



SPELLBROOK CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



LEARN TOGETHER - ENJOY TOGETHER - SUCCEED TOGETHER

NEWSLETTER - 19th May 2023

VALUE: Friendship

Focus: Supporting One Another

"Encourage one another and build each other up." 1 Thessalonians 5.11

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

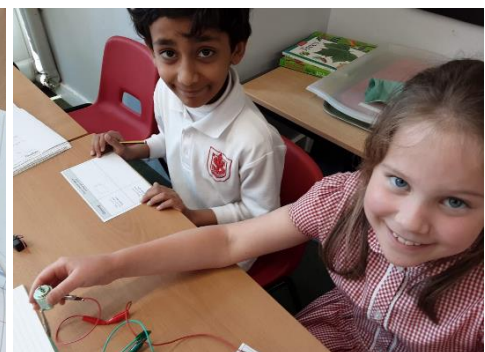
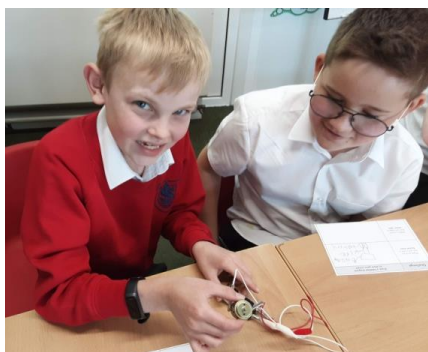
Ruby Class: Ruby Class have been drawing outside in the sunshine. They have been designing sun hats. They have also been learning about brushing their teeth. The children talked about how important it is to brush their teeth twice a day and for two minutes each time. They have also had great fun giving the dinosaurs a spa.



Sapphire Class: During their Religious Education lessons, Sapphire Class are learning about sacred texts and considering the messages in some of the stories and how these stories can guide the way that believers behave. This week, the children have been learning about an Old Testament story, David and Goliath. They enjoyed re-enacting the story using stick puppets. They really got into the characters. They thought about how brave David had been and how he had trusted God to look after him.



Emerald Class are learning about electricity. They were connecting circuits and making sure that the wires connected the battery and components correctly. They had to light up a bulb and make a motor spin. They now understand the importance of a complete and correctly connected circuit and that the batteries need to work.



Aspects Crucial Crew: Y6 joined another local school for the Crucial Crew afternoon on Thursday. The aim of the session was to prepare the children for transition to secondary school by increasing their awareness how to keep themselves safe. They were involved in many different activities, led by different services and each provided an opportunity to gain understanding that will help them with future decision making.

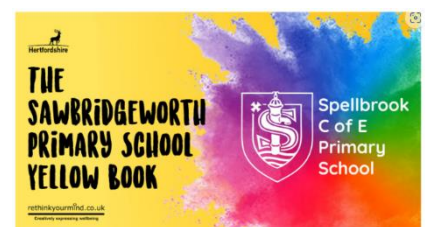
- Paramedics showed them how to deal with emergency situations including clearing an area of danger and putting someone into the recovery position.
- Network Rail representatives helped them to think about safely crossing railways, including showing them video footage of some motorists who clearly had not followed the rules.
- Herts. Fire Brigade took them through an activity to identify the fire hazards in a room and the children rose to the competitive challenge of this.
- British Transport Police taught them about the lines on the edge of a platform and how it is textured for people with visual impairments and why it is so important to stay behind the lines as trains approach and go past.
- Other activities included water safety, how to respond to peer pressure and an illustration of how vulnerable young people are if they walk along using their mobile phones and sending texts, as they are not paying sufficient attention to their surroundings.

The children were then taken to see the police vans and informed that from the age of ten, children are considered responsible for knowing the difference between right and wrong and for making the right choices. They were then all put in the van to experience what this is like. They thoroughly enjoyed this as well as using a metal detector, wearing helmets and putting handcuffs on each other. What a packed, instructive and enjoyable afternoon this was.



The Yellow Book: Back in October 2022 the project to create the Sawbridgeworth Primary Yellow Book involving five local schools was launched. Throughout the school, an art project titled "I feel better when" took place, with each class teacher choosing a different style for their class to use to express their ideas. From these lovely pieces of work, two were shortlisted from each year group to be put forwards for consideration. The final selection has now taken place and each school has ten works of art that will feature in the published book. When the book is published, each child in the school will receive a copy (funded by EHDC). The chosen works are all here, as is some information about the assessors.

[The Sawbridgeworth Primary School Yellow Book Selections | Rethink Your Mind](#)



Congratulations to each child from all of the schools who has been selected to be published in The Sawbridgeworth Primary School Yellow Book! There will be a Prize Presentation on the 9th of June, most likely in the morning. The ten winners from our school and their parents will be invited and I will send more details as soon as I have them.

Walk to School Week. I have been delighted to see so many children walking, scooting and cycling to school this week. The park and stride has been a great success. Thank you to staff for helping with this.



HGVs using the A1184 through Sawbridgeworth for access to the site in St. James' Park: Thank you to so many parents for responding. Over 50 parents have expressed their objection to the proposal to allow the HGVs to use this road. Included in the responses were some very useful comments about the current issues with congestion, noise, pollution, the condition of the road and child safety, and how these will only become even more problematic. I will be lodging my concerns today and will be informing the council of the level of concern we share. Additionally, the Governing Body have prepared a very detailed letter explaining their objections. A copy of this is attached. Please do also take this opportunity to either write or go on the website so that the degree of objection is fully understood. [Please use this link to the East Herts Planning comments page.](#)

Have a lovely weekend,

Jeremy Fisher

MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Father Simon writes:

Busy preparations are underway for this Sunday afternoon's *Mustard Seed* gathering - our monthly moment for youngsters which includes crafts, activities, worship, and food. It's certainly always great fun and one of my highlights of the month.



This Sunday we're going to be celebrating Ascension Day which remembers that moment, forty days after his Easter resurrection, when Jesus, in front of his bewildered followers, bid them farewell and ascended back to be with his Father in heaven. So, I'm looking forward to seeing what crafts and activities are put together because there are so many visual images in the biblical accounts. The only thing I've said is that, for my money, helium balloons in church are a no-no.



Whilst I've seen Jesus' Ascension celebrated to good and memorable effect in the past with fireworks sent up into the heavens, I've also seen helium-filled balloons let off in church to symbolise Jesus ascending upwards. Putting to one side any environmental concerns, the problem comes when 'Jesus' hits the church ceiling or vault. We then have a symbol of Jesus not ascending back to heaven but trapped by the Church and well out of the reach of anybody to help 'him' down!!



Several weeks later, the idea of getting the churchwardens to quietly shoot 'Jesus' down with an air rifle was quickly dismissed, and so, well into the summer months, a rather sad looking 'Jesus' was still up in the church rafters, occasionally gently rocking when somebody opened the church door and let in a little summer breeze.

And then came the Sunday, well into the autumn, when we arrived in church to find that the helium had finally escaped or lost its ascending power, and a rather sad, deflated balloon was lying forlornly on the church floor. On seeing the balloon, one particular young child was heard to remark, 'Look, Jesus has come back down.' It was a case of symbolism, from start to finish, going badly wrong!



So no helium balloons at *Mustard Seed* this Sunday afternoon but we'll no doubt have great fun marking this culmination of Jesus' life on earth and his present status in heaven as, as King Charles himself acknowledged at the beginning of his coronation service, the King of kings and Lord of lords. So do come and join us - starting at Great St Mary's this Sunday at 4pm.

Have a great weekend,

Fr Simon

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Emerald
Waris



STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ✚ Gracie for great listening in adult led activities.
- ✚ Niveth for trying hard in all areas.

Sapphire

- ✚ Annabelle for her amazing learning behaviour and effort in all she does.
- ✚ Arthur for answering reading comprehension questions carefully.

Emerald

- ✚ Dylan for his increasing confidence and participation.
- ✚ Lorcan for his great work in our poetry lessons.

Diamond

- ✚ Oliver for superb creative writing.
- ✚ Alfie for good focus and concentration in his learning.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School
Attendance – 96.08%**

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.

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Pork Sausage in BBQ Sauce (Red) ❖ Cheese & Sweet Potato Slice (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Veggie 'Meatball' Sub (Red) ❖ Roasted Tomato Pasta (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Roast Chicken (Red) ❖ Creamy Quorn Pie (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Mild Chilli Con Carne (Red) ❖ Quorn Burger in a Bun (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Fish Fillet Fingers (Red) ❖ Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)

NOTICES

- ✚ **Diamond Class Swimming** – there will be **no** swimming on **Wednesday 24th May** due to Diamond Class Activity Week.
- ✚ **Diamond Class Activity Week** – this is a reminder that full payment is due on **Friday 19th May**.
- ✚ **Class Photos** – the school photographer will be in on **Monday 22nd May**. Please ensure children are in full uniform including school shoes. If your child has PE on the day, they should come to school in full uniform (including school shoes) with a pair of trainers in a bag.
- ✚ **Lost Property** – we still have a large number of unclaimed uniforms in the lost property box in the reception area. Please do check for any lost items there. Any items that remain unclaimed will be cleared out by the PTA. There will be a second-hand uniform sale, more details to follow.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
22/05/23	Class Photos
23/05/23 – 26/05/23	Diamond Class Activity Week
29/05/23 – 02/06/23	Half Term
01/07/23	PTA Summer Fair
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



Great St Mary's
Sawbridgeworth

Passion for Christ - Compassion for all



**Join us for coffee, tea, cake,
and other refreshments on**

Saturday 20th May 2023

10am till 12noon

in Church House

Donations for Christian Aid



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.*

This Sunday - 21st May - 4pm

**Join us this Sunday
to celebrate Jesus's coronation
as the King of kings**





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

facebook.com/wellbeangardening
www.wellbeangardening.com

GJWSports
Promoting a healthy & active lifestyle

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



We need your donations!

If you have any good quality school uniform that your child has grown out of or no longer wears, then we would love to have it for the PTA second hand shop. Elspeth will be in the school reception on Friday mornings after drop off for the rest of May to collect any donations.

**SPELLBROOK PTA
SECOND HAND SHOP**



HOLIDAY CAMPS

Sports & Activity Camp

Tuesday 30th May-Friday 2nd June
Years 1-7

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Tuesday 30th May: bouncy castles
Wednesday 31st May: bike/scooter skills
Friday 2nd June: cupcake decoration



Football Camp

Tuesday 30th May-Friday 2nd June
Years 1-7

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

Mini Camp

Tuesday 30th May-Friday 2nd June
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
9am-3pm, £22 per day

Reedings Junior School, Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth, HERTS, CM21 9DD



• Free to attend • Sensory play • Free refreshments



A safe space for families of children with SEND to connect with one another.

1st May	Closed
8th May	Closed
15th May	3:30 - 5:00
22nd May	3:30 - 4:30

Special Guests: SPACE Hertfordshire

SPACE are an award winning Hertfordshire based charity supporting families of children and young people who are neurodivergent (Autism, ADHD, Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, Dyscalculia, Tourette's and other neurodiverse conditions.)

The Bullfields Centre
Sawbridgeworth
CM21 9EA

• No diagnosis needed • No need to book • All ages welcome



MAKE LUNCH

When? Wednesday, 31st May 2023, 11:30-13:00

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

Contact us at **07549006777** or makelunch@secchurch.org.uk

Please click the link to book: [MAKE LUNCH \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com)

GROW TOGETHER



TIME AND DATE: Fridays 5-6pm from 5th May 2023
LOCATION: Birchwood High School 3G Pitch CM23 5BD
WHO WE ARE: BSCFC

NEXT STEPS: VISIT WWW.ENGLANDFOOTBALL.COM/SQUADGIRLSFOOTBALL,
 SCAN THE BELOW QR CODE TO BOOK YOUR FIRST SESSION, OR CONTACT US TO
 FIND OUT MORE: events@bscfc.co.uk

SCAN ME:



SQUAD

GIRLS' FOOTBALL



Half Term Tennis Camps!

Tuesday 30th May-Fri 2nd June

Book Daily: £22.50 for members, £25 for non

Click here to book: <https://clubs.spark.lta.org.uk/BishopsStortfordLawnTennisClub/Coaching/Summary/6f8e8b8b-4abb-4c79-b711-eb15c265891e>

Tennis sessions for all ages 4+



Timetable:
 9-9:30 warm up
 9:30-10 Rally skills
 10-10:15 Snack break
 10:15-11 Skills into rally drills
 11-11:15 Snack break
 11:15-11:55 Fun tennis games
 11:55-12 Tidy up time

All coaches are LTA Licensed, DBS checked and first aid qualified

[Bishops Stortford Lawn Tennis Club / Coaching / Summary \(lta.org.uk\)](https://clubs.spark.lta.org.uk/BishopsStortfordLawnTennisClub/Coaching/Summary/6f8e8b8b-4abb-4c79-b711-eb15c265891e)



What: Multi Sports Camp for 8 - 11 year olds

Where: Grange Paddocks LC

Day: Wednesday 31st May

Time: 10am - 2pm

Cost: £20 per child

SPORTS AND FITNESS FOR EVERYONE

Ask at reception for more details



www.everyoneactive.com

facebook.com/everyoneactive

[@everyoneactive](https://twitter.com/everyoneactive)

Free 5 hour Holiday Camp (with food)

Sele Secondary School, Hertford, SG14 2DG

30th May - 2nd June

8 - 11yr olds

Places fully funded



Scan to book now:

If your child receives Free School Meals, get your booking code from school today

Or call 01707 284229 to book



Rainbow Run 2023!



25 June 2023
Ridlins End Athletics
Stadium & Playing Fields
Stevenage SG2 9PB

Sign up at:
www.enhhcharity.org.uk/rainbowrun

@enhcharity www.enhhcharity.org.uk/rainbowrun charity.enh-tr@nhs.net
Registered charity no: 1053338

Get ready for Hertfordshire's most colourful fun run and raise funds for your local hospitals!

Run, walk or skip a 10k, 5k or 2.5k route with a colourful twist around Ridlins End Stadium and Playing Fields to raise funds for your local hospitals.

Run in memory of a loved one, to thank a hospital department for the care they gave or just for fun; whatever your reason for taking part, every penny raised will help us fund projects to help our wonderful NHS teams go above and beyond for our patients.



- 10k, 5k and 2.5k routes
- Suitable for all ages and abilities
- Rainbow medals
- Wear your most colourful outfit!

Runners are invited to wear their favourite colourful costumes and throughout the run there will be colour-themed surprises.

The Rainbow Run isn't a serious race and is suitable for all ages and abilities. We do appreciate that some people may be taking part as a challenge and would like to beat a personal time so we will have a race clock at the finish line.

@enhcharity www.enhhcharity.org.uk/rainbowrun charity.enh-tr@nhs.net
Registered charity no: 1053338

THE GARDENS OF EASTON LODGE



Sunday 21 May - the Red Countess

Enjoy the Gardens and discover

- When the Countess became a socialist; and
- What the Countess did as a socialist.

Fascinating stories, photos and details from the Archives.

Stalls Music from local duo Karen and Tony

Delicious range of savoury snacks

Homemade cakes

Gardens Open 11.00 am - 5.00pm

THE GARDENS OF EASTON LODGE

This Sunday the Gardens are open, and our archivists will be telling the story of the Countess of Warwick's conversion to socialism in 1904 and there will be a local folk duo.

As usual for a Sunday Open Day, the Gardens are open from 11.00 to 5.00pm and there are refreshments. For more information go to:

<https://www.eastonlodge.co.uk/whats-on/may-open-day-the-red-countess/>

On Thursdays the Gardens are open from 11.00 to 3.00pm, last entry 2.00 pm.

Drinks and cakes are available, and visitors are welcome to bring picnics. It is a lovely day out for the family and dogs are welcome on leads.

For more information go to:

<https://www.eastonlodge.co.uk/whats-on/open-thursdays-3/>