



## NEWSLETTER – 6<sup>th</sup> October 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)**



### Harvest Service at Great St Mary's Church

#### FROM THE HEADTEACHER

**Harvest Service:** On Monday, the whole school travelled down to Great St Mary's Church for our Harvest Service. We use a coach, and it takes two trips to fit everyone in and some of the younger children love the excitement of getting on a coach. I am so pleased to see the large number of parents that join us for our services now (we virtually fill the church) and the staff and I relish these opportunities to come together with you the wider Spellbrook family. Father Simon regularly reminds us that Great St Mary's Church is our church. As the linked school, we gain so much when we are able to come together sharing our Values and aspirations for the children.

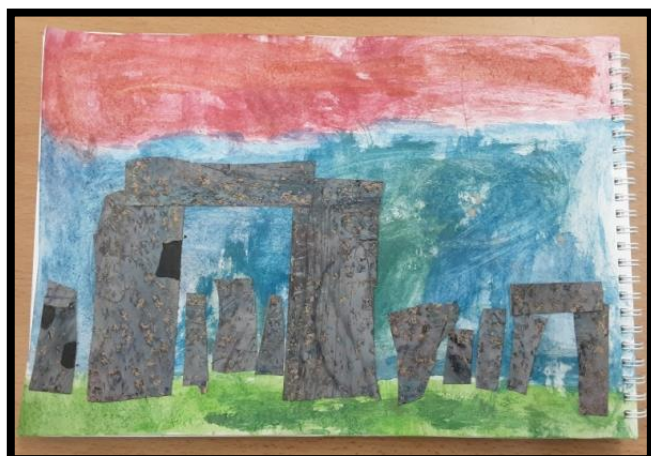


The Harvest Service was very enjoyable. The preparation by the teachers and children was very evident in the beautifully read bible texts and the Creation Poem that was shared by members of the worship team and other pupils from Diamond and Emerald classes. The children from Sapphire and Ruby Classes are developing their confidence in coming to the front and they shared poems and prayers that they have written. Father Simon with some volunteers helped us to think about the word Harvest and how the letters can be used to spell earth, serve and heart and this helps us appreciate the meaning of this festival. The Harvest songs that remind us of all that we should be thankful for were beautifully sung.



It was lovely to see all of the items for the local Food Bank in the combined donation from the congregation of Great St Mary's Church, the pupils and parents from Fawbert and Barnard Infant's School and the donations from our own pupils and parents. We know these items will be greatly appreciated and will help out those in need in our local area.

**Beautiful Artwork:** Emerald Class's science topic is all about rocks. There are art links with the topic and the children have been developing the skills to draw different types of rock. A few weeks ago, they learned how to make a 2-dimensional drawing appear to have depth. They have now applied these skills and worked with water colours, pastels and paper to create these truly dramatic mixed-media images of Stonehenge.



**Yellow Book Music Recording:** On Wednesday morning, a small number of Sapphire and Diamond children joined a collective of other local schools at High Wych primary to sing and record a music video for the Yellow Book project. They all came together to record parts of a song that is being used for a national project on gratitude. The children sang lines to a new song, learned sign actions for their part, jointly clapped a rhythm, and spoke about the things they are thankful for. As per expectations, their behaviour was exceptional and together with the other children, they sounded beautiful.

### WWII News

Diamond Class have been using the knowledge they have gained in their World War II History topic to produce authentic looking news sheets. They watched videos and had discussions to find out how the war began, then considered what it would have been like to be a journalist at that time. They used the formats and photographs on the Purple Mash app and put together their reports. Writing for different purposes is part of the English curriculum and producing digital documents, part computing. When the different areas of learning such as history, English and computing come together, it enables the children to explore their understanding and apply skills in a meaningful context, making learning both more memorable and more enjoyable.

Have a lovely weekend.

Jeremy Fisher





## MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH

*Father Simon writes:*

### *Overflowing love*

Amy Carmichael (1867–1951) was an Irish Christian missionary in India who opened an orphanage and founded a mission in Dohnavur in southern India. There she served for 55 years and wrote 35 books about her work as a missionary. This is an excerpt from her book 'Edges of His Ways' (SPCK 1955).



*In Tamil, we have a polite word which tells someone who asks for something that we have run short of it; that we have nothing to give. That word is 'Poochiam'.*

*One day, I felt like saying Poochiam about love; I had run short of it. I was in the Forest, and I had just read a letter that was hard to answer lovingly. I was sitting by The Pool at the time, and presently began to watch the water flow down through the deep channel worn in the smooth rocks above it. There was always inflow, so there was always outflow. Never for one minute did the water cease to flow in, and never for one moment did it cease to flow out; and I knew, of course, that the water that flowed out was the water that flowed in. The hollow that we called The Pool had no water of its own, and yet all the year round there was an overflow.*



*God hath not given you the spirit of fear... but of love.*

*If love flows in, love will flow out. Let love flow in. That was the word of The Pool. There is no need for any of us to run short of love. We need never say Poochiam.*

Have a great weekend,

*Fr Simon*

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Diamond  
Harry

## STARS OF THE WEEK

### Ruby

- ✚ Lily for a growth in confidence and sharing ideas in class.

### Sapphire

- ✚ Charlotte for fantastic effort in writing.
- ✚ Lucas for super concentration and hard work in maths.

### Emerald

- ✚ Harrison for his perseverance and progress in maths this week.

- ✚ Waris for fantastic progress and contributions in lessons.

### Diamond

- ✚ Alice for excellent writing in English lessons.
- ✚ Oscar for supporting and encouraging others in PE.

## ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School  
Attendance – 96.96%**

**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

- ✚ **Lost Property** – if your child is missing any uniform or water bottles, please check the lost property box in the reception area.

- ✚ **Diamond Trip to Duxford** takes place on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October**. Please ensure your child arrives promptly on the day and brings a packed lunch. If you would like the school to provide a packed lunch for your child, please contact the office.

- ✚ **Year 6 TLM & Height/Weight** – the school nurse will be in school on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October** to weigh/measure the Year 6's and carry out The Lancaster Model questionnaire. If you do not want your child to participate, please contact the school nursing team at [hct.shwbswh@nhs.net](mailto:hct.shwbswh@nhs.net) or by telephone - 0300 123 7572.

## NEXT WEEK'S MENU

| Day     | Menu   |
|---------|--|
| Monday  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Chicken &amp; Sweetcorn Meatballs (Red)</li> <li>❖ Bean &amp; Vegetable Grill (Ve) (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>❖ Mild Vegetable Curry (Ve) (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> </ul>   |

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| Date                | Event   |
|---------------------|---|
| 12/10/23            | Diamond Trip to Duxford                               |
| 13/10/23            | Y6 TLM & Height/Weight                                |
| 23/10/23 – 27/10/23 | Half Term   |
| 31/10/23            | Deadline to apply for secondary school place – Year 6 |
| 07/11/23            | Parent Consultations                                  |
| 08/11/23            | Annual General Meeting (AGM)                          |
| 29/11/23            | Nasal Flu Vaccinations                                |
| 01/12/23            | Occasional Day – School Closed                        |

|           |   |                     |                                    |
|-----------|---|---------------------|------------------------------------|
|           | ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)                      | 07/12/23            | Pantomime – South Mill Arts        |
| Wednesday | ❖ Roast Beef (Red)                        | 13/12/23            | Emerald Class Last Swimming Lesson |
|           | ❖ Potato Topped Vegetable Pie (V) (Green) | 20/12/23            | Last Day of Autumn Term 23         |
|           | ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)                  | 04/01/24            | Inset 3                            |
|           | ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)                      | 05/01/24            | Inset 4                            |
| Thursday  | ❖ Quorn Hot Dog (V) (Red)                 | 08/01/24            | First Day Back                     |
|           | ❖ Beany Pasta Bake (Ve) (Green)           | 16/01/24            | Young Voices @ O2 Arena (Diamond)  |
|           | ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)                  | 19/02/24 – 23/02/24 | Half Term                          |
|           | ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)                      | 26/02/24            | First Day Back                     |
| Friday    | ❖ Fish Fillet Fingers (Red)               | 28/03/24            | Last Day of Spring Term            |
|           | ❖ Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) (Green)       | 15/04/24            | First Day Back                     |
|           | ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)                  | 06/05/24            | Early May Bank Holiday             |
|           | ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)                      | 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

# HOLIDAY CAMPS

Half-term: 23rd - 27th October

**Sports & Activity Camp** (years 3-7)

**Football Camp** (years 1-7)

**Mini Camp** (reception, years 1+2)



Ages 4-12

To make a booking please visit: [gjwsports.co.uk](http://gjwsports.co.uk)  
9am-3pm, advance booking £22 per day (£26 on the day)

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



[www.gjwsports.co.uk](http://www.gjwsports.co.uk)

## 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)

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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://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







# HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

£36  
per child

Sibling  
discount  
available

Monday 23rd October  
St Albans (Garden Fields)

Tuesday 24th October  
Cambridge (Queen Edith)

Wednesday 25th October  
Saffron Walden (RAB)

Thursday 26th October  
Hertford (St Joseph's in the Park)

Friday 27th October  
Bishop's Stortford (Farnham)

Professor Fab and her  
gaggle of wizarding  
scientists will help you make  
colour-changing potions,  
flying broomsticks,  
toothpaste for giants and  
truly gruesome ghou-  
l-snot.

Camps run 10am to 3pm and are open  
to all children aged 5-11 years.

For more information visit the Fab  
Science website.

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# HOLIDAY CAMP SPECIAL EVENTS

October half-term

Bike/scooter skills: Tuesday 24th

Bouncy castle: Wednesday 25th

Water balloons: Thursday 26th

Cupcake decoration: Friday 27th



Events subject to change dependent on weather

Ages 4-12

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9am-3pm, advance booking £22 per day (£26 on the day)

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Registered

## SWIM AT THE COLLEGE

### 5-Day Swim Course

Monday 23 —  
Friday 27 October

Session times (subject to availability):

Session 1: 08:00—08:30

Session 2: 08:30—09:00

Session 3: 09:00—09:30

Session 4: 09:30—10:00

Suitable for children from  
Reception—Form 2/Year 6  
(ages 4½—11)

All abilities welcome

£60 for the week.

Scan the QR code to  
book your child's space



AT THE COLLEGE

## OCTOBER HOLIDAY CAMPS

AT BISHOP'S STORTFORD COLLEGE

23 – 27 October 2023

College Camp is back at Bishop's Stortford College offering  
a range of exciting activities for all children aged 4½ - 13 years.

### Action Activities

Crammed full of high energy activities, games, arts  
and crafts as well as daily swimming and inflatables  
on Friday.

From £36  
per day\*

### Creative Minds

Ignite your child's imagination with a range of  
arts and crafts and engaging activities including  
photography, ceramics and more.

For more information about all our holiday camps and to book please visit  
[BishopsStortfordCollege.org](http://BishopsStortfordCollege.org)

Camps run from 9.00am – 3.30pm, early drop off and late  
pick up available at additional cost. All College Camps are  
run by Bishop's Stortford College Camp team. \*From £36  
per day based on a weekly booking. Childcare vouchers  
accepted.

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