



NEWSLETTER – 31st March 2023

VALUE: Forgiveness

Focus: Putting the Past Behind us

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

Colossians 3:13



Easter Egg Hunt

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

What a lot of fun the children have been having today. The PTA organised an Easter Egg Hunt and despite the rain, the Easter Bunny was there on drop-off, greeting them and posing for photos with the children. The younger ones loved it and the older ones enjoyed showing that they were too cool and grown up for it. The classes still got out for their egg hunts, mostly avoiding the heavy rain and they had a lot of fun doing so. All of the children have brought home an Easter treat from the PTA.

Children also received their homework certificates. We gave out a lot of Gold ones this time. Thank you to parents for supporting this. Regular practise of key skills makes such a difference to the children and we have seen a very positive impact, particularly on reading from the increased focus at home from so many of you. We have also seen some fantastic project work.



On Wednesday, the Emerald class parents joined us for a presentation of the class's recent learning. The children shared a great deal of knowledge from all different areas of the curriculum. Parents heard that in their science topics, the children had learned all about sound. Using instruments, they had explored pitch and volume, and how sound is made by vibrations.



They also thoroughly enjoyed showing the body percussion that they had worked on together. They informed us that they had explored the musical concept of a canon and that the sound they would make with their bodies would also move like a sound wave from side to side and from front to back. They rubbed hands, clapped and stamped and performed so well together.

Children also shared from their other science topic: growth, and how they'd investigated the conditions that plants need for growth by setting up a controlled experiment with sunflower seeds where they included or excluded a number of conditions that they thought were required for growth such as water, sunlight, air and space. They shared their findings, including a colourless plant that had grown without light.



They shared some lovely artwork that they had created with watercolours that was inspired by the work of Claude Monet, and this also had a plant theme.

They also talked about their Anglo Saxon history topic, shared some information about the way people lived in England at that time and recalled their experiences from the West Stow visit.



The children sang a song in French, all about different animals and if we did not know all the French words, the actions helped us to understand.

It was great to see how much the children are learning and how they are benefitting from the whole curriculum. It was itself a valuable learning experience, having the opportunity to perform in front of an audience and develop confidence by doing so, even if it was made easier by having such an appreciative and supportive audience.



On Thursday, the whole school and a large proportion of the parents enjoyed a lovely Easter service at Great St Mary's Church led by Father Simon. The older children's readings took us through the Easter Story and the songs that were beautifully sang and the prayers from each class enabled the story to be further reflected on. One of the more reflective songs, "When I think about the Cross" was sang beautifully and thoughtfully by even the youngest children and provided a special moment of poignant reflection. The children equally enjoyed the more up tempo songs, such as 'Sing out an Easter Song' with the resounding shout at the end – He's Alive, which made Father Simon jump.

New Uniform Policy: The governors have updated the uniform policy (attached). We would like all parents to look at it and work with us towards consistency. The PE kit, in particular is something we are aiming for more consistency with, however we would not expect parents to buy new items immediately. We will therefore wait to enforce this policy until the new school year but would appreciate it if you adhere to it as you replace your child's clothing. Please also remember that labelling items makes it so much easier to return lost property.

School Bags: Another change we need to work towards is the carrying of large bags. Most children have very little other than their books and reading records inside and these bags take up a lot of space, are difficult to keep on the pegs. We have also seen bottles inside bags leaking and damaging the books.

We would therefore like to see book bags only (except when PE or swimming kit are brought in and they should be in a drawstring bag), as these are much more easily stored in school and keep the books in good condition. Water bottles should still be brought in daily.

What a busy but very productive term this has been and after a break, we will all be ready for a great summer term and the challenges and opportunities it brings.

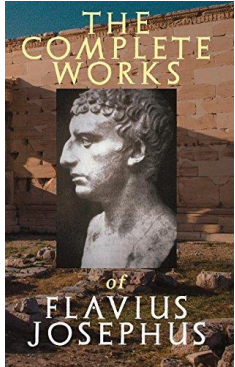
Have a lovely Easter.
Jeremy Fisher

MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Fr Simon writes:

It was a joy to welcome pupils, teachers, parents, carers, and governors to Great St Mary's yesterday afternoon for our end of term Easter service - even if the batteries did run out of the sound unit in the final song, curtailing our singing a little prematurely!

Having heard the wonderful singing and reading, all telling the story of what happened to a bloke named Jesus 2000 years ago, I explored for a few moments why this no doubt very inspirational, wise, good guy is still worth talking and singing about two millennia later.



I pointed out that there's very good contemporary evidence from both within and outside of the Bible to bear witness to Jesus' death and Easter rising to new life. And, after all, if it was all a lie, a fix, all the trickery of a bad man, why would those who knew him so well also be prepared to lose their own lives in the decades after Jesus' time on earth - often in horrific ways - as they went around telling others all they knew about Jesus? As they say: nobody is surely fool enough to die for something they know to be a lie.

So, if it is all true, then we need to sit up and take notice because it means that what Jesus and others said about him may well be true: that he really is the Son of God who, forty days after Easter, ascended back to live in heaven with God our Father, and continues to love us from there.

But so what? Even if Jesus is the Son of God, why does he still matter to us 2000 years later when we've got all we need for a comfortable life?

Well, during his time living in and around Jerusalem, Jesus spoke a lot about what will happen to us after our lives in the here and now come to an end. He made it clear that death isn't the end; that this is only the beginning of our lives lived in the company of God.

Jesus talked about his Easter resurrection - that moment when he came back to life - being the moment - the proof - which unlocks the gates to eternal everlasting life for all those who believe in him.

And so the reason Christians celebrate Easter is because it's the moment - as important to us today as it ever was - when Jesus showed us what glories and joys lie ahead for us depending how we live our lives now.

So as we come to the end of this term and you all head off on your Easter break, I hope and pray that you'll not only be able to relax and have fun (and enjoy a satisfying amount of Easter eggs!), but that you'll also find a moment or two to reflect on what the Easter story still means for each one of us. It may be the most important thing you ever do!



Have a happy and refreshing holiday,

Fr Simon

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK AND OVER THE EASTER BREAK



Emerald
Stanley H



STARS OF THE TERM

Ruby

- ✚ Eliza for great focus in her learning.

Sapphire

- ✚ Donnie for making excellent progress in English and Maths.
- ✚ Connor for always listening and trying his best.

Emerald

- ✚ Lexie for being such a great role model and consistently demonstrating our school values.
- ✚ Sergiusz for his resilience and fantastic approach to learning.

Diamond

- ✚ Olivia for sustained effort and focus in all of her learning.
- ✚ Finley M for excellent focus and effort in all of his learning.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School
Attendance – 96.45%**

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

- ✚ **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>
- ✚ **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
- ✚ **School resumes on Monday 17th April** at the usual time.
- ✚ **Craft Club** – after Easter, the Craft Club will be moving to a **Monday**, starting on **Monday 17th April**.
- ✚ **Diamond Class Swimming** starts on **Wednesday 19th 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"> ❖ Bean and Vegetable Grill (Ve) (Red) ❖ Macaroni Cheese (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Chicken Pie (Red) ❖ Spanish Omelette (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Roast Gammon (Red) ❖ Veggie Sausages with Yorkshire Pudding (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Beef Burger in a Bun (Red) ❖ Pea & Lemon Risotto (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Battered Fish Fillet (Red) ❖ Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
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

Website: www.spellbrook.herts.sch.uk



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Learn together, Enjoy together, Succeed together

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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.

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equality and promoting the welfare of children
and expects all staff and employees to share this commitment.

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HOLIDAY CAMPS

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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

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



Great St Mary's
Sawbridgeworth

Passion for Christ - Compassion for all

An Easter Celebration

Holy Saturday
8th April

**Pop in any time
between
3 and 5pm**

Enjoy a range of Holy Week and
Easter crafts and activities
for younger members of the family
including creating
the Great St Mary's Easter Garden





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)

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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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GJW Sports Afterschool Clubs

Spellbrook C of E Primary School

Dear Parents,

24.03.23

Mr Dave Biggs will continue to deliver after school clubs, which will begin on the 18th April.

Please visit www.gjwsports.co.uk to make a registration.

Tuesday

Football

Thursday

Athletics

Clubs will start at 15:20 with a collection time of 16:20.

Athletics will consist of sprints, relays, distance, timed runs, javelin and long/triple jumps.. Children will take part in athletics focused games, such as capture the flag, run-outs, box to box. They will also use ladders, hurdles during a SAQ (speed, agility, quickness) circuit.

To complete the registration, please use the payment details below.

NatWest Business Account

Gershon Williams- GJW SPORTS

Sort code – 557049

Account Number – 83780637

Reference – SurnameSBS

We will continue to offer a trial option for pupils who have yet to attend our after school clubs. The session price will be £7.50.

Should you have any further queries please email: enquiries@gjwsports.co.uk

Best wishes,

Mr Gershon Jack Williams B.A. (Hons)

GJWSports

07519 722135

www.gjwsports.co.uk

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

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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

Places are funded by HCC for families in Hertfordshire who
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For eligibility and to book your FREE place please:

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Tel: 07748 332606

Please quote course number O5/D1



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Online Monday evenings
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3 & 10 July 2023

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- Craft & Plant Stalls

11.00am - 5pm (last entry 4pm)

Entry fees: Adults £6.50, children under 16 free

Bacon, cheese or hummus rolls; homemade cakes

• Picnics welcome • Dogs on leads welcome

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STUDENT'S NAME

Oscar Blackham



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FOR THE STRENGTH AND
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