



## NEWSLETTER – 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**VALUE: Thankfulness**

**‘Always be thankful.’ 1 Thessalonians 5.16**



**The New Ruby Class having fun outside.**

### FROM THE HEADTEACHER

After a great summer break, we are delighted to be back in school and eager to commence the new school year. The teachers came back to work last Friday and spent two days training. One day focused on safeguarding and child protection, ensuring that all are fully aware of the latest guidance and procedures. The other day was a very practical day and put the staff into the role of being the learners. This term we shall be introducing a new element to our curriculum, which will fit into parts of PE, PSHE and outdoor learning and aims to promote character development. In order to understand the programme, the staff were required to take part in a number of activities and challenges. As a great deal of this involves problem solving and working as a team, that is what the staff were required to do. We had fun even as we learned and reflected on all the benefits the children can gain from this. It is called Commando Joe's and will be rolled out across the school, starting this term.



Our youngest children have started their phased transition into school. It is going very well, and all seem to be coping. They are enjoying having fun together and getting to know each other as well as getting used to all of the daily routines. (see above)

Sapphire Class have been enjoying the weather outside and using their new play equipment. We are hoping that their new climbing equipment will have the surface completed at the start of next week and be available for use before the end of the week. They have also started their more formal curriculum and I will enjoy teaching some of Sapphire class, currently the Year 1s, for maths every Friday.





Emerald have started their science topic on rocks and have been comparing and grouping together different kinds of rocks based on their appearance. Over time they will learn more about the different types of rocks and how they are formed. They will also continue to develop their observational and descriptive skills.



Diamond Class are starting their first history topic of the year, WW2, and have created these Blitz skylines using a colourwash and black silhouettes.



Next week there will be meet the teacher sessions after school for Sapphire, Emerald and Diamond Classes. Even if you know the teachers well, this meeting is a good opportunity to find out more about the expectations for the year for your child's class and we would therefore love to see you all. We will arrange some supervision for children so that you can focus on the information from the teacher.

Have a lovely weekend.

Jeremy Fisher

## MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH

### *Father Simon writes:*

I hope you've all managed to find a bit of rest and relaxation during the summer holidays and, as a school community, are raring to get stuck into the new school year.

I'm looking forward to seeing all the pupils and staff on Monday for my first Collective Worship with them which, for this first half-term, is going to be on the theme of 'Thankfulness'. So, I'm looking forward to hearing from the pupils about what they're thankful for following their summer break.



At Great St Mary's this Sunday, we're also going to be giving thanks. On this occasion, giving thanks for the patron saint of our church - Mary, the mother of Jesus - because this Sunday is the nearest Sunday to today - September 8<sup>th</sup> - which is the day on which the global Church celebrates Mary's birthday.

And as is tradition for our patronal festival at Great St Mary's, we're having a guest speaker at our 9.30am service. This year, we're going to be joined by PC Gary Bentley, the chair of the Christian Police Association in Hertfordshire, who will be reflecting on his experiences as 'a Christian and a copper'.

And, as we're back into term time, our Sunday Club - with arts and crafts for younger members of our church community - will be running during the 9.30am Sunday service before we end with cake and Prosecco - as well as the usual tea, coffee or squash.

More Prosecco will be freely on offer during our Patronal Festival Bring-Your-Own Picnic lunch which begins at 12.30pm either in Church House or, weather permitting, outside in the churchyard. Our day will then wrap itself up with a Festal Choral Evensong at 5pm.



The weather promises to be good. So, if you're going to be around Sawbridgeworth this Sunday, I do hope you'll consider popping along and joining the celebrations.

God bless,

*Fr Simon*

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Emerald  
Flora



## STARS OF THE YEAR

### Ruby

- ✚ Sidney for his excellent attitude and trying new things.
- ✚ Gracie for her knowledge of school rules and being a role model.

### Sapphire

- ✚ Abel for a great focused approach to his learning this week.
- ✚ George for a superb start back at school this week.

### Emerald

- ✚ Harry F for super, independent maths work.
- ✚ Lilly for her fantastic attitude towards learning.

### Diamond

- ✚ Maizee-Leigh for excellent participation in class discussions.
- ✚ Alden for making a great start to the year with excellent behaviour and work ethic.

## ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School  
Attendance – 93.2%**

**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

- ✚ **Meet the Teacher** – parents are invited for a brief meeting after school as follows:  
**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept – Diamond**  
**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept – Sapphire**  
**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Sept - Emerald**
- ✚ **Emerald Class Swimming** starts on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September** (current Year 2 & 3).
- ✚ **Football Club** resumes on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September** and **Dodgeball Club** resumes on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September** for children in **Reception to Year 6**. To book, please click on the link: [www.gjwsports.co.uk](http://www.gjwsports.co.uk)
- ✚ **Gardening Club** resumes on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September** from **3.20 – 4.30 pm** for children in **Year 3 to 6**. To sign up, please see the flyer below.
- ✚ **The Secret Art Club** is new to Spellbrook and starts on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September** from **3.20 – 4.20 pm**. The club is open to children in **Reception to Year 6**. Please see the flyer below for information on how to sign up.



## NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Mild Chicken Curry (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>❖ Veggie Sausages with Gravy (Ve) (Red)</li> <li>❖ Sweet Chilli Quorn (V) (Green)</li> <li>❖ Tomato Pasta with Cheese (Yellow)</li> <li>❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)</li> </ul>
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Roast Pork (Red)</li> <li>❖ Sheperdess Pie (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>❖ Vegetarian Roll (Ve) (Green)</li> <li>❖ Cheesy Pasta (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> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> <li>❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)</li> </ul>

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
11/09/23	Diamond Class – Meet the Teacher
12/09/23	Sapphire Class – Meet the Teacher
13/09/23	Emerald Class – Meet the Teacher
13/09/23	Emerald Class Swimming Starts
13/09/23	Gardening Club Resumes – Y3-6
14/09/23	Herts & Essex Open Evening – Y6
15/09/23	Secret Art Club Resumes – Rec – Y6
16/09/23	Hockerill Open Morning – Y6
21/09/23	Boys High Open Evening – Y6
26/09/23	Year 2 Scooter Training
28/09/23	Leventhorpe School Open Evening – Y6
02/10/23	School Photos - Individual
04/10/23	Avanti Grange Open Evening – Y6
05/10/23	Birchwood High Open Evening – Y6
13/10/23	Y6 TLM & Height/Weight
23/10/23 – 27/10/23	Half Term
07/11/23	Parent Consultations
29/11/23	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
01/12/23	Occasional Day – School Closed
07/12/23	Pantomime – South Mill Arts
13/12/23	Emerald Class Last Swimming Lesson
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)



# 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

**GJWSports**  
Promoting a healthy & active lifestyle

**GJW Sports Afterschool Clubs**

**Spellbrook C of E Primary School**

Dear Parents,

1.09.23

Mr Dave Biggs will continue to deliver after school clubs, which will begin on Tuesday 12th September and run for 6 weeks.

Please ensure full payment is received by **Monday 10th September**. We cannot accommodate attendance should payment not be received.

Please visit [www.gjwsports.co.uk](http://www.gjwsports.co.uk) to make a registration.

**Tuesday**  
Football

**Thursday**  
Dodgeball

Clubs will start at 15:20 with a collection time of 16:20. Please ensure the collection time is adhered to.

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

Each session will now be priced at a 'back to school' offer of **£6**. I intend to revert rates back to full price after the October half term break.

Best regards,

Gershon Jack Williams

GJWSports

07519 722135

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## Well Bean Gardening

Learning through growing  
Growing through learning

### Start 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
- £36.00 for six sessions September 13 to half-term
- 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 September 13 and make a payment of £36 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 £36 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://www.facebook.com/wellbeangardening)  
[www.wellbeangardening.com](http://www.wellbeangardening.com)



Club Fee  
£6.50 a week

## THE SECRET ART CLUB

With Artist Caroline Clark

### Activities:

- Painting
- Printing
- Drawing
- Pottery
- Collage
- And more!

### Date:

Weekly starting on Friday  
15th September 3.20 - 4.20

### Register interest

Caroline Clark (Caz)  
07847269734

### Address

Spellbrook C of E  
Primary School  
Spellbrook







**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 17<sup>th</sup> September  
at 4pm**

**for fun, food, and crafts  
as we give thanks for a new  
school year and new beginnings**



**Great St Mary's**  
Sawbridgeworth

*Passion for Christ - Compassion for all*

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

*Guided tour of  
Great St Mary's*

**Starting at 2pm**

*£5 for adults  
(under 16s free)  
to include*

*Tea/Coffee & Cake*

Please book via the Parish Office  
Email: [office@sawbridgeworthchurch.org.uk](mailto:office@sawbridgeworthchurch.org.uk)  
or Telephone: 01279 726629

**SPELLBROOK PTA**

**2022/23 IN REVIEW**

**HOW DID WE FUNDRAISE?**

**GIFT SHOPS**

**BAGS TO SCHOOL**

**ICE CREAM FRIDAY**

**MEMORIAL HALL EVENTS**

**SAWBO MAY FAYRE**

**CORONATION TEDDY**

**SUMMER FAIR**

**GIVING MACHINE**

**DONATIONS**

**RAISED JUST  
OVER  
£4,000**

**SPENT**

**£2,070**

**CHRISTMAS SANTA GIFT**

**EASTER EGGS**

**SCHOOL TRIP CONTRIBUTION FOR EVERY CLASS**

**COACH TO LEAVERS CEREMONY & LEAVERS BOOKS**

**PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR RUBY & SAPPHIRE**

**BOUNCY DAY**

**PANTO SNACKS**

**SPORTS DAY ICE LOLLIES**

**THANK YOU!!!!**



Friday 8 September 6 - 8pm

# Choir Open Evening

Come for pizza in the  
Charnley Hall, Windhill



followed by rehearsal in  
St Michael's Church

For more information contact  
stmichaelsbsdom@gmail.com

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[www.saintmichaelweb.org.uk](http://www.saintmichaelweb.org.uk)



HERTFORDSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

# BISHOPS STORTFORD FIRE STATION OPEN DAY

23RD SEPT 2023  
11AM - 3PM

WORKING TO PROTECT. ACTING TO SAVE.  
[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/fire](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/fire)

beeZee bodies

## Supporting Children With Their Body Image Masterclass

It's Free!

Join BeeZee Bodies and lots of other parents on this free Webinar

It will be led by our Nutritionists who can help you with practical tips you can implement. We will be talking all about how to support improve your child's self-confidence and body image. We will offer some tips and resources as well as an opportunity for questions and share experiences!

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/supporting-children-with-body-image-masterclass-tickets-698949706387?aff=oddtcreator>

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 6-7pm  
Scan the QR to Join!

BeeZee Families

Supporting Children with Body Image  
Masterclass Tickets, Tue 12 Sep 2023 at  
[18:00 | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/supporting-children-with-body-image-masterclass-tickets-698949706387?aff=oddtcreator)

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