



NEWSLETTER – 30th June 2023

VALUE: Respect

Focus: Valuing special places

“In everything - in every circumstance – do to others as you would have them do to you.0
(Matthew 7:12)

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Outdoor Learning Day: Knowing how capricious the weather can be, it is perhaps no surprise that the day we'd chosen for our outdoor learning day turned out to be one of the wettest in recent weeks. This day was something we planned way back in the autumn term when we had a review of well being and children told us that they would love more opportunities to learn outside. The intention was to test out a number of ideas and also to provide a day for the children to work in mixed age groups, something we have not done so much of recently.

So, with a few adjustments and a hope for better weather in the afternoon, the day commenced. The day consisted of five activities that the children took part in. Each group included children from Nursery up to Year 6. The mixed age collaboration days promote belonging in the school community, encourage children to work with others than their usual group and provide the opportunity for that super level of support that our children love to give to those younger than themselves.

The day included activities that encourage creativity, focus, independence and teamwork. Recent training we have accessed on wellbeing, focused on the benefits that children gain when problem solving with other children, whilst the adults take a step back, allowing them to work things through together. The den building, in particular, aimed to do this and after a safety briefing, the children just got on with it (apart from asking for some of the bigger branches to be cut in half by Mr Priestley).

The five activities were:

1. Making dream catchers



2. Observational drawing and texture rubbings



3. Making musical instruments from recycled bottles and natural materials,



4. Creating pictures by pounding an imprint of plants onto fabric



5. Den building.



The day ended with a whole school assembly with children from each group sharing their work and talking about what they had gained and enjoyed.

Some enjoyed the close attention to detail in the drawing and dream catchers, others the experience of working with different materials and techniques, particularly the leaf and plant 'bashing', some the use of natural materials and the fun of making lots of noise with their instruments and others the physicality of the den building with the opportunity to give their den a theme or specific style by adding leaves, camouflage and in one case creating a seating area outside, complete with fire pit and marshmallow toasting forks.

It was clear, when every child put their thumbs up, that they had experienced a great day. The range of activities had something for everyone, and the creative and collaborative aspects enabled all of the children to experience success.

There were immediate requests to do this again and no doubt we will. Thanks to Miss Green and Mrs Le Duc for planning this and for all the adults including Mr Priestley for their hard work.

I am looking forward to seeing lots of you here on Saturday for the Summer Fair.

Have a lovely weekend.

Jeremy Fisher

MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Father Simon writes:

This Sunday's gospel reading at Great St Mary's contains an intriguing statement from Jesus: "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me." [Matthew 10:40]



So, it seems, whoever welcomes me as a Christian into their life, also welcomes Jesus into their life. And whoever welcomes Jesus, welcomes the one who sent Jesus, namely God. I'm sure you'll agree, that's a lot of responsibility on Christian shoulders as we welcome others, and others welcome us!

What's more, Jesus doesn't set any borders or boundaries for this level of inclusion and welcome. It's about showing respect - our current collective worship theme - both to our neighbour and the stranger.

But it can seem so countercultural - both countercultural perhaps to our own personal comfort levels and to the policies enforced by nations and states all around the world. Indeed, am I being too cynical in suggesting it seems countercultural to the very nature of humanity?



After all, it seems far more engaging - perhaps at times even more exciting - to watch the clearcut clashes and conflicts of tribes or individuals than to bother to explore the subtleties of an argument or issue. It's the mindset which fuels so much of the 'them vs us' traffic on social media. There may often be legitimate and compelling reasons to consider the impact of such black or white issues, but if an inhospitable, exclusive attitude is unnecessarily embedded within so many of the stories which swirl around us, then it shows how out of step we might be with Jesus' teaching, who so often talked about the importance of welcome, inclusion, and hospitality.

So where's our witness to welcoming others, and therefore welcoming into all our lives Jesus and the one who sent him? What does it look like in our lives, in our school, in our community, in our national policies, in our very attitudes?

Jesus didn't say that we have to agree on everything, but he pretty clearly told us to be welcoming. And, as the biblical author of the letter to the Hebrews reminds us, when we welcome strangers, we may well be entertaining angels unaware!

Have a great weekend,

Fr Simon



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Sapphire

Lisa
Lyra
Kaiya



Diamond

Toby

Emerald

Grace

STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ✚ Tillie for being alert and completing all tasks.

Sapphire

- ✚ Henry for excellent listening and focus.
- ✚ Jessica for always having her hand up ready to share ideas and answers.

Emerald

- ✚ Zainab for hard work and progress in maths.
- ✚ Millie for her great work in maths this week.

Diamond

- ✚ Charlie S for good enterprise skills.
- ✚ Oscar for excellent work in History.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School
Attendance – 96.15%**

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

- ✚ **Parent Consultations** will be held on **Monday 3rd July from 1.00 – 6.30 pm for Diamond, Emerald and Sapphire classes in school.** Bookings can be done in Arbor by clicking on **Guardian Consultations** and selecting a time from the drop-down menu. If you have not yet booked, please contact the office.
- ✚ **Strike Day – Wednesday 5th July. Ruby Class (only) will be closed** for the day. All other classes will be open, with normal activities and clubs open as usual.
- ✚ **Diamond Class End of Year Presentation** is on **Wednesday 5th July. Diamond parents** are invited to attend at either **2.00 pm or 6.30 pm.** Each child will be coming home with 4 tickets today (2 for each performance). Please return any unused tickets.
- ✚ **Year 6 Enterprise Day – Thursday 6th July** – as part of their enterprise project, the Year 6's will be selling a range of products that they have made.

Parents and carers are invited to attend **immediately after school.**

✚ **Strike Day – Friday 7th July** – school will be **open** as usual.

✚ **Whole School Music Event – Friday 7th July.**
Parents and carers are invited to attend at **2 pm.**
Gates open at **1.45 pm.**

✚ **Rec, Year 1 & Year 2 Trip to Paradise Wildlife Park** is on **Monday 10th July.** If you would like the school to provide a packed lunch for your child, please contact the office by **Monday 3rd July.** **Payments are due on Monday 3rd July.**

✚ **Sports Day** is on **Wednesday 12th July.** The gates will be open from **12.35** for a **12.45 start until the end of the school day.** Children should come dressed in their **PE kit (red top & navy blue shorts).**

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
03/07/23	Parent Consultations
05/07/23	Diamond Class Production
05/07/23	Strike Day – Ruby Class Closed
07/07/23	Whole School Music Event
10/07/23	Rec, Y1 & Y2 Trip to Paradise Wildlife Park
10/07/23	Teddy Bear's Picnic - Nursery
12/07/23	Diamond Class Last Swimming Lesson
12/07/23	Sports Day
13/07/23	Transition Day
13/07/23	New Nursery/Reception Welcome Morning
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

Website: www.spellbrook.herts.sch.uk



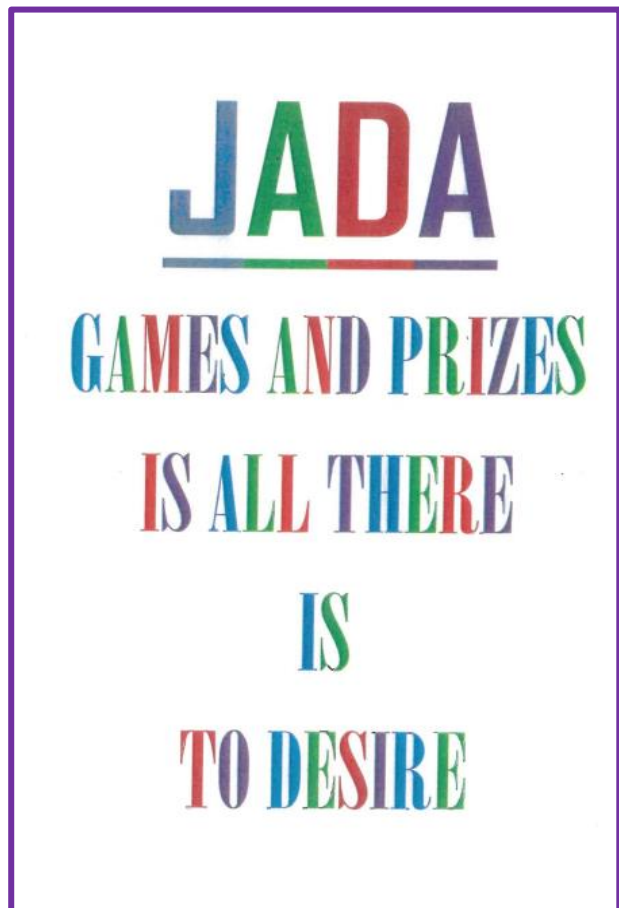
Year 6 Enterprise Day

Thursday 6th July

Immediately after school

Parents and carers are invited.

Please bring change





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
Mobile: 07817 528652

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www.wellbeangardening.com

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Spellbrook C of E Primary School

Dear Parents,

21.05.23

Mr Dave Biggs will continue to deliver after school clubs, which will begin on Tuesday 6th June.

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

Tuesday

Football

Thursday

Capture the flag

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

Capture the flag is a running focused activity that improves pupils, tactics, teamwork, endurance and communication skills.

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: enquires@gjwsports.co.uk

Best wishes,

Mr Gershon Jack Williams
GJWSports LIMITED
07519 722135
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cooked breakfast
served at 8am



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cooked
breakfast

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availability

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**The Mayor of Sawbridgeworth -
Councillor Ruth Buckmaster -
and The Town Council of Sawbridgeworth**



**Sunday 9th July 2023
3pm**



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24th July - 31st August

**Sports & Activity Camp
Football Camp
Mini Camp**



Ages 4-12

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**Sunday 2nd July 2023
2:30pm & 4:15pm**

**Drill Hall, 17 Amwell End,
Ware SG12 9HP**

Conductor: John Lander Leader: Emily Groom
TICKETS: £12 Adults £7 Students/children
£34 Family Ticket (2 adults+2 children)

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**Saturday 15th July 2023
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St Clare SUMMER FAYRE



SATURDAY

8th July

✽ 2023 ✽

11am - 4pm

St Clare Hospice,
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Dogs welcome, Yummy food,
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24th July - 11th August - 9am - 3pm

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For help, contact Chris on 07415376329

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Dance

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and well-being

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Hertfordshire



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