



NEWSLETTER – 29th September 2023

VALUE: Thankfulness

Focus: Remembering to say thank you

**"Always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."
(Ephesians 5.20)**



Year 2 Scooter lesson

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Walk to School Week: Thank you for getting so involved in Walk to School Week. So many of you have taken part. We are very grateful to the police and local councillors who have joined the staff for the Park and Stride from the Three Horseshoes carpark. Thank you to Mrs Hasty and the Junior Travel Ambassadors for all of their hard work.

Year 2 as part of the sustainable travel focus have had a scooter lesson led by Sarah Elliot (HCC Sustainable Travel Officer). They were developing their control and ability to turn safely. They were practising how to use their brakes to stop and what to be aware of around them before they set off.

They thought about road safety and what they must do to keep themselves safe such as always looking, not crossing roads without their adult, staying close to them, and following their instructions. (see above)



Sapphire Class have been learning how to use the glockenspiels in their music lessons. The children had to find the notes C D E F G and play them in ascending and descending order in time with the music. Mrs McDonald was very impressed with how it sounded! All the children really enjoyed playing their instruments. Sam and Issy particularly loved singing along to the notes as they struck them.

Year 1 have been learning how to compare and group objects in Maths. They have been using the mathematical language, more than and fewer than, to compare objects and numbers. They continued this learning into our outside space, taking full advantage of the magnetic walls!



Emerald Class have been exploring their own thoughts about our Value, thankfulness. They discussed what they are thankful for and then created these lovely hearts using their chosen words and decorated them using a stained-glass window style.



Diamond Class have been conducting an investigation into the best materials for thermal insulation. They tested cups made of different materials filled with hot water and measured the temperature every 2 minutes to see which stayed hottest for longest. This gave a variety of results, but most groups discovered that the plastic cups were the best insulators. They wrote up their investigations, following a scientific process and used the following headings, that you may remember from own science lessons at school:

- Variables
- Fair test
- Method
- Predictions
- Results
- Conclusion.



Have a lovely weekend.

Jeremy Fisher

MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Father Simon writes:

Well, it's that time of year already - Harvest - and I'm really looking forward to seeing the whole school in church on Monday afternoon to celebrate it.

Driving around the countryside recently, I noticed that, for farmers, the harvest had well and truly come to fruition, with fields already being ploughed in readiness for next season. Whether or not it's because of climate change, the harvest seems to get earlier every year. At this rate, we'll be needing to rethink the Church's traditional time in early October of Harvest Sunday!



Whilst acknowledging this past week's 'State of Nature' report which warned that one in six species are at risk of extinction in Great Britain, we still have to thank our lucky stars that we are still so fortunate to live in this country with its relatively consistent level of resources. The disasters that have recently affected Morocco with its terrible earthquake and Libya with the devastating flooding - both of which have resulted in horrendous loss of life - remind us how vulnerable so many other countries are.



But this Sunday morning's harvest gospel story in church (Luke 12:16-30) tells of a man who had a great deal of land that produced a bountiful harvest. Not having barns large enough to store all this grain, he decided to tear down his barns and build larger ones. This would not only give plenty of room for all his grain, but for some prized possessions too.

But Jesus calls into question whether such hoarding is wise and appropriate. He suggests that it too often leads to greed, inequality, and a focus on ourselves rather than, as our school Bible verse reminds us, doing, in everything and in every circumstance, to others as you would have them do to you. (Matthew 7:12)

That's why it will be brilliant seeing all the donations the children will bring to church on Monday which will go to Harlow Foodbank to help those living in our area who are less fortunate than many of us. They'll be recognising the value of sharing with those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Having placed the items around our font, we'll then give thanks in our service for such generosity - not least from you, their parents and carers. So may I thank you in advance for all you're able to offer this harvest. It will be much appreciated by all those who aren't able to support themselves fully at the moment.



Have a great weekend,

Fr Simon

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Diamond

Finley

Isabelle



STARS OF THE YEAR

Ruby

✚ Vinnie for great joining in with challenges especially in maths.

✚ Ralph for super learning and joining in.

Sapphire

✚ Caitlyn for whole class reading partner work.

✚ Teddy for always trying his best.

Emerald

✚ Lyra for great progress in whole class reading.

✚ Dylan for his confident and thoughtful contributions to lessons.

Diamond

✚ Zainab for getting more confident in contributing her ideas in lessons.

✚ Oliver for his enthusiasm and expression when reading.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School
Attendance – 93.76%**

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

✚ **School Photos** - a reminder that the photographer will be in school to take individual photos on **Monday 2nd October**. Please ensure that your child is in full uniform.

✚ **Harvest Service at Great St Mary's Church – Monday 2nd October - 2.15 - 3.00 pm** – the children will be travelling by coach to the church after lunch. Parents/carers are invited to attend. **Children are to be collected from the church promptly at 3.00 pm.** We would kindly welcome donations of non-perishable food items and/or toiletries to be donated to the Harlow Food Bank.

✚ **Gourmet Burger Day – Thursday 5th October** – we will not be following the usual menu on Arbor. We will be serving Quorn Hot Dogs instead of the Vegetarian Roll. If you have already booked the Vegetarian Roll meal in Arbor, we will amend it on the day. Children who normally have a packed lunch are invited to join. Please see the menu below.

✚ **Secret Art Club (Rec – Y6)** runs on a Friday afternoon with limited spaces still available. Please contact Caz on 07847 269 734 to book your child's place.

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Mild Chicken Curry (Red) ❖ Macaroni Cheese (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Veggie Sausages with Gravy (Ve) (Red) ❖ Sweet Chilli Quorn (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Roast Pork (Red) ❖ Shepherdess Pie (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Thursday	GOURMET BURGER DAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Beef Burger in a Bun (Red) ❖ Quorn Hot Dog (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Battered Fish Fillet (Red) ❖ Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
02/10/23	School Photos – Individual - AM
02/10/23	Harvest Festival Service at Great St Mary's Church – 2.15 – 3.00 pm
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
16/01/24	Young Voices @ O2 Arena (Diamond)
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



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served at 8am



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cooked
breakfast

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hours ahead to
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availability

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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 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

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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
Mobile: 07817 528652

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Date:

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15th September 3.20 - 4.20

Register interest

Caroline Clark (Caz)
07847269734

Address

Spellbrook C of E
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Gourmet Burger & Hot Dog Fun Day Menu

Thursday 5th October 2023

Menu

Beef Burger in a Bun (Red)

Or

Quorn Hot Dog (Green)

Or

Jacket Potato (Yellow)

Cheese Roll (Blue)

Sides

Potato Wedges

Pasta

Sweetcorn

Baked Beans

Dessert

Cookies, Jelly or Fruit



Town Walk

Saturday 30th September 2023
11am to 2pm

Please join us for an hour or so and explore the town on a short walk (1 hour) by visiting our 'Stop-Off' points. Map supplied.

Have a fun time taking your 'Selfies' and sharing them with friends!

Sunny the SawboSaurus will be joining us too

For more information please visit our website

www.sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk

"Come and meet me
~ have lots of fun on
the town walk"



Location—Bell Street Car Park (look for the signs directing you to collect your map)

Please note that 'Stop-Off Points' will finish at 2pm, so give yourself plenty of time to get around.



Event Organisers: Sawbridgeworth Town Council



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Fridays 17:30 - 18:25



LITTLE WICKETS
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For bookings, please visit our bookings page where you will find all the information you need, including session fees, a detailed schedule, and registration instructions.

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