



NEWSLETTER - 24th March 2023

VALUE: Forgiveness

Focus: Beginning Again

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

Colossians 3:13



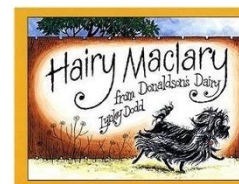
Ruby Class Visit to the Library

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Last weekend was Mother's Day, and children in different classes made lovely cards or special items to say thank you to their Mums for all the love and support they receive and these are a few. I did not share them last week in order to avoid spoiling the surprise, but as they had used different techniques and done such a good job, I wanted to do so this week.



Ruby Class: Today Ruby class visited the library in Bishop's Stortford. Thank you to the Nursery parents who came along to support. The librarian shared a story with the children - Hairy Maclary. They had to look around the children's' area finding clues relating to the story. They learned about how to use the library, how many books you can borrow and how long you can keep them at home. They also heard about information and story books. The children enjoyed the library and many said it was their first visit. They have all been given a book from the library.



Walk and Wheel to School: This week and next week are walk and wheel to school week. Despite the challenges regarding the roads and finding a safe place to cross plus the distance that many of you travel, we have seen lots of families getting involved, including parking up at the Three Horseshoes and walking from there. Next week, this will be supported by PCSO's. Our school journalist, Finley, wrote this report:

"Many people have scooted to school, walked, cycled and 'Parked and Strided' this week. We have focused on getting more children active and moving by encouraging them to not come in their cars when possible and it has worked! The two Year 5 Junior Travel Ambassadors (JTA's), Joshua and Harry, have been organised and collected the results from each class every day. We are looking forward to continuing this into next week and hope as many children as possible are able to join in.



Sapphire Class have designed some road posters, thinking about keeping themselves safe. Some advice they would like to share is:

1. Stop! Any time you get to a road you have to stop.- Lilly
2. Listen carefully so that you can hear a car coming - Lisa
3. Finally, ask yourself is it safe to cross?



Emerald Class: In Emerald Class they are learning about plants in science. They studied a selection of plants in detail using magnifying glasses and completed observational drawings of roots, then learnt about their function.

Diamond Class: Continuing with their current science topic on Forces, Diamond Class worked together to design and build a streamlined boat to investigate the effects of water resistance this week.

This helped to embed their learning from the previous week about air resistance as they had to consider the design and shape of their boats so that when tested they would hopefully float and move easily through the water. Some boats were more successful than others!



Have a lovely weekend.

Jeremy Fisher



Walk and Wheel to School

MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Father Simon writes:

When school classes visit Great St Mary's we often talk about the stained glass windows and how they not only brighten the space up but, in a past age of lower literacy levels, also helped congregations to remember important themes or stories from the Bible.



One of the windows we often look at features in one of this Sunday's church readings: the story of Jesus raising his dead friend Lazarus back to life (John 11:1-45).



I know some Christians - let alone non-believers - who take such miracles in the Bible with a pinch of salt. Now, I wouldn't deny that there's so much an author - or we as interpreters - can do with the symbolism of, for example, resurrection. But it sometimes seems that some go to great lengths to find not just an additional layer to these accounts but an entirely alternative explanation for resurrection - be it Lazarus' or Jesus' - simply so as to be able to deny the physical resurrection because it doesn't fit into our experiences of the wider world.

I'm a member of this 21st century postmodern western society which, quite rightly, continues to question and probe accepted teaching, research, and opinion. But I'm also a Christian who, through that questioning and probing, believes that this world could only have been created by an Intelligent Designer. And if that Intelligent Designer - otherwise known as 'God' - is capable of triggering the creation of this incredibly complex world, surely he's capable, if he so chooses, of making a few relatively minor (in the grand scheme of creating a universe) miracles happen - not least the raising of Lazarus and Jesus from the dead.



After all, if Jesus didn't rise from the dead, we simply follow the teachings of



a man who may have been a great teacher but who, in deceiving us all about his identity was either a lunatic or a liar. (This is the famous trilemma of CS Lewis - the Christian author of the allegorical *Chronicles of Narnia*.) I choose to believe that Jesus was neither of those things: neither a lunatic nor a liar. I choose to believe, because of various sacred and secular evidence, that Jesus is our Lord. (Another version of Lewis' trilemma is to ask yourself: do you believe Jesus was mad, bad or God?)

As the events of Holy Week and Easter Day start to come into view, it begs the question for me: how am I reducing and limiting God to my restricted human experience rather than opening my heart to the awesome generosity of God's bountiful, earth-defying, life-resurrecting grace?

Yours in Christ,

Fr Simon

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Ruby
Sam

Sapphire
Martha

Emerald
Percy
Freddy

Diamond
Olivia



STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- George for fantastic effort in adult led activities.
- Devon for some creative playing in a group.

Sapphire

- Kaiya for always joining in enthusiastically in lessons.
- Martha for taking care with her presentation when writing and in art.

Emerald

- Nicolas for some super independent work in Maths.
- Alden for his fantastic contributions to class discussions.

Diamond

- Bobby for improving attitude to learning.
- John for excellent vocabulary choices in English.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Whole School
Attendance – 94.84%

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.

NOTICES

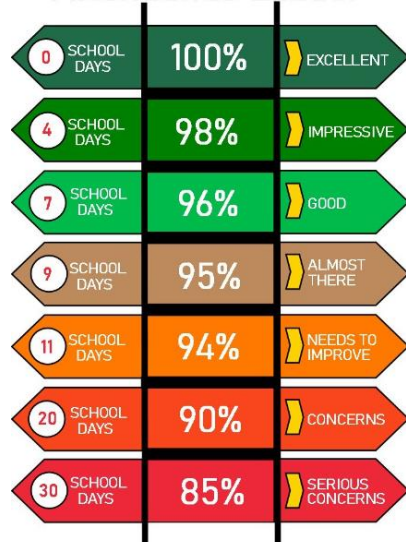
- Big Walk and Wheel Week from Monday 20th to Friday 31st March** – parents, carers and children are invited to park and stride from the Three Horseshoes Pub to school with the help of the police on the **27th, 28th, 29th and 30th of March**. You are also welcome to use the Three Horseshoes on the other days as well as the laybys.

- PTA Coffee Afternoon on Monday 27th 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.

- Emerald Class Presentation is on Wednesday 29th March at 2.40 pm.** Emerald parents are invited to attend. The presentation will finish in time for the end of day collection.

- Easter Church Service** – parents and carers are warmly invited to attend our Easter Service at Great St Mary's Church on **Thursday 30th March from 2.15 – 3.00 pm**. Children will be travelling by coach to the church and will need to be **collected promptly from the church at 3.00 pm**.

Attendance Ladder



✚ **Last Day of Term** – school finishes at the earlier time of 1.30 pm.

✚ **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>

✚ **Red Nose Day** – a huge thank you to everyone who contributed to this worthy cause. We raised **£149!**

✚ **Craft Club** – after Easter, the Craft Club will be moving to a **Monday**, starting on **Monday 17th 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.

✚ **Holiday Camps** – Our sports provider, GJW Sports will be running sports camps during the Easter break. Please visit their website to book: www.gjwsports.co.uk

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

| Day | Menu |
|-----------|--|
| Monday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Meatballs in Homemade Tomato Sauce (Red) ❖ Cheese Pinwheel (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) |
| Tuesday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Mild Chicken Curry (Red) ❖ Omelette, Grilled Tomatoes & Baked Beans (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) |
| Wednesday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Roast Pork (Red) ❖ Tomato Bolognese (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) |
| Thursday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Beef Burger in a Bun (Red) ❖ Cheese, Potato & Broccoli Bake (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) |
| Friday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Fish Fillet Fingers (Red) ❖ Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) (Green) |

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| Date | Event |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 20/03/23 – 31/03/23 | Big Walk & Wheel Week |
| 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 |

❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)



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| 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

Website: 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 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.

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

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!

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HOLIDAY CAMPS

at Reedings Junior School

9am-3pm

Sports & Activity Camp

Monday 3rd-Thursdays 6th and Tuesday 11th-Friday 14th April
Years 1-7

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Tuesday 4th & 11th April: bike/scooter skills
Wednesday 12th April: bouncy castles
Foodie Friday 14th April: cupcake baking

Football Camp

Tuesday 4th-Thursdays 6th and Tuesday 11th-Thursdays 13th April
Years 1-7

Skills + drills, attacking, defending,
shooting, free kicks, tactics + team play, mini tournament

Mini Camp

Tuesday 4th-Thursdays 6th and Tuesday 11th-Thursdays 13th April
Reception and Years 1+2

Scavenger hunt, arts & crafts, multi-skills
activities, bug hotel, salt-dough

To make a booking please visit: gjwsports.co.uk £22 per day



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
Mobile: 07817 528652

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www.wellbeangardening.com

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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 £7.50 per session

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

STARTS MONDAY 17TH APRIL

Craft Club

With Miss Prow in the Library

£5 per session
payable via arbor

NEXT THING EDUCATION CAMPS PRESENTS

Easter 2023

Coding

Learning

Inventing

TECH HOLIDAY CAMP

WINDHILL21 SCHOOL
Windhill, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 2NE
Ages 5 - 13, 9 am - 4 pm daily

FIND YOUR NEAREST CAMP ON OUR WEBSITE
www.nextthing.education

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NEXT THING EDUCATION CAMPS PRESENTS

EASTER CAMPS 2023
3RD - 14TH APRIL

Coding & Robots **Circuitry & Inventions** **Creative Technology** **STEM Engineering** **Tech Fun**

Example weekly theme only, please see website for your camp specific activities
Movie Making | Video Game Design | Robot Coding | STEM Experiments | Engineering

3RD - 6TH APRIL 2023 *4 DAYS
11TH - 14TH APRIL 2023 *4 DAYS
LIMITED SPACES, BOOK NOW!

Early drop off available! from 8 am for £10.00

"Wonderful Time"
"Our son had a wonderful time at Tech Camp, he was so proud of the song he made and mixed together himself and couldn't wait to play it for us when we collected him."
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How to book

STEP 1 SCAN THE QR CODE

STEP 2 FIND YOUR NEAREST CAMP

STEP 3 BOOK ONLINE SPACES LIMITED

BOOK

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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

Hertfordshire Hertfordshire Sports

Families Feeling Safe

Supporting families with Protective Behaviours

ONLINE
morning course
starting
April 2023

A FREE course for Mums,
Dads, Step-Parents and
Carers



Online Thursday mornings
9.30am - 11.30am

20, 27 April, 4, 11, 18, 25 May, 8
& 15 June 2023

Are you looking for some strategies and new ideas
to help improve family life? This course can help
you to

- Understand the links between Feelings, Thoughts and Behaviour
- Understand what may be influencing your child's behaviour
- Respond to a range of feelings e.g. stress, anger, anxiety and worries
- Improve communication to build better relationships
- Build on your own and your child's strengths
- Learn strategies to help you and your family feel safe and have problem-solving skills for life

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3 & 10 July 2023

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