



## NEWSLETTER – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

**VALUE: Justice**

**Focus: Seeing the Whole Picture**

**'Learn to do right. Seek justice.'** Isaiah 1.17



### FROM THE HEADTEACHER

**Chicks:** As you have most probably heard, we have had special fluffy visitors over the past two weeks. The children have been fascinated by how much the chicks have grown in such a short amount of time. All of the classes have been able to visit the chicks and have cuddles (Ruby Class has never been so popular!) The chicks have not only helped with the understanding of the life cycle of animals but have also helped us how to learn how to care for animals with respect and kindness. They have also played a therapeutic role to support some children with their emotions. Needless to say, we were all very sad when they left Thursday afternoon.

Some of the younger children shared their thoughts:

Esme: "I liked it when I had a fluffy animal to stroke."

Lily: "We had to hold them carefully."

Tillie: "They made me feel happy."

Cara: I miss them because they have gone to their new homes."

Devon: "I felt excited when I got to hold them."

Jacob: "They felt tickly in my hand."



**This week for R.E,** Sapphire Class looked at the traditions associated with Palm Sunday. They created palm leaf fans by drawing around their hands and cutting out the shapes. They then re-enacted Jesus arriving on a donkey to Jerusalem. The children enjoyed singing one of our hymns that we have learnt during our Collective Worship. "We have a king who rides a donkey", which we will be singing on Monday at our Easter Service at Great St Mary's Church.



For their R.E, Emerald Class have been learning about salvation and relating it to the Easter Story. They have been discussing the different emotions that the followers of Jesus, and Jesus himself, may have experienced at different times, during the events of Holy Week. They also linked this to the way that Christians today may reflect on and celebrate Easter. They particularly thought that Palm Sunday would be a joyous, happy time, Good Friday would be a time for sadness and thoughtful reflection and that Easter Sunday a time for hope and celebration. They then created their own triptych artwork to reflect these different feelings and events.



**Author Visit:** We mentioned during World Book Week, that we would be having a visit from an author. Today author, Steve Clifford spent time with us. He has written a number of different series of books for children of different ages and has visited over 600 primary schools promoting the joy of reading and writing.

[Home - C.S. Clifford - Author writing for all ages \(csclifford.co.uk\)](http://csclifford.co.uk)

Today, he set writing tasks, led writing workshops and read stories as he visited each class throughout the day. Some classes had more than one visit. Diamond Class had a writing lesson in which they were given a scenario set in the future. Steve explained that there were some things about the future that are straight forward to predict but for everything else you can use your imagination. Once given the scenario, the children were provided with a starting point and elements that they needed to include. They then wrote their stories. I had a look at some of the Diamond Class writing and was impressed with their ideas and the enthusiasm shown, particularly by some of our less confident writers. Emerald had a writing workshop where they were given ideas and elements to include in their sentences. When I went in, they having great pleasure reading out what they had written. It was clear that they were having fun with the ideas given. Sapphire and Ruby both had a story. Their story was based on the Ugly Duckling and the children got fully involved in the retelling. It has been a super day and Steve's enthusiasm, and enjoyment has been part of why this has been a great experience for the children. Hopefully, some of them will even become authors in their own right.



Steve will be around after school today, selling and signing his books.

**Walk and Wheel to School:** Thank you to all of the families who have walked, wheeled or parked up and walked in this week. Despite the mixed weather, many of you have been able to join in and promote sustainable travel. My gratitude goes to the staff who have helped families cross the busy roads.



**Internet Information For Parents - Supporting Children with SEND.**

Internet Matters have a great range of guides and advice hubs available for parents of neurodivergent children including connecting and sharing online, online gaming and more. You can access all the guides [HERE](#).

Have a lovely weekend,

Jeremy Fisher



**MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH**

**Father Simon writes:**

I think I've commented before how, because we're all very busy in our preparations leading up to Christmas, people outside the daily goings-on of the church think that Christmas is the busiest time of year for a priest. Actually, it's this coming week - Holy Week, leading up to Easter Sunday - that's by far the busiest.



The church diary is full of services and events this coming week (you can see the list on the flyer at the bottom of this newsletter) as we chart a course from this Sunday and our remembrances of Jesus' triumphant arrival on the back of a donkey, through his apparent ignominious defeat - both for himself and his followers - on a Roman cross which we'll recall this Good Friday, to recognising and celebrating on Easter Sunday his resurrection to new life.

Needless to say, it's a rollercoaster of emotions for anybody who believes in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And, if you're not sure about that belief, you might find investigative journalist Lee Strobel's book *'The Case for Christ'* an interesting read.

If we are believers in the veracity of Jesus' claims, that has repercussions for our lives. We can't continue to live lukewarm lives as if such a belief has no consequences. Whilst living in accordance with our country's laws, as Christians, we have to acknowledge that we have to hold ourselves accountable to a much higher power.

So this Holy Week - whether you'd call yourself a Christian or not - I hope you're able to find a moment of peace in life's busyness to be able to reflect on your life and its possibilities. And, for those who do consider Jesus to be more than simply a good moral teacher, I hope Holy Week affords you the opportunity to reflect on your own commitment to the Kingdom of God and obedience to his will. May Good Friday be an opportunity to bring to the cross all those things that distract and harm us, and on Easter Day may we find joy as we renew our commitment to God and the lordship of his Son so that we can go about in peace to love and serve him.



Wishing you all a very blessed and thought-provoking Holy Week.

*Fr Simon*

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Sapphire  
Jonas  
Charlotte

Emerald  
Martha

Diamond  
Freddy  
Percy



### ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School  
Attendance – 93.11%**

**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

✚ **Easter Church Service** is on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March** from **2.15 – 3.00 pm** at **Great St Mary's Church, Sawbridgeworth**. The children will be travelling to the church by coach. Pick up will be from the church at **3.00 pm**. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend.

✚ **Red Nose Day** - a huge thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to this worthy cause. We raised **£152.65!**

✚ **Change to Menu on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March** – as it is the last day of term and due to popular demand, the vegetarian option will be **cheese and tomato pizza** instead of Vegetarian Roll. If you have already pre-ordered your child's meal in Arbor, this can be amended in class on the day.

✚ **Last Day of Term** – school breaks up for the Easter break on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March** at the earlier time of **1.30 pm**.

## MENU w/c 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> <li>❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)</li> </ul>
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Roast Pork (Red)</li> <li>❖ Shepherdess Pie (Ve) (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>❖ Cheese &amp; Tomato Pizza (V) (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> <li>❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)</li> </ul>



# SCHOOL DINNERS

✦ School resumes on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April** at the usual time.

✦ **Diamond Class Swimming** starts on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April**. Payment is due by **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
25/03/24	Easter Service
26/03/24	Easter Egg Hunt
28/03/24	Last Day of Spring Term
15/04/24	First Day Back
17/04/24	Diamond Class Swimming Starts
01/05/24	Reception Vision/Hearing Screening
06/05/24	Early May Bank Holiday
23/05/24	Year 6 Crucial Crew
27/05/24 – 31/05/24	Half Term
03/06/24	Inset 5
14/06/24	Bag 2 School
25/06/24	Class Photos
03/07/24 – 05/07/24	Diamond Class Residential
10/07/24	Diamond Class Last Swimming Lesson
11/07/24	Secondary Transition Day
22/07/24	Leavers Service
23/07/24	Last Day of Summer Term
02/09/24	Inset 1
03/09/24	Inset 2
04/09/24	First Day Back
07/10/24	Harvest Service
14/10/24	Individual Photos
28/10/24 – 01/11/24	Half Term
29/11/24	Occasional Day
02/12/24	Christmas Decoration Day
12/12/24	Panto
20/12/24	Last Day of Term
23/12/24 – 03/01/24	Christmas Break
06/01/25	Inset 3
07/01/25	Inset 4
08/01/25	First Day Back
17/02/25 – 21/02/25	Half Term
24/02/25	First Day Back
04/04/25	Last Day of Term
07/04/25 – 21/04/25	Easter Break
22/04/25	First Day Back
05/05/25	Early May Bank Holiday

26/05/25 – 30/05/25	Half Term
02/06/25	Inset 5
03/06/25	First Day Back
23/07/25	Last Day of 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*

# An Easter Celebration

**Holy Saturday  
30<sup>th</sup> March**

**Pop in between  
3 and 4pm**

*Enjoy a range of Easter crafts  
and activities for younger  
members of the family*



## *Holy Week and Easter* at *Great St Mary's Church, Sawbridgeworth*

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March - 8pm - church**  
**HOLY WEEK MEDITATIONS**

Three meditations in church followed by the service of compline

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March - 8pm - church**  
**MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE AND WATCH**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March - GOOD FRIDAY**  
9.30am - **The Stations of the Cross** - church  
12.30-1.45pm - **Frugal lunch** - Church House  
2pm - **GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY** - church

A remembrance of our Lord's passion and death

**Holy Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March - 3 till 4pm - church**  
**AN EASTER CELEBRATION**

Holy Week and Easter crafts, including the creation of the Easter Garden,  
for younger members of the family

**Holy Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March - 8pm - church**  
**EASTER VIGIL SERVICE**

The first celebration of Easter including the lighting of the Easter Candle

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March - EASTER DAY**  
8am - **Said Holy Communion (BCP)** - church  
9.30am - **EASTER DAY EUCHARIST**

With joyful Easter hymns, Handel's 'Hallelujah Chorus',  
and followed by an Easter egg hunt and Prosecco!

# 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

## Easter Holidays Sports Camps

Promoting a healthy and active lifestyle

### Sports + Activity Camp

9am-3pm

- Reception - year 7
- Tuesday 2nd - Friday 5th April
- Monday 8th - Friday 12th April

### Mini Camp

- Reception and years 1-2
- Tuesday 2nd - Thursday 4th April
- Tuesday 9th - Thursday 11th April

### Special Events

- Bike/scooter skills: Tuesdays 2nd + 9th April
- Biscuit/cupcake decoration: Fridays 5th + 12th April

Advance booking: £23 per day  
Booking on the day: £28

Readings: Junior School, Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth, HERTS, CM21 9DD

Book online at: [gjwsports.co.uk](http://gjwsports.co.uk)

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GJW SPORTS

## Easter Holidays Football Camp

Promoting a healthy and active lifestyle

Tuesday 2nd - Thursday 4th April Tuesday 9th - Thursday 11th April 9am-3pm

Become a football superstar under the guidance of an FA qualified coach\*

- Skills and drills
- Attacking and defending
- Shooting, free-kicks, penalties
- Tactics + team play
- Match simulation
- Mini tournament

\*Coaching team with 30+ years experience

Advance booking: £23 per day  
Booking on the day: £28

Readings: Junior School, Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth, HERTS, CM21 9DD

Ages 5-11

Book online at: [gjwsports.co.uk](http://gjwsports.co.uk)

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GJW SPORTS

### Easter Holidays Arts + Crafts Camp

Tuesdays 2nd - 9th April

9am-3pm

Ages 7-11

Become an artist in a fun, friendly and playful environment

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

Building creative skills and confidence by exploring different artistic media

Delivered by Hannah Williams

Advance booking: £23 per day  
Booking on the day: £28

Readings: Junior School, Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth, HERTS, CM21 9DD

Book online at: [gjwsports.co.uk](http://gjwsports.co.uk)

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GJW SPORTS

### Easter Holidays Music Camp

Wednesday 3rd April

9am-3pm

Ages 6-11

Children will showcase popular songs from Disney and musicals by singing in groups with harmonies

- From timeless classics to the latest tunes, children will learn to sing as part of a team
- Children will create a short, fun performance of their favourite songs

Delivered by Sophie Davies from ROCKSTEADY

Advance booking: £23 per day  
Booking on the day: £28

Readings: Junior School, Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth, HERTS, CM21 9DD

Book online at: [gjwsports.co.uk](http://gjwsports.co.uk)

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### Easter Holidays Performance Camp

Wednesday 10th April

9am-3pm

Ages 6-11

★ DANCING + ACTING ★  
Unique content taught by industry professional Hannah Alcock

- From groovy moves to expressive story telling, children will experience the essentials of both dancing and acting
- Children will create a short, fun showcase they can be proud of

Delivered by Hannah Alcock

Advance booking: £23 per day  
Booking on the day: £28

Readings: Junior School, Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth, HERTS, CM21 9DD

Book online at: [gjwsports.co.uk](http://gjwsports.co.uk)

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# SECRET ART CLUB PRESENTS



## EASTER ART CAMP

With artist Caroline Clark  
School years 1-2 and 3-6

### Activities:

- Printing
- Collage
- 3D work
- Painting on wood
- Plus feed the chickens
- Outside space with trampoline

### Dates:

- Monday April 8th 9am - 1pm - KS1 or 5-7 years
- Tuesday April 9th 9am - 3pm - KS2
- Wednesday April 10th 9am - 3pm KS2

### Book now at:

[www.carolineclarkartist.com](http://www.carolineclarkartist.com)  
07847 269 734

### Address:

The Secret Art House  
Behind Sheering Village Hall  
Sheering  
CM22 7LX

Advance booking  
£30

Booking on the day  
£35

## Well Bean Gardening



Learning through growing  
Growing through learning

Our After-School Gardening Club starts again on Wednesday Feb 28 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 September 28 to Easter Holidays
- 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 5

If you would like your child to attend, please return the slip below to the school office before Wednesday FEBRUARY 28 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 & Instagram page (please check 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 social media 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

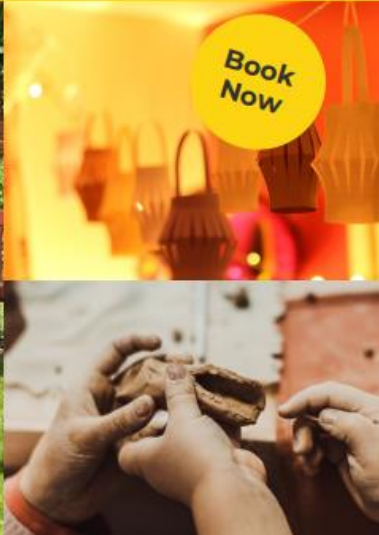
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Instagram: @wellbeangardening

# Easter Holiday Activities

29 March - 14 April 2024

Join us for our Egg-cellent Easter Craft Activities, take part in our new exhibition This Fractured Land inspired art classes, celebrate Eid with paper craft, step back in time to Victorian Bucks and make your own paper pet for National Pet Day! Plus enjoy our Easter Egg Trail on every day of the holidays.

For more event details, charges and to book please scan the QR code or visit [discoverbucksmuseum.org](http://discoverbucksmuseum.org)



FREE

**Saturday 30 March – Easter Eggstravaganza!**  
**Family Day FREE** with standard admission charges, drop in 10am - 4pm. Suitable for ages 3+

**Monday 1 April – Hatch An Easter Pompom Chick!**  
 £3.50, drop in 10am - 4pm. Suitable for ages 4+

**Tuesday 2 April – Make A Fossil! 2 hour workshop**  
 £7, 10am - 12pm. Suitable for ages 5+

**Wednesday 3 April – A World Of Your Own!**  
 £3.50, drop in 10am - 1pm. Suitable for ages 3+

**Thursday 4 April – Introduction to Ink Drawing. 2 hour workshop**  
 £6, 10am - 12pm. Suitable for ages 11+

**Friday 5 April – Eggcellent Experiments! 1 hour workshop**  
 £6, 10.15am - 11.15am or 1.30pm - 2.30pm. Suitable for ages 5+

**Monday 8 April – Celebrating Eid!**  
 £3.50, drop in 10am - 12pm or 1pm - 3pm. Suitable for ages 3+

**Tuesday 9 April – Bucks Back In Time: The Victorians**  
 £4.50, drop in 10am - 12pm or 1pm - 3pm. Suitable for ages 5+

**Wednesday 10 April – Let's Print!**  
 £4, drop in 10am - 12pm or 1pm - 3pm. Suitable for ages 4+

**Thursday 11 April – Make A Pet!**  
 £3.50, drop in 10am - 12pm or 1pm - 3pm. Suitable for ages 4+

**Friday 12 April – Let's Sculpt!**  
 £5, drop in 10am - 12pm or 1pm - 3pm. Suitable for ages 4+

Make a day of it and visit the Roald Dahl Children's Gallery and the rest of the Museum while you're here. We're now open Sundays 12pm - 4pm as well.

For more event details, charges and to book please scan the QR code or visit [discoverbucksmuseum.org](http://discoverbucksmuseum.org)

Enjoy our Easter Egg Trail on every day Friday 29 March - Sunday 14 April

## THE GARDENS OF EASTON LODGE

**Sunday 21 April Blossom Day**

Enjoy the Gardens:

- See & smell the blossom;
- Watch insect pollinators at work;
- Fun trail and crafts for children;
- Music from Karen and Tony; and
- Stalls

Also fascinating history, photos and details from the Archives.

Delicious range of savoury snacks & homemade cakes

**Gardens Open**

**11.00 am - 5.00pm**



[www.eastonlodge.co.uk/whats-on](http://www.eastonlodge.co.uk/whats-on)



Hertfordshire Family Centre Service

**NHS**  
 Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust

**Want to ask the School Nurses a Question?**

**Come to our live Instagram Q&A on the 10/04/2024 at 15:00**



**@hct\_schoolnursing**