



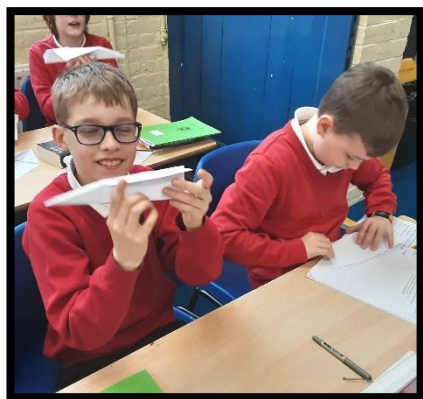
## NEWSLETTER – 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### VALUE: Forgiveness

**Focus:** Forgiving but not always forgetting – learning from past mistakes

“Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive others.”

Colossians 3:13



Diamond Class Science – Air Resistance

### FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Our week in school has been significantly impacted by the teacher strikes, with two consecutive strike days and I truly hope that these will be the last. Thank you for your understanding and the way that you have coped with the impact. I am pleased that, with SATs just after Easter, Diamond class have been able to continue their learning without interruption. I am also pleased that Sapphire class have been able to access most of their swimming programme, as water safety and confidence in water are very important for children to develop at as early an age as possible.

**Science:** Diamond class's science topic is forces and they have been investigating air resistance. They had to design a streamlined paper airplane from a single piece of paper. As a child, I loved making and throwing paper airplanes and many of our children share this enjoyment. It is not often that they get to do this safely in school whilst increasing their scientific knowledge. After folding their designs, they tested them. They then compared how far they had flown and discussed which characteristic of their plane were assisting in a long flight. After some tweaks, they retested and then began to write up the findings of their investigation.



**Design and Technology:** Design and technology involves learning skills as well as developing understanding of structures, mechanisms and techniques. Sapphire class are learning about box structures and how axels are used to enable wheels to turn. They are also learning to use a saw safely. At this stage it is with close adult assistance. By folding and gluing card to make a box shape, sawing the dowels that are used as axels and putting it all together, they created simple vehicles. Another aspect of design and technology is testing the designs and evaluating their work, so they tested whether the box structure supported the axle and whether the wheels moved.



**Mini-Police:** Year 5 have now completed their mini police programme and received their certificates. This week, they learned more about personal safety, road safety, bullying and antisocial behaviour as well as finding out more about the equipment that police officers use.



**Craft Club:** Craft Club has been running since Christmas. We began this club to provide additional after school options and this has been very popular. The children are enjoying making a whole range of arty items and learning different techniques. They made melted pictures and enjoyed seeing what happens to wax crayons and how they mix when an adult heats them up. They are now making papier mâché masks. They have spent a couple of weeks creating the overall shapes by adding papier mâché to a balloon, and now have painted them. Next week, they will start to cut out their mask and decorate it and I am

looking forward to seeing the finished projects. After Easter, this club will move to Mondays so that children who wish to attend both Craft Club and Gardening Club are able to do so.

**Mother's Day:** Thank you to the PTA for providing a Mother's Day gift shop again. Children have been making Mother's day cards to say thank you for all the wonderful support and love they receive. We hope you enjoy them and will share some of the designs with you next week – no spoilers!



**End of the Day:** Just to clarify, we recently changed end of the day for **Ruby to 3.10** for safety reasons. **Sapphire Class finishes at 3.15, Emerald and Diamond finish at 3.20.** Please continue to take care in the car park and at the end of the day.

Have a lovely weekend and Mother's day.

Jeremy Fisher



## MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH



### *Father Simon writes:*

This Sunday is always a highlight of our year at Great St Mary's because, whilst we're still in the purple days of Lent, it's also Mothering Sunday.

Mothering Sunday didn't start out as big business for the card manufacturers. Some believe its origins are in the 16th century when, on the fourth Sunday of Lent, people would visit their 'mother church' - the church in which they were baptised. The story goes that, as children walked home along the country lanes to their parents after the services, they would pick wild flowers from the wayside as a gift for their mothers. So the day gradually became one associated not only with our mother church and with Jesus' mother Mary, but with motherhood in general. And then, over the past century, inspired by America, we've seen the increased commercialisation of the day into what many now know as 'Mother's Day'.



That doesn't mean that the Church has forgotten the day's roots however. Whilst we're going to be celebrating all those who have been mothers or mothering-figures in our own personal lives, on Sunday we're also going to be giving thanks at Great St Mary's for the Church as the mother of our faith, and remembering Mary - Jesus' mother - being the mother of God's family: the Church.



And so to celebrate, we're going to be giving out plants donated by the Mothers' Union at the end of our 9.30am service this Sunday morning to all those in mothering roles. And after the service, over coffee, we'll be enjoying another tradition for this Sunday: simnel cake. It's a delicious fruitcake decorated with marzipan including a set of eleven marzipan balls representing Jesus' twelve apostles minus his betrayer - Judas Iscariot.

And then, at 4pm on Sunday afternoon, we've got our monthly 'Mustard Seed' gathering which will feature crafts, activities and food on the theme of Mothering Sunday.



As always, it will be a joy to see you in Great St Mary's... all are welcome.

Yours in Christ,

*Fr Simon*

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Sapphire  
Lucas



## STARS OF THE WEEK

### Ruby

- ✚ Rowan for some great joining in with some activities.
- ✚ Emilia for fantastic partner work.

### Sapphire

- ✚ Scarlett for her lovely poetry writing.
- ✚ Lorenzo for super participation in maths.

### Emerald

- ✚ Nikita for the fantastic progress he's making with reading.
- ✚ Sienna for her enthusiasm and participation in every lesson.

### Diamond

- ✚ Oliver for persevering in his English writing.
- ✚ Teddy for excellent learning behaviours in all subjects.

## ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

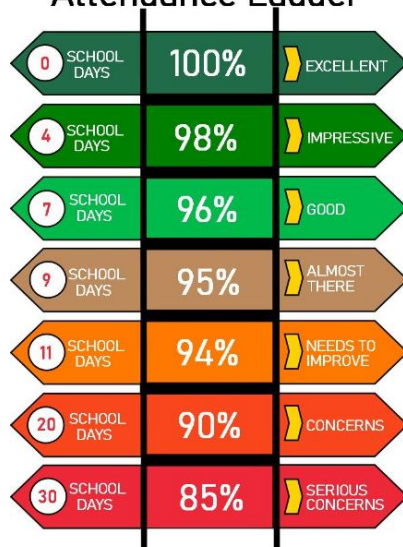
**Whole School  
Attendance – 92.6%**

**Whole School Target Set – 96%**

Please contact school every 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.**

### Attendance Ladder



## NOTICES

- ✚ **Big Walk and Wheel Week from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March** – parents, carers and children are invited to park and stride from the Three Horseshoes Pub to school with the help of the police on the **20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of March**. You are also welcome to use the Three Horseshoes on the other days as well as the laybys.
- ✚ **PTA Coffee Afternoon on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 2.15 pm** – parents and carers are cordially invited to join the PTA for a coffee afternoon. This is an opportunity to meet with other parents and get to know more about what the PTA do.
- ✚ **Midday Supervisory Assistant Vacancy** – we have a full-time vacancy (term time only) available to start immediately (part-week considered). For more details or to apply, please visit <https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job.htm?schoolid=568>
- ✚ **Cake Sale** – a huge thank you to everyone who donated and bought cakes in aid of the Turkey earthquake appeal. We raised **£123.80!**
- ✚ **Craft Club** – after Easter, the Craft Club will be moving to a **Monday**, starting on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April**.
- ✚ **Gardening Club** – we still have spaces available in the Gardening Club which runs on a Wednesday afternoon for children in **Years 3-6**. To book a space, please contact the office for a registration form.

## NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Pork Sausages in Gravy (Red)</li> <li>❖ Cheese &amp; Veg Pasties (V) (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> </ul>
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Chicken Pie (Red)</li> <li>❖ Mild Vegetable Curry (Ve) (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> </ul>
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Roast Beef (Red)</li> <li>❖ Lentil Roast (V) (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> </ul>
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Quorn Hot Dog (V) (Red)</li> <li>❖ Roasted Vegetable Lasagne (V) (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> </ul>
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Crispy Coated Salmon (Red)</li> <li>❖ Cheese &amp; Tomato Pizza (V) (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> </ul>



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
20/03/23 – 31/03/23	Big Walk & Wheel Week
22/03/23	Ruby Class Parents Evening
23/03/23	Ruby Class Parents Evening
27/03/23	PTA Coffee Afternoon at 2.15 pm
29/03/22	Sapphire Class Last Swimming Lesson
30/03/23	Easter Church Service at 2.15 pm
31/03/23	PTA Easter Egg Hunt
31/03/23	Last Day of Term
17/04/23	First Day Back
19/04/23	Diamond Class Swimming starts
01/05/23	Early May Bank Holiday
08/05/23	Coronation Bank Holiday
09/05/23 – 12/05/23	KS2 SATs Week
15/05/23 – 19/05/23	Walk to School Week
18/05/23	Year 6 Crucial Crew
22/05/23	Class Photos
23/05/23 – 26/05/23	Diamond Class Activity Week
29/05/23 – 02/06/23	Half Term
12/07/23	Diamond Class Last Swimming Lesson
21/07/23	Last Day of Term
01/09/23	Inset 1
04/09/23	Inset 2
05/09/23	First Day Back
23/10/23 – 27/10/23	Half Term
01/12/23	Occasional Day – School Closed
20/12/23	Last Day of Autumn Term 23
04/01/24	Inset 3
05/01/24	Inset 4
08/01/24	First Day Back
19/02/24 – 23/02/24	Half Term
26/02/24	First Day Back
28/03/24	Last Day of Spring Term
15/04/24	First Day Back
06/05/24	Early May Bank Holiday
27/05/24 – 31/05/24	Half Term
03/06/24	Inset 5
23/07/24	Last Day of Summer 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)





## SPELLBROOK C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL (vc)

*Learn together, Enjoy together, Succeed together*

----- The Parish of Great St Mary's -----

London Road, Spellbrook, Bishop's Stortford, Herts. CM23 4BA

### JOB VACANCY

#### MIDDAY SUPERVISORY ASSISTANT

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 vacancy available from**

**March 2022**

Monday to Friday 12pm to 1pm (part week considered)

(Term time only)

£10.51 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.



**Great St Mary's**

Sawbridgeworth

*Passion for Christ - Compassion for all*

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



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

**Join us this Sunday at 4pm**

**for fun, food, and crafts**

**as we celebrate Mothering Sunday**

*Mothering Sunday*



**MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION!**

**JOIN US  
PTA + FRIENDS  
COFFEE AFTERNOON  
27-03-23 AT 2.15 PM**

We believe that one of the best ways to raise funds and bring our school community together is through the organization of events by our PTA. With your help and involvement, we can create fun, engaging events that bring together parents, teachers, and pupils while raising the necessary funds to make our school a better place for our children.

So, we urge you to get involved and help us create these events. Whether it's volunteering your time, donating resources, or simply attending the events, every little bit helps. Together, we can make our school a better place for our children.

Thank you for your support!





## Well Bean Gardening

Learning through growing  
Growing through learning

### We have spaces in our After-School Gardening Club



- Spellbrook's Gardening Club meets on Wednesdays and is open to Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. 3.20pm-4.30pm.
- £24.00 for remaining four sessions
- All equipment supplied but pupils must bring appropriate clothing as we will be outside in all weathers
- This half-term we'll be:
  - Working to improve the school gardens
  - Taking part in the RHS Campaign for School Gardening Award Scheme - LEVEL 4



If you would like your child to attend, please return the slip below to the school office before Wednesday March 8 and make a payment of £24 in cash/a cheque made payable to: WENDY GORDON or with a BACS payment to: Wendy Gordon/27441520/07-04-36 (Use your name as reference)

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

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.

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 on Facebook please tick the box: (Please note that children are never named) ☐

Payment of £24 has been made via Cash/Cheque/Bacs with the reference name of: .....

Email: [wendy@wellbeangardening.com](mailto:wendy@wellbeangardening.com)  
Mobile: 07817 528652

[facebook.com/wellbeangardening](https://facebook.com/wellbeangardening)  
[www.wellbeangardening.com](https://www.wellbeangardening.com)

## BREAKFAST CLUB

8am - 8.40am everyday  
cooked breakfast  
served at 8am



£4.50 per  
session  
payable  
via arbor

NB late  
arrivals will  
not be  
catered for  
cooked  
breakfast

Please book 24  
hours ahead to  
ensure  
availability

## GJWSports

Promoting a healthy & active lifestyle

# FUN CLUB

At Spellbrook C of E Primary School



**Football - Tuesday**  
Reception - Year 6



**Dodgeball - Thursday**  
Reception - Year 6



After school 15:20-16:20

Skills, Match Play, Balance, Coordination, Fitness  
Sending, Receiving, Tactics, Teamwork  
Learn through play, keep active, have fun!

To make a booking please email: [enquiries@gjwsports.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@gjwsports.co.uk) £7.50 per session

STARTS MONDAY 17TH APRIL

# Craft Club

With Miss Prow in the Library

£5 per session  
payable via arbor



**HOLIDAY BIBLE WEEK 2023**  
**HBW Stortford - SIGN UP NOW!**  
[holidaybibleweek.co.uk](http://holidaybibleweek.co.uk)

**SUPERHEROES**

Monday 7th - Friday 11th August  
**Windhill 21 School - Bishop's Stortford**  
 PUPPETS ★ MUSIC ★ BIBLE STORIES ★ CRAFTS ★ GAMES

SAWBRIDGECOTT EVANGELICAL  
 CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH CM21 9EH

*Make Lunch*

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

## MAKE LUNCH

**When?** Wednesday, 5th and 12th April 2023, 11:30-13:00

**Where?** Sawbridgeworth Evangelical Congregational Church, London Road, Sawbridgeworth, CM21 9EH

Contact us at **07549006777** or [makelunch@secchurch.org.uk](mailto:makelunch@secchurch.org.uk)

Make Lunch is back on for the holidays!

Join us on Wednesday, 5th and 12th April with fun, games, craft and a delicious hot meal.

We welcome all families with primary school children needing a helping hand during this half term.

## HAPpy Camps are back!

this Spring, all over Hertfordshire!

This Spring, school aged children eligible for benefits related free school meals, can enjoy **free food**, **free sports** and **free craft activities!**

Get your **HAPpy Booking Code** from your child's school now, to access all this and more!

Bookings open on  
**Monday 6th March**



All camps are free!



Hertfordshire's  
 Holiday Activity Programme

**HAPpy**

Book now  
 by scanning  
 the QR code



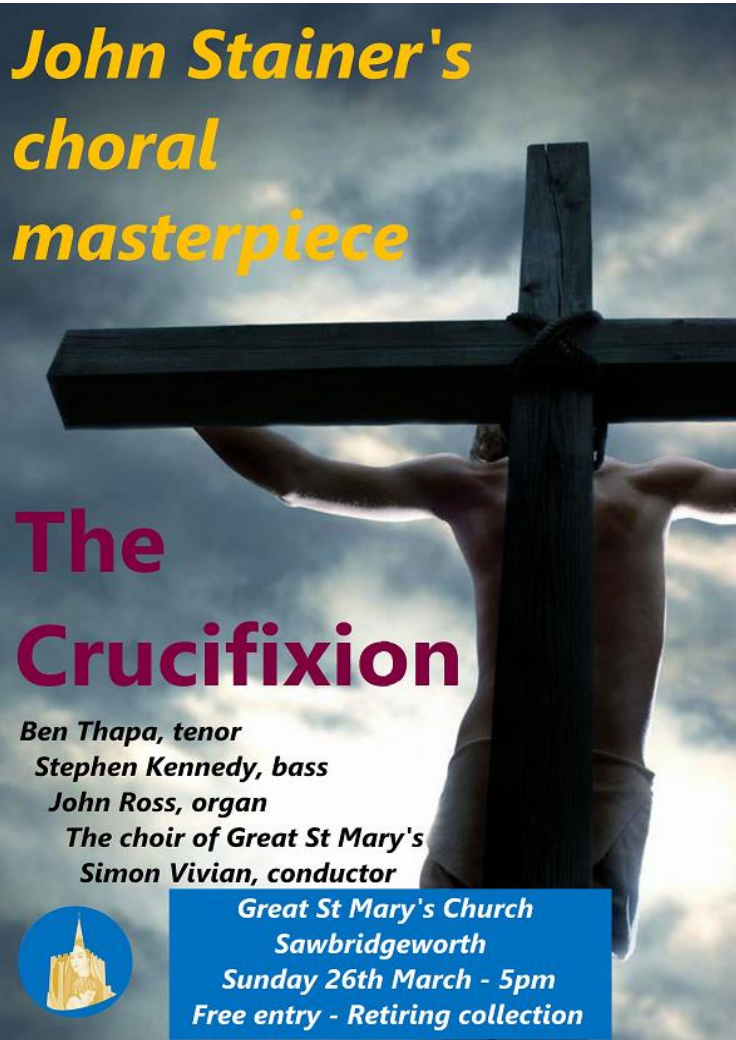
## John Stainer's choral masterpiece

## The Crucifixion

**Ben Thapa, tenor**  
**Stephen Kennedy, bass**  
**John Ross, organ**  
**The choir of Great St Mary's**  
**Simon Vivian, conductor**



**Great St Mary's Church**  
**Sawbridgeworth**  
**Sunday 26th March - 5pm**  
**Free entry - Retiring collection**



**ENGLAND FOOTBALL**

**Make Friends**

**WILD CATS**

**LOVE**

The perfect way  
 for girls aged 5-11  
 to get involved  
 with football

**QR CODE**

**TIME AND DATE**  
 Wednesdays 5pm-6pm on 3G Pitch

**LOCATION**  
 Birchwood High School, Parsonage Lane CM23 5BD

**NEXT STEPS**  
 Head to [thefta.com/WeetabixWildcats](http://thefta.com/WeetabixWildcats) to book on to a session,  
 or for more info contact us via: [events@bscfc.co.uk](mailto:events@bscfc.co.uk)

**WILD CATS**  
 GIRLS FOOTBALL