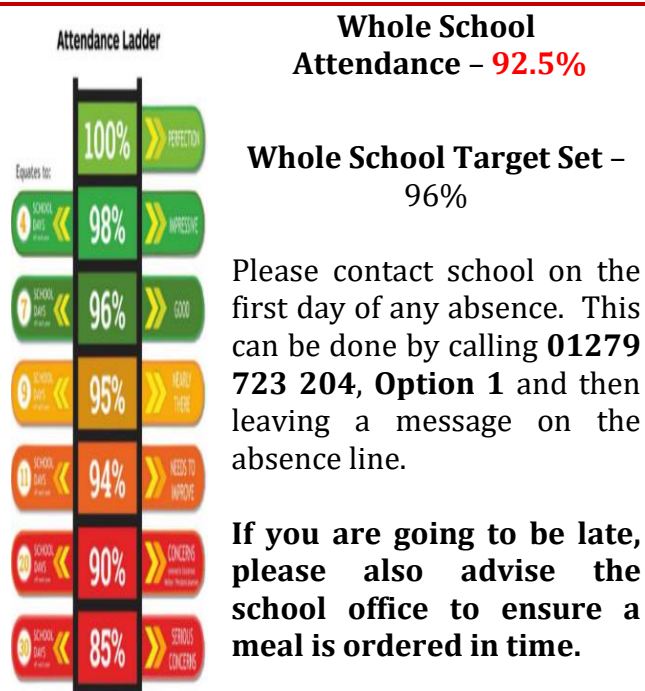
✚ Ella for being a really supportive friend.
✚ Alice for her hard work and effort in English when writing her story.



Sapphire

- ✚ Arthur for good effort in English lessons.
- ✚ Grace for carefully checking her answers when she is finished.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK



NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Chicken Grill (Red) ❖ Italian Pasta Bake (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Quorn Hot Dog (Red) ❖ Roasted Tomato Ragu (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Roast Chicken (Red) ❖ Cheese & Broccoli Bake (V) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Organic Beefy Pasta Bake (Red) ❖ Savoury Quiche (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Jewelled Crown Cheese & Tomato Pizza (Red) ❖ Royal Quorn Hot Dogs (Green) ❖ Selection of healthy desserts

Diamond

- ✚ Alfie for good work on angles in Maths.
- ✚ Teddy T for her team work and keeping morale going at the cricket competition.

NOTICES

- ✚ **PTA Jubilee Tea Party** is on **Friday 27th May**. There will be a Jubilee themed lunch with lots of exciting activities to follow. We would like to invite children who do not normally have a lunch on a Friday to join us. Parents/carers are welcome to attend, weather permitting. Please see the letter that was sent out earlier on today for more details.
- ✚ **The Gardening Club** is back for the next lot of sessions after the half term starting on **Wednesday 8th June to Wednesday 6th July**. Please see the leaflet below for more information on how to book a place.
- ✚ **Dinner Money** – please ensure that your child's dinner account is in credit at all times.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
27/05/22	PTA Jubilee Tea Party
30/05/22 – 03/06/22	Half Term
06/06/22	Inset 5
08/06/22 – 10/06/22	Diamond Class Residential
15/06/22	Year 6 Swimming Starts
16/06/22	Clean Air Day
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
01/09/22	Inset 1
02/09/22	Inset 2
05/09/22	First Day Back
24/10/22 – 28/10/22	Half Term
02/12/22	Occasional Day
05/01/23	Inset 3
06/01/23	Inset 4
09/01/23	First Day Back

Contact: admin@spellbrook.herts.sch.uk
 Website: www.spellbrook.herts.sch.uk



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Spellbrook Jubilee Tea Party



Friday 27th May 2022

Menu

Jewelled Crown Cheese & Tomato Pizza (Red)

Or

Royal Quorn Hot Dog (Green)

Carrots & Cucumber Sticks

Fruit

Jewel Coloured Coronation Ice Cream

Or

Bunting Biscuits



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2022

Great St Mary's
Sawbridgeworth *Passion for Christ - Compassion for all*

Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Sunday 5th June

12.30 till 3pm

The Big Jubilee Lunch

Bring along a picnic and celebrate
together - drinks provided

3pm

The Platinum Jubilee Service of Thanksgiving

Great St Mary's
Sawbridgeworth*Passion for Christ - Compassion for all*

Mustard Seed -
our new
monthly short,
informal
service
with crafts
and activities



Followed by a
party tea for
children
and hot
refreshments
for grown-ups.

Why not join us at 4pm
on the third Sunday of the month?

Sunday 15th May
Sunday 19th June
Sunday 17th July

Sunday 18th September
Sunday 16th October
Sunday 20th November

SAWBRIDGEWORTH EVANGELICAL
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH CM21 9EH

Make Lunch

Come and join us for fun, games, crafts and a hot
lunch!

We are here to support families needing a helping hand throughout the school holidays.



FREE OF CHARGE!

ALL FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN ARE WELCOME!

Wednesday 1st June 2022

11:30 - 13:00

To book please email: makelunch@secchurch.org.uk or
phone/text: 07549006777

Well Bean Gardening

Learning through growing
Growing through learning

Come and Grow After-School with Well Bean Gardening

Every Wednesday from June 8 to July 6 from 3.20pm to 4.30pm



- We still have places for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
- £25 for the five-week half-term
- All equipment supplied but pupils must bring appropriate clothing as we will be outside in all weathers
- This half-term we'll be:
Working in the school gardens
Planting and growing flowers and food
Working towards RHS Campaign for School Gardening Award Scheme

If you would like your child to attend, please return the slip below to the school office in an envelope clearly marked FAO: Well Bean Gardening with £25 cash; a cheque made payable to Wendy Gordon or via BACS: Mrs W L Gordon/27441520/07-04-36 (Please use your name as reference) by Wednesday June 8.

It's important that you return the slip below for safeguarding and emergency contact

I would like my child to attend Spellbrook's After-School Gardening Club:

Child's name: Year group:

Your name: Phone number:

Email:

Any allergies or medical issues that we need to be aware of*:

*Your child's safety is a priority but we can only put measures into place if you let us know.

At 4.30pm my child will be picked up by:

Well Bean Gardening has a Facebook page (please check it out and like) and every week an update of what we get up to at the club will be posted.

If you DO NOT want photos of your child to be used, please tick the box:
(Please note that children are never named)
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RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY JUNE 8 WITH PAYMENT OF £25

Email: wendy@wellbeangardening.com
Mobile: 07817 528652facebook.com/wellbeangardening
www.wellbeangardening.com

Time Out For Parents



The Teenage Years

Sessions for anyone parenting children aged 11 to 19

Date
Every Thursday, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
9th June - 14th July

Venue
Sawbridgeworth Evangelical Congregational Church
London Road, CM21 9EH

Contact
For more information contact Frances Smith or Zoe Tucker at:
Email- timeoutforparents@secchurch.org.uk
Tel- 07546123613

Topics include;
Handling conflict & Parenting in a digital age
Temperament & emotional needs
Why it's tough being a teenager
The big issues
Communication & Parenting styles

positiveparenting
Common sense, jargon-free information and ideas to help
you to engage with your children and boost your relationship



**THE QUEEN'S
PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022**

Bishop's Stortford Library
Wednesday 1st June 2:15-3:15
**Jubilee Crown making and
craft session**
For children age 8+
FREE (donations welcomed)
Please book in advance as places are limited

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries Inspired Hertfordshire

Do you love reading
and want to talk about
books?

Our Page One Book Club is open to anyone aged 8-11.
Come to chat about books, complete activities
and make new friends!

Wednesdays at 4-5pm
from 8th June until 29th June 2022
Bishop's Stortford Library
£10 for all four sessions.
Places limited please book at the library.
Further details: 0300 123 4049

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Baby Rhyme Time
Bishop's Stortford Library
Tuesdays
10.15 - 10.45
& repeated
11.30 - 12.00

Baby Rhyme Times are free
(donations welcomed)

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Storytime
Bishop's Stortford Library
Thursdays 2.00 - 2.30

Join in with stories & rhymes
- ideal for children aged 2-5 years
This activity is free, donations welcome

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries Hertfordshire



MAY HALF-TERM CAMPS

HECC will be running camps on the
following dates:

Monday 30th May

Tuesday 31st May

Wednesday 1st June

Time: 10am - 4pm

Ages: 6-14

Cost: £35 per day
£100 for 3 days

Visit heccsport.com for more information
Contact lauren@heccsport.com to book

STEP 2 SKILLS

PREPARE FOR SUCCESS IN HERTS

June courses from Step2Skill to help parents with child's secondary
school transition

Step2Skills is offering two courses this June for parents of primary school
leavers, to help understand the transition to secondary school level maths
and English.

This June, Step2Skills is offering two courses for parents of Year 5 and 6
children as they prepare to leave primary education.

**Getting Ready for maths at secondary school - A 5-week, online, live-
streamed course, starting on Tuesday 7th June at 10am to 12pm.**

**Getting Ready for English at secondary school - A 5-week, online, live-
streamed course starting on Tuesday 7th June at 1pm to 3pm.**

Both courses will cover the various topics within the curriculum and the
strategies and methods used to teach your child. You'll discover activities
each week that you can use to help build your child's confidence as they
make the transition to secondary level education.

As a Hertfordshire resident, you can access this course for £15 and places
can be booked on the Step2Skills website at
www.step2skills.org.uk/courses