



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



### VALUE: Compassion Focus: Being a good neighbour

‘Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.’ Colossians 3.12



Sports Cool sessions for Ruby, Sapphire, Emerald and Diamond Class



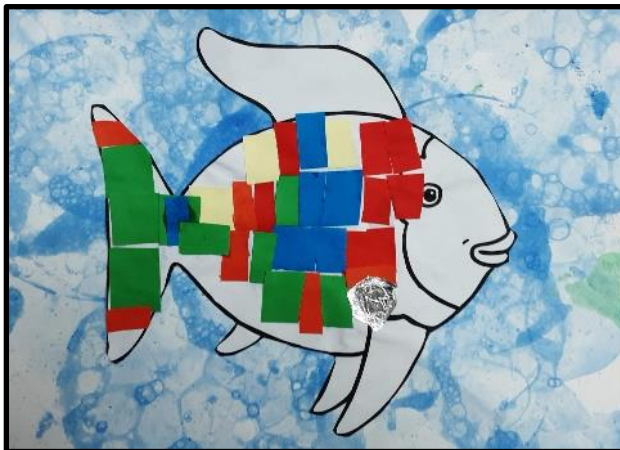
### FROM THE HEADTEACHER

At Spellbrook this week, children have been experiencing new sports. When offered a free session for the children, the answer is most likely to be yes and Sports Cool coaches came in to showcase their provision. Reception had a multi-skills session; controlling a ball with their foot, throwing and catching and following instructions to carry out different tasks. Sapphire tried Trigolf. They were learning putting skills, controlling the ball and aiming to hit a target or get their ball into a hoop, obviously having to concentrate and show significant perseverance. Emerald and Diamond Class experienced fencing. They learned some moves together, then using special safety foils and masks, they took their turns to try and strike their opponent. Although more dangerous than it looks, it was still a thrill and a challenge.

Last week, we learned about Call to Earth Day's campaign to raise awareness about the oceans and the threats to ocean life. The children started some art work and this week they had a chance to share their lovely work with the other classes. Three classes produced artwork to remind us to look after the inhabitants of our oceans



and to save them from pollution. Some children also produced bird feeders that will be used on the school site over the winter months to provide food for the local birds.



#### Vall to Earth Artwork

Ruby Class (Nursery and Reception) really enjoy going into our woodland area and yesterday they had some extra treats and surprises. They sat around a campfire and looked at the flames (from a safe distance, of course), they tasted toasted marshmallows and held a sparkler (very carefully). What a super afternoon.

#### Parents Meetings

Thank you to parents for attending the meetings with the teachers this week. It is so important to have this communication with you. If at any time you do need to discuss with us, I do have an open door policy and you can catch me in the morning to make an appointment, or you can contact the office and they will help.

#### Remembrance Day.

Thank you for all the donations for the poppies. Each class made poppies and this afternoon, we had a very calm and respectful service led by Father Simon. We have placed our poppies in the meadow on the Willow dome and you are welcome to see them.



Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Jeremy Fisher





**Reception – Round the Fireside**

## MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH

### **Father Simon writes:**

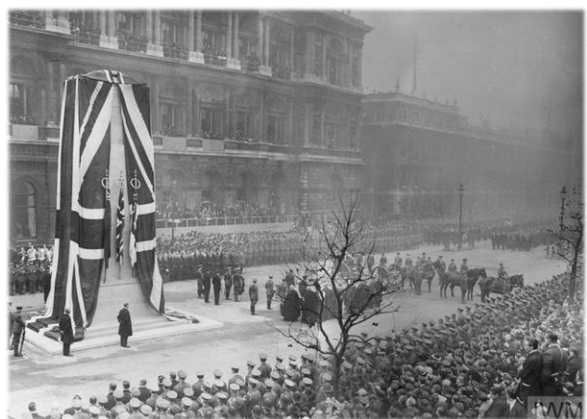
This lunchtime I was at Spellbrook where, having reflected upon the meaning of this day - Armistice Day - the pupils, staff and I stood in silence and remembrance for all those who have lost their lives in war and conflict to keep this country safe.



We'll also be pausing on Sunday before our 3pm civic service of remembrance in church. All the town and district's uniformed organisations, along with local dignitaries and members of the public, will stand silent - a moment announced by the trumpeted lament of 'The Last Post' and ended by the rousing 'Reveille'.



The first two-minute (or 'Great') silence was observed in Britain and throughout its Empire on Armistice Day 1919. On 7th November, *The Times* carried a request from His Majesty The King to the Empire that "for the brief space of two minutes, a complete suspension of all our normal activities" might happen at 11o'clock on the 11th day of the 11th month - exactly a year to the minute after the hostilities had ended in 1918.



The silence was observed widely,

with its beginning often marked by the firing of rockets. The police stopped traffic, pedestrians stood still, trains delayed departure or, unless they were in a tunnel, stopped, and, according to the central switchboard, no telephone calls were made in London during the Great Silence.



Even when, in 1938, Remembrance Sunday replaced Armistice Day as the national moment of remembrance, the two-minute silence continued to be observed on the exact anniversary of the ending of the Great War. And it's still, to this very day, a shared experience and moment of rare unity in our nation. It brings communities of many beliefs and faiths - and none - together to honour an important absence from our world - namely, those who made the ultimate sacrifice, yet whose lives continue to shape the world in which we live - and to renew our commitment to fashion a just and peaceful world for the sake of all those who come after.

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning  
we will remember them.*

Yours in Christ,

*Fr Simon*



## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Sapphire  
Amelie  
Luna

Diamond  
Eshal



## STARS OF THE WEEK

### Ruby

- ✚ Eloise for getting involved in all areas and setting a good example.

### Sapphire

- ✚ Lyra for making good behaviour choices.
- ✚ Connor for good team work and partner work.



### Emerald

- ✚ Alden for his fantastic contributions in science lessons.
- ✚ Georgia L for being such a hard working, kind and helpful member of class.

### Diamond

- ✚ Bobby for showing kindness towards others.
- ✚ Honey for excellent work in maths.



## ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK



**Whole School Attendance – 95.34%**

**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

- Midday Assistant Vacancy** – we have a full time vacancy to start immediately. The closing date for applications is **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November**. Please see the advert below for more information or follow the link: [https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,midday-supervisory-assistant\\_78378.htm](https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,midday-supervisory-assistant_78378.htm)
- Children in Need Day** falls on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November**. Children can come to school in **non-uniform** with a donation of **£1** please. Thank you in advance for your support.
- PTA Annual General Meeting** is on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November from 7-8 pm** in school. All parents and carers are welcome to attend. Light refreshments served.
- Jack & the Beanstalk Pantomime** at **South Mill Arts** is on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December**. Children will be travelling to South Mill Arts by coach and will need to be picked up by parents at 3.30 pm. Payment should be made in **Arbor** by clicking on **Trips** and selecting **Jack & the Beanstalk Panto 2022**. Payment is due on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November**.
- Christmas Crackers** - We are kindly asking for donations of Christmas Crackers for the children's Christmas lunch on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December** please. All donations can be handed into the school office. Many thanks to the parents who have made donations.



## NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Vegballs in Homemade Tomato Sauce (Ve) (Red)</li> <li>❖ Cheese Pinwheel (V) (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> </ul>
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Mild Chicken Curry (Red)</li> <li>❖ Omelette, Grilled Tomatoes &amp; Baked Beans (V) (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> </ul>
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Roast Pork (Red)</li> </ul>

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
14/11/22	High Wych v Spellbrook Football Match
17/11/22	Year 5/6 Football Match at Grange Paddocks
18/11/22	Children in Need Day – Non-Uniform
23/11/22	PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM)
02/12/22	Occasional Day
08/12/22	Pantomime
12/12/22	Nativity - 1 <sup>st</sup> Performance
13/12/22	Nativity - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Performance
14/12/22	Emerald Class Last Swimming Lesson



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Tomato Bolognese (V) (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> </ul>	15/12/22	Christmas Dinner
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Beef Burger in a Bun (Red)</li> <li>❖ Cheese, Potato &amp; Broccoli Bake (V) (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> </ul>	21/12/22	Christmas Service at Great St Mary's Church from 1.45 – 2.30 pm.
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Fish Fillet Fingers (Red)</li> <li>❖ Cheese &amp; Tomato Pizza (V) (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> </ul>	21/12/22	Last Day of Term
		05/01/23	Inset 3
		06/01/23	Inset 4
		09/01/23	First Day Back
		13/02/23 – 17/02/23	Half Term
		20/02/23	Inset 5
		21/02/23	First Day Back
		31/03/23	Last Day of Term
		17/04/23	First Day Back
		29/05/23 – 02/06/23	Half Term
		21/07/23	Last Day of Term

Contact: [admin@spellbrook.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@spellbrook.herts.sch.uk)  
 Website: [www.spellbrook.herts.sch.uk](http://www.spellbrook.herts.sch.uk)



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Are you enthusiastic, caring and someone who relates well to children?  
We need a cheerful and capable person to become part of our dedicated midday team.

You will be supervising children Monday to Friday during term time as directed, either while they eat their lunch in the school hall or playing outside.



We have one full-time vacancy available from  
November 2022  
Monday to Friday 12pm to 1pm  
(Term time only)  
£9.51 per hour

For details or to apply visit: [www.teachinherts.com](http://www.teachinherts.com) or contact  
Ms Sharon Freeborn, School Business Manager (01279) 723204

\*Appointment to this role is subject to appropriate recruitment checks, including references being Secured, completion of a DBS enhanced clearance and online health check.

Spellbrook Primary School is committed to safeguarding equality and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and employees to share this commitment.

## Travel Challenge Week Success



Photos courtesy of  
Sawbridgeworth Town Council

Travel Challenge week was a great success and following a two year break the children really embraced the concept once again. Jo Sargent, PCSO Andrews, PC Marshall, PCSO Townsend, PCSO Pemberton and PCSO Szrajber conducted the walking bus daily from Spellbrook Lane East up to Spellbrook School as part of their Park and Stride

contribution to sustainable journeys to school. A big thank you to our neighbourhood team for getting us to school safely.

We have our very own town mascot now and he is a Sawbosaur, the week before travel challenge week the Sawbosaur visited each school in the town and attended the assembly, the children were set the task of naming the Sawbosaur, out of a choice of four names they chose 'Sunny'. Sunny appeared for the first time at the Town Walk on Saturday 1st October.

Families visited stop off points around the town and were welcomed by Sawbridgeworth WI, Rotary Club, the Evangelical Congregational Church and Sustainable Sawbridgeworth. There were things to collect at each stop off point and also activities and games, the WI said that the giant jenga and connect four at their stop off point was really popular and Rotary said that the animal mask colouring was very popular. Jo Sargent said that she was very grateful to the volunteers that support this event annually.





Great St Mary's  
Sawbridgeworth

Passion for Christ - Compassion for all

Mustard Seed -  
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monthly short,  
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service  
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do positive.*



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## SECC CHRISTMAS CHOIR!

Sawbridgeworth Congregational  
Church is seeking budding  
singers from year 3 (and any  
keen parents!) to join our  
'Christmas Choir' and perform at  
our 11th December carol service.

The choir will be made up of  
children from other local schools  
and members of our  
congregation.

**REHEARSAL DATES:**  
20TH, 27TH NOV AND  
4TH DEC (5-6PM)

**If you are interested please email  
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### DECEMBER

Thursday 15	10.00am	1.00pm	
Friday 16	10.00am	1.00pm	6.30pm
Saturday 17		1.00pm	4.30pm
Sunday 18		1.00pm	4.30pm
Tuesday 20	10.00am	1.00pm	
Wednesday 21		1.00pm	4.30pm
Thursday 22			4.30pm
Friday 23		1.00pm	4.30pm
Saturday 24	11.30am		3.00pm
Monday 26		1.00pm	
Tuesday 27		1.00pm	4.30pm
Wednesday 28		1.00pm	4.30pm
Thursday 29		1.00pm	4.30pm
Friday 30		1.00pm	4.30pm
Saturday 31	12 noon		3.30pm

	Adult	Child	Family of 4 (2+2)	Babes in Arms (Under 1)
Terrace & Front Stalls (A-F)	£23.00	£21.00	£78.00	£5.00
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	Adult	Child
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