



## NEWSLETTER – 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023

### VALUE: Friendship

**Focus:** Remembering to pray for each other

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

### FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It was lovely to be back in school after the half term, gearing up for a busy and hopefully sunny Summer. This week, the children in Ruby and Sapphire enjoyed drama sessions with Perform Drama. They had a Peter Pan adventure workshop. They took part in drama games related to being the Peter Pan characters. They copied certain actions and when commands were called, they had to show the motif of that character. They had guessing games to see if they knew what emotion different children were showing relating to events in the story. They showed parts of the story using freeze frame and acted as if they were trying to steal Captain Hook's treasure. They had to sneak around his pirate ship and freeze whenever he turned around. Then, working together they chose poses and positions to produce a still photo of a pirate ship. The children had a lot of fun and demonstrated how well they could follow instructions and use their imagination and bodies.



**Respect:** Our new Christian Value is Respect and this week's focus was remembering to pray for others. Father Simon taught the children the hand prayer. Each finger represents people that they could pray for. Some of the children created their own illustrations as they reflected on this.



**September Staffing:** I am now in a position to provide information about changes that we are planning for September. I am still looking for a teaching assistant to join us as Miss Lucas can only be with us until the end of this term, but apart from that we now have clarity about the structure.

We will be welcoming Mrs McDonald back from her maternity at the start of July and she will be with us for four days each week. I am really pleased that Mrs Todd, who originally joined us to cover maternity, is now a permanent member of the team. Mrs Cook's role is also changing. She will not have full-time class responsibility but will continue to share her deep understanding of teaching Year 5 and 6 as well as teaching one day a week in Sapphire. She will also be able to have a wider impact on the teaching and learning throughout the school and Mrs Cook and I will be able to work together on ensuring that the school goes from strength to strength in all areas. We are also having some changes regarding the placement of some of our teaching assistants. Please see the table below

From September 2023		
Class	Teacher	Additional adults
Diamond	Mrs Smith	New member of staff
Emerald	Mrs Todd	Mrs Newman
Sapphire	Mrs McDonald, Mrs Cook	Mrs Gregory, Mrs Wellington
Ruby	Mrs Le Duc & Miss Green	Mrs Hasty

Mrs Pask will continue to provide SEND support to specific children



**Yellow Book:** Today, the award ceremony for the artwork competition took place at Sawbridgeworth Memorial Hall. This has been a super project, collaborating with local schools and creating such a useful resource. It was lovely to be part of this event with fifty children from across the schools being recognised for their super artwork, with their families there to enjoy the moment with them. Thank you very much to Claire and Pete for organising.

I have also heard that the Audio resource that is being created to accompany the Yellow Book will feature Lilly Milan's artwork for the front cover. This super picture of her 'dog teddy' really captures the theme of 'I feel when...'



Have a lovely weekend.

Jeremy Fisher



## MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH

*Father Simon writes:*



Last Sunday morning, members of our Sunday Club were getting suitably muddy and wet - albeit in beautiful sunshine - planting seeds, bulbs, and bedding plants which, over the next few months, will no doubt blossom and bring much joy to many who pass through the churchyard and see our Rainbow Garden. If you're passing, do stop, take a seat, and enjoy the sight, perhaps with a drink or sandwich to hand.



As Christians, we're called to be good stewards of the world God has created. However, we know from the many news reports of environmental tragedies, beautifully filmed documentaries by the likes of Sir David Attenborough, and increasing commentary from the likes of Swedish activist Greta Thunberg, that we're failing badly in this task.



At the beginning of the second chapter of the book of Genesis we're told that on the seventh day God rested from all the work he had done in creating the universe, a creation that he himself saw as 'good'. What we're now doing to that creation is therefore at great odds to its goodness. The accumulation of our many small actions - let alone the impact of our industries - will almost certainly have eschatological consequences for both humanity and wildlife around the globe.

It's for that reason that the Church of England committed itself in 2020 to carbon neutrality by 2030. Like similar commitments made by other organisations and industries, it's hugely ambitious. However, we're only going to limit the most extreme effects of climate change if we, as nations, councils, organisations, and individuals, meet such challenging commitments. That's why the PCC of Great St Mary's has also adopted a resolution to play our part: to also commit to achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2030, and to identify and address wider environmental impacts across all of our activities.



The effects of climate change are no longer theoretical. Increasingly, they are real and dramatic. Whether from governments, organisations, industries or individuals, good words are no longer adequate. We must turn those words into actions and attend to those actions with urgency. Only then will we, as Christians, be able to turn to God and, with honesty, be able to raise, in the words of the poet and hymnwriter Folliott Pierpoint, a joyful hymn of praise 'for the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which, from our birth, over and around us lies.'



Wishing you all a good weekend,

*Fr Simon*

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Emerald  
Sid  
Sergiusz



## STARS OF THE WEEK

### Ruby

- ✚ Emilia for listening and completing challenges.
- ✚ Rowan for thinking of others.

### Sapphire

- ✚ Arlo for his effort and determination when writing.
- ✚ Shakti for her hard work learning to tell the time.

### Emerald

- ✚ Alex for his fantastic progress in maths this week.
- ✚ Lara for her positive attitude and great behaviour.

### Diamond

- ✚ Toby for excellent teamwork.
- ✚ Honey for amazing resilience at swimming.

## ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School  
Attendance – 90.12%**


**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

- ✚ **Father's Day Gift Shop** will be open on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June**. Wrapped gifts cost £3.50. Children can bring cash in a purse or envelope or parents/carers can pay using the online shop by clicking on the link:  
<https://spellbrookpta.sumupstore.com/product/father-s-day-gift-shop>
- ✚ **Clean Air Day** is on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June**. Please leave your car at home and walk, scooter, bike or park and stride to school.
- ✚ **Midday Assistant Vacancy – closing date – 23/06/23**. Please click the link for more details:  
[https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,midday-supervisory-assistant\\_85121.htm](https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,midday-supervisory-assistant_85121.htm)
- ✚ **Teaching Assistant Vacancy – closing date – 23/06/23**. Please click the link for more details:  
[https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,classroom-teaching-assistant\\_84327.htm](https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,classroom-teaching-assistant_84327.htm)

 **School Photos** – viewing cards were sent home yesterday explaining how to view and order pictures. Order by **21/06/23** to get an early bird discount.

## NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Caribbean Chicken (Red)</li> <li>❖ Veggie Burritos (Ve) (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> <li>❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)</li> </ul>
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Organic Beef Bolognese (Red)</li> <li>❖ Savoury Puff Roll (Ve) (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> <li>❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)</li> </ul>
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Roast Pork (Red)</li> <li>❖ Quorn Fillet (V) (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> <li>❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)</li> </ul>
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Quorn Hot Dog (V) (Red)</li> <li>❖ Special Fried Rice (V) (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> <li>❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)</li> </ul>
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Crispy Coated Salmon (Red)</li> <li>❖ Margherita Pizza Wrap (V) (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> <li>❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)</li> </ul>

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
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
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*

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**

**on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm**  
**for fun, food, and crafts**  
**as we celebrate Father's Day**



**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)



**Spellbrook  
School  
PTA**



**FATHER'S DAY**

**Gift Shop - £3.50**

Open on Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th June

Kids please bring money in a purse or  
envelope

or parents can pay using the online shop



**\*\*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**

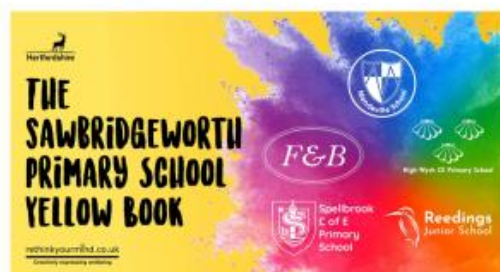
on the following dates:

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)

☐

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

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[www.wellbeangardening.com](http://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](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



# SPELLBROOK PTA

June 2023 update

## Recent fundraising income

Bags to School - £75  
Sawbo May Fayre - £464  
Coronation Bear - £72  
Giving Machine - £16  
Memorial Hall Bingo Night - £600

## Upcoming events

Father's Day Shop - Week beginning Monday 12th June  
Summer Fair - Saturday 1st July

## The wish list

Bouncy Day  
Teacher Resources  
Leavers Ceremony

Coaches  
School Trips  
Sports Day Lollies

## ORAL HEALTH FOR CHILDREN

### WHAT IS TOOTH DECAY?

The hard outer surface of a tooth is broken down or damaged by bacteria and acid making holes in the teeth, called cavities. It can cause pain and infections, and cause problems with eating, speaking, playing, learning, smiling and socialising. Tooth decay occurs when foods and drinks with sugars and starches are left on the teeth.

- Tooth decay is the most common reason for hospital admission in children aged 6-10
- Children with poor oral health have an increased risk of damage to adult teeth



There were 26,000 hospital admissions for children needing dental extraction in 2014 - 2015 (study carried out every 10 years)

### REDUCE THE RISK OF TOOTH DECAY

- Take your child to the dentist when their first milk teeth appear
- Brush teeth twice a day with fluoride toothpaste - no rinsing
- Support children under 7 with brushing
- Children should see a dentist yearly at least
- Children should have fluoride varnish at each visit (which is free)

### WHERE TO ACCESS A DENTIST

Scan the QR code or search "Find a dentist" for the NHS website.



Dental care is free for children and young people aged 0-19 years old.

### TOP TIPS

- Brush teeth in the morning and at bedtime for 2 minutes with fluoride toothpaste
- Use a pea-sized amount of toothpaste
- Spit out after brushing and don't rinse, otherwise the fluoride won't work as well
- Fizzy drinks, fruit juices and sugary snacks should be limited to mealtimes

### HOW TO MAKE IT FUN

- Everyone can brush their teeth together - why not try a staring contest?
- Brushing to the beat - why not brush to your favourite song?
- Go electric?
- Use a timer - see who gets to two minutes without stopping



Clean Air Day 15th June 2023





**LEAF**  
LINKING ENVIRONMENT AND FARMING

**Open Farm Sunday**  
www.farmsunday.org

# LEAF Open Farm Sunday

VISIT A FARM AND DISCOVER THE WORLD OF FARMING

Find out about the story behind our food and the work farmers do to manage the countryside

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2023. 11am to 3pm.**  
**Foxholes Farm Shop, London Road, Hertford, SG13 7NT**

- Hot & Cold Food
- Local Ice Cream
- Talk to Our Farmers about Food & Farming
- Kitchen Garden Tours
- Food/Crafts Stalls
- Feeding/Petting the Animals
- Farm Machinery Viewing
- Tractor & Trailer Rides (£1 per person)
- Undercover Sandpit
- Wildlife Trust

Free Entry. Car Parking £5.  
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LEAF Open Farm Sunday is managed by LEAF (Linking Environment And Farming). Charity no.1045781

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## THE GARDENS OF EASTON LODGE

### 18 June: Nature Day at the Gardens of Easton Lodge

Bugs, bees, butterflies, dragonflies, newts and of course wildflowers will be there for visitors to enjoy and get to know about at the Nature Day at the Gardens; with an experienced biologist on hand to lead nature activities.

Local beekeepers and Essex Bat Group will show and tell all about the complex lives of bees and bats. Gates open 11.00.

Children enter for free, adult entry £5.50 in advance or £6.50 on the gate.

For more information go to:

<https://www.eastonlodge.co.uk/whats-on/june-open-day-nature-at-the-gardens/>

## fab science<sup>®</sup> HOLIDAY CAMPS

Join us for 5 hours of Fab Science fun in the holidays! Camps run 10am to 3pm and are open to all children aged 5-11 years.

For more information visit the Fab Science website.

**£35**  
per child

Sibling discount available

### WACKY RACES

Investigate incredible water-powered rockets and build mini hovercraft to race against your friends. Who will design the fastest rocket car?

### MARVELLOUS MATERIALS

Discover the amazing properties of smart materials and learn about cool chemistry. Investigate stretchiness and find out just how much wee a nappy can hold!

### WONDERFUL WEATHER

There will be lightning, tornadoes and rain in the Fab Science lab! Make your own weather station and find out about forecasting.

SAFFRON WALDEN RA BUTLER SCHOOL 25th July  
26th July  
27th July

CAMBRIDGE QUEEN EDITH SCHOOL 31st July  
1st August  
2nd August

HERTFORD ST JOSEPH'S IN THE PARK 8th August  
9th August  
10th August

ST ALBANS GARDEN FIELDS SCHOOL 15th August  
16th August  
17th August

BISHOP'S STORTFORD WINDHILL SCHOOL 21st August  
22nd August  
23rd August

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## THE GARDENS OF EASTON LODGE

### Nature in the Gardens Sunday 18 June

Bug hunt, pond dipping & owl pellet dissection

Wildflowers

Bats

Storytelling

Music by Woodwind  
of Stortford

Stalls

Delicious savoury snacks & homemade cakes

**Gardens Open 11.00 am - 5.00pm**

Charity number 1101 442







## Ready, Set, Read! Summer Reading Challenge 2023

Hertfordshire Library Service is delighted to announce **Ready, Set, Read! - the Summer Reading Challenge 2023**.

Designed to keep children reading over the summer holidays, the Summer Reading Challenge is a fun, free activity that broadens reading horizons, improves mental well-being, encourages a healthy reading habit, and helps to maintain reading levels ready for the start of the next academic year.

Children are encouraged to read six library books of their choice during the school holiday, returning to their local library to share what they have been reading with staff and volunteers. Each participant receives a themed folder and is awarded stickers for every book they read. Children who complete the challenge are presented with a certificate, a medal and a special finishing gift.

**Ready, Set, Read!** is presented by The Reading Agency in partnership with the Youth Sport Trust, and delivered by libraries across the UK. The theme for 2023 focuses on participation in shared sports and activities and aims to keep children's minds and bodies active.

It is free for children to join the library and to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge.

**Ready, Set, Read!** packs will be available in all 46 Hertfordshire libraries from **Saturday 8 July**.

Further information on the Summer Reading Challenge in Hertfordshire and a link to the national **Ready, Set, Read!** website can be found at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries)

# TECH SUMMER CAMP

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**DIFFERENT COURSE EACH WEEK!**

VR & ROBOTICS

PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEOGRAPHY

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**WINDHILL 21 SCHOOL**  
BISHOP'S STORTFORD CM23 3QJ

**AGES 5-11, £225 £205 FOR 5 DAYS, 9 AM - 4 PM DAILY**

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## SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2023

JULY - SEPTEMBER

**ACTIVITIES THEY'LL LOVE!**

**WEEK 1**  
**ROBOTICS, VR + TECH FUN**  
Program robots, design games, model 3D creations, experience Virtual Reality, learn to mix like a Pro DJ... plus MEGA LASERTAG! A week of inspiration and creation with MAXIMUM excitement. Children will experiment and challenge themselves, world skills.

**WEEK 2**  
**MINECRAFT + LEGO ENGINEERING**  
Designed for ULTIMATE fun and education! Students can dive into Minecraft Education and design game elements, build Redstone circuits and learn coding fundamentals. Then take a deeper look into engineering using LEGO bricks combined with sensors and motors to create cool inventions powered by code.

**WEEK 3**  
**PHOTOGRAPHY, VIDEOGRAPHY + CRAFTS**  
Is your child obsessed with Youtube and Tik Tok? Join us for a complete masterclass in capturing and editing like a pro, whilst instilling safety and proper practice. Plus, a BONUS Arts and Crafts session each day that will become their content focus.

**WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP**

Packed Lunch and Snacks (not needed)

Water Bottle

Medication if Required

Weather Appropriate Clothing

★★★★★  
"Both my son and daughter had lots of fun, made new friends, learnt new skills and will not stop talking about the Robots!"  
Lucy Hunt - St Ebbe's Primary School

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