



# SPELLBROOK CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



LEARN TOGETHER - ENJOY TOGETHER - SUCCEED TOGETHER

## NEWSLETTER – 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**VALUE: Friendship**

**Focus: Making Time for each other**

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



**Diamond Class Adventure Week**

## FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This week Diamond Class have thoroughly enjoyed their adventure week. In order to keep costs down for parents, instead of going to an outdoor residential centre, we organised a locally based adventure experience over four days and one night.

On Tuesday and Wednesday the children enjoyed two action packed days at the Edge Outdoors in Ware. They took part in high ropes, zip-wire, climbing, mountain boarding (giant skate boards on which the children hurtle down a grassy slope, often ending in a heap or slightly lost in the long grass!), air rifle shooting, archery, laser tag and Zorb Strike (climbing inside a giant plastic ball and running around crashing into everyone else who is also in a giant plastic ball!!) as well as some problem solving team activities, one of which challenged them to protect an egg using a range of materials so that when it was dropped from a great height, it remained intact.

On Thursday the children enjoyed a local walk (which some thought was going to be a very long way, and although it was quite far, they managed very well, if you ignore the complaints), camping on the school field (which included setting up tents, bringing enough clothes to last a week and waking up as soon as the sun started to shine), a barbeque (which after all the effort was thoroughly enjoyed), a campfire (with some silly songs, marshmallows and hot chocolate) and lots of fun.



On Friday they went kayaking and canoeing to end the week with a splash.

So, as you might imagine, the children have had an absolutely fantastic week and demonstrated a massive range of positive attributes not the least of which were resilience, courage, determination, supportiveness, teamwork and a can-do attitude that in many cases surprised even themselves.

We are trusting they catch up on lost sleep over the weekend and half term and are confident that the adults who were with them, will certainly hope to do the same.



I collected quotes from the children and here are just a few:

Teddy: "In the Zorb it was really funny running into people."

Ava: "I enjoyed the high ropes even though I am terrified of heights. I was happy to do it knowing I could do it safely"

Jim: "I enjoyed spending time with my friends, the Zorb Strike and the skateboarding downhill."

Finley R: "I enjoyed the mountain boarding as the thrilling high speeds made me feel as if I was a speeding jet."

Toby: "I enjoyed the high ropes, even though I pushed myself out of my comfort zone."

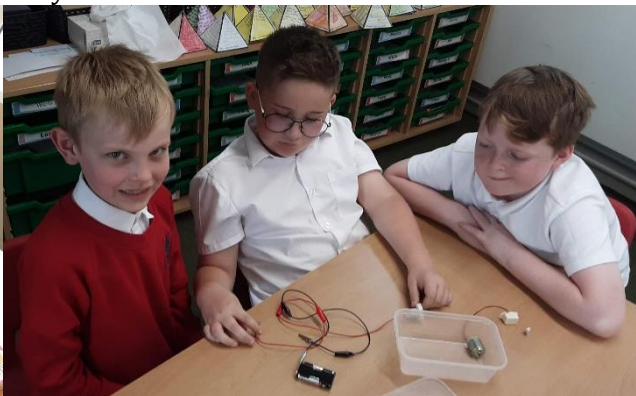
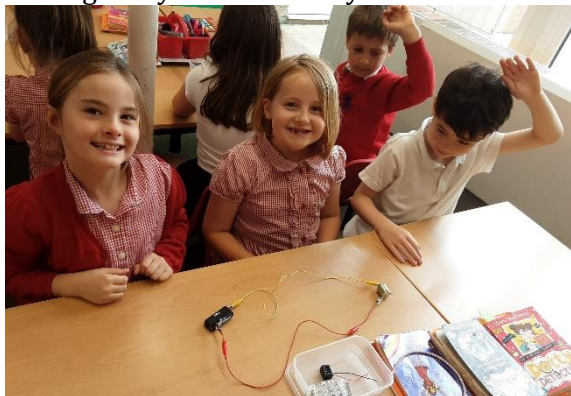
Izzy: "The best activity for me was zorbing, although it was quite hard, but I still enjoyed it. I love spending time with my friends, and I loved the whole week."

Sam: "I loved when we slept in the tents. We said jokes and it was really fun."

Bobby: "The best thing is to conquer your fears and to not be scared and give it a go."



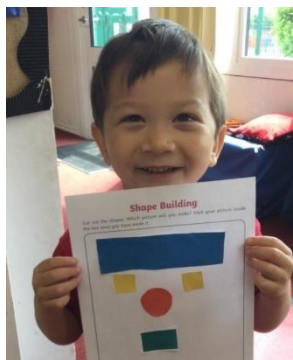
**Emerald Class** have been building on their prior learning about electricity by troubleshooting circuits that just aren't working. They had to identify the fault and then say how to correct it.



**Sapphire Class** have been developing some of the skills and learning to play tennis and have enjoyed using the nets we recently bought to go in the MUGA. A big well done to Year 2 for doing their best whilst working independently on their assessment tasks for the SATS.



**Ruby Class** have been very busy, as usual. Their maths focus this week has been shapes and they have been making some super shape pictures, identifying the different shapes they have used.



**Miss Prow:** This week, we have sadly said goodbye and good luck to Miss Prow. She is taking the next step towards being a class teacher and will commence her training after half term. She has been a great member of the Spellbrook family and as well as her teaching assistant duties, including taking phonics for Y1 and 2 and supporting PE across the school, she has also run the very popular and enjoyable after school Craft Club. We know that she will face the challenges ahead with enthusiasm, humour and great teamwork. We will miss her.

Have a lovely weekend and half term.

Jeremy Fisher

## MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH

**Father Simon writes:**

Well, it only seems like five minutes since the beginning of term. Yet here we are on the cusp of the half term holiday. Perhaps time has gone particularly quickly because of the bank holiday Mondays we've enjoyed during this half term and the festivities surrounding The King's coronation.

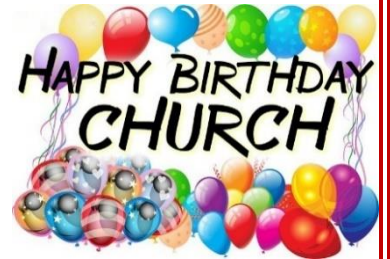


And if you're wanting something else to celebrate this half term weekend, you may want to bear in mind that at Great St Mary's we'll be marking what many consider to be the birthday of God's global Church - the Feast of Pentecost.



It's the day when we remember that moment, fifty days after that first Easter Day and a few days after Jesus' ascension back to live forever in heaven in the company of God the Father, when the Holy Spirit came down upon Jesus' followers who were praying earnestly together in a room in Jerusalem. According to the Bible, the Holy Spirit came upon them with the sound of a mighty rushing wind, and tongues of fire apparently danced all around the disciples' heads resulting in them celebrating God in many languages.

It must have been a mindblowing moment for Jesus' friends. And ever since, as the force which energises the Christian Church and continues to inspire us in the ways of God the Father and God the Son, people have celebrated Pentecost as the moment God's family - the Church - was born.



Those in the congregation at Great St Mary's know that I've never been one to miss an opportunity to open a bottle of fizz. So we'll be celebrating after our 9.30am service on Sunday with a bottle or two of Prosecco, and something fizzy (and sugar-free!) for the younger members of our community. So do feel free to pop into Church House here in Sawbridgeworth to raise a glass.

In the meantime, I wish you all - whatever you're doing, be it at work or play - a very rewarding half term break.

God bless,

*Fr Simon*

## **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK AND OVER THE HALF TERM BREAK**

### **Ruby**

**George**

**Gracie**

### **Sapphire**

**Shakti**

**Caitlyn**

### **Emerald**

**Hudson**

### **Diamond**

**Bobby**

**Charlie**

**Sam**

## ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School  
Attendance – 96.02%**

**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"> <li>❖ Bean &amp; Vegetable Grill (Ve) (Red)</li> <li>❖ Macaroni Cheese (V) (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> <li>❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)</li> </ul>
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Chicken Pie (Red)</li> <li>❖ Spanish Omelette (Ve) (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> <li>❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)</li> </ul>
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Roast Gammon (Red)</li> <li>❖ Veggie Sausages with Yorkshire Pudding (V) (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> <li>❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)</li> </ul>
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Beef Burger in a Bun (Red)</li> <li>❖ Pea &amp; Lemon Risotto (V) (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> <li>❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)</li> </ul>
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Battered Fish Fillet (Red)</li> <li>❖ Cheese &amp; Tomato Pizza (V) (Green)</li> </ul>

## NOTICES

- ✚ **School resumes on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June** at the usual time.
- ✚ **Diamond Class Swimming** resumes on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June**.
- ✚ **Sports Day – save the date – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July** with **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July** as the reserve day.
- ✚ **Staff Leaving** - we hope you would like to join us in wishing Miss Prow good luck. She is leaving us today (Friday) to commence her teaching training. We are very grateful for her work with us over the last two years and hope to hear how she progresses in her teaching career. We have a new TA, Miss Lucas, starting straight away after half term.
- ✚ **Craft Club** will resume on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June** at the usual time. Miss Lucas will be running the club until the end of term.
- ✚ **Father's Day Gift Shop** will be open on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June**. More details to follow.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
29/05/23 – 02/06/23	Half Term
07/06/23	Year 5/6 Handball Competition - Leventhorpe
12/06/23	Father's Day Gift Shop
13/06/23	Father's Day Gift Shop
01/07/23	PTA Summer Fair
03/07/23	Parent Consultations
12/07/23	Diamond Class Last Swimming Lesson
12/07/23	Sports Day
13/07/23	Transition Day
14/07/23	Sports Day (Reserve)
20/07/23	Leavers Service at Great St Mary's
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



- ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)
- ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)

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)



**Great St Mary's** Sawbridgeworth *Passion for Christ - Compassion for all*

# QUIZ NIGHT

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June**  
**7pm in Church House**

*With Ploughman's supper, wine,  
 and soft drinks included in ticket price*  
**£15 per person**

Tickets available from Parish Office  
 (Tuesday to Friday mornings - 01279 726629)

**\*\*FREE\*\***

## WELLBEING TRAINING FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

### The Sawbridgeworth Primary School Yellow Book

is a creative wellbeing toolkit & signpost showcasing the artistic expression of 50 selected entrants from the 5 Primary Schools in the Sawbridgeworth District.

**Claire Evans**, owner of The Centre of Wellbeing in Sawbridgeworth and author of the Wellbeing section of The Yellow Book will be offering

**FREE Zoom Training on the Wellbeing Section for parents/guardians**

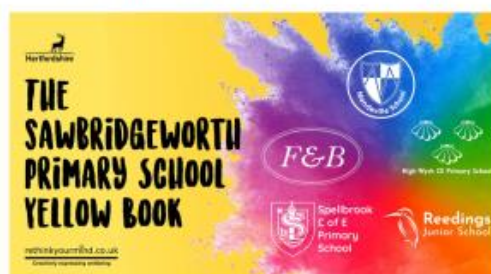
on the following dates:

10am - Friday 16 June or Tuesday 20 June

7pm - Thursday 15 June or 29 June

11am - Sunday 11 June

Please email [claire@developinsite.com](mailto:claire@developinsite.com) to register and she will send you the Zoom link.







## Well Bean Gardening

Learning through growing  
Growing through learning

### Get growing with our After-School Gardening Club

Wednesdays from 3.20pm-4.30pm



- Spellbrook's Gardening Club meets on Wednesdays and is open to Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. Limited spaces available
- £30.00 for five sessions to July 5 June 7 - July 5
- 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 June 7 and make a payment of £30 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 £30 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:enquiries@gjwsports.co.uk)

Best wishes,

Mr Gershon Jack Williams B.A. (Hons)  
GJWSports  
07519 722135  
[www.gjwsports.co.uk](http://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



# 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](http://gjwsports.co.uk)

9am-3pm, £22 per day

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



## Family Centre Service Parent Feedback Questionnaire

Are you registered with the Hertfordshire Family Centre Service?

The Hertfordshire Family Centre Service provides services to children and young people and includes Family Support Services, Health Visiting and School Nursing.

A short survey has been developed to understand your experiences of the current service and the support families with young children in Hertfordshire require.

You can leave your feedback via the link

<https://surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/7VZQ5J>

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