



NEWSLETTER – 28th March 2024

VALUE: Justice

Focus: Easter

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



FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Easter Service: This has been a busy final week to the term. It was lovely to see so many families at the church on Monday for our Easter Service. The children and teachers had worked very hard to prepare and practise the poems, prayers, readings and songs. With the contributions from each class and the beautiful singing, this was a lovely way to reflect on the Easter story and what it means to Christians. Father Simon's chocolate tale was enthusiastically received. He has included it in his contribution to this newsletter if you want to check the chocolate references. I really value how attending these services together adds to our identity as a community and thank you for your attendance and support.

Eco Team: The Eco Team presented to the school, explaining their Earth Day Easter Challenge. They have set tasks for the children to complete over Easter for return by Friday the 18th of April.



- making a bird feeder,
- litter picking,
- planting
- creating a poster

More details are included in the Dojo School Story Post from Miss Green (March 26) and in a letter sent out from the office.

The School Council: I am delighted that the School Council are leading us all in a project to provide support for a charity in India who work with children from the Outram slums of northern Delhi, India. Our church, Great St Mary's have supported this group for a number of years. The School Council presented to us all this week and have asked everyone to help with a sponsored event. The intention is to raise money to sponsor a child for a year. – this would pay for a child's education at the academy for a year including meals, books and stationery. The School Council have challenged us to collectively walk the same distance as 50 times the height of the highest mountain in India (Kanchenjunga)



This is a total of 266 miles and it has been averaged out per class:

- Diamond just over 3 miles each (16 laps)
- Emerald 2.5 miles each (12 laps)
- Sapphire just under 2 miles each (8 laps)
- Ruby just under a mile each (4 laps)

This will be quite a challenge for some of the children. The staff will be joining in and the children will be given the time they need. If we all work together, we can achieve this. Sponsor forms have been sent out with the children and a separate letter has more information.

Easter Egg Hunt:

Thank you to the PTA for organising the easter Egg Hunt, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the children. This year, in addition to all of the coloured eggs, there was one Golden Egg for each class to find. The children loved running around searching for eggs. They found ingenious ways to carry their eggs, such as putting them up their sleeves or even in their socks. There were lovely examples of children finding a set quickly, then helping others to locate the ones they were looking for. The children were pleased to receive a chocolate egg at the end of the day.



Easter Bunny: The results from the Name the Easter Bunny competition

| Bunny Names: | Child's Name | |
|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| Button | Issy | Winner |
| Flopsy | Henry | Runner Up |
| Smudge | Flora | Runner Up |
| Toffee | Lily | Runner Up |

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|--------|----------|-----------|
| Benji | Lucas | Runner Up |
| Willow | Jessie K | Runner Up |
| Scamp | Dylan | Runner Up |

I hope you all have a lovely Easter and I look forward to our return and the commencement of the summer term on the 15th of April.

Best wishes,

Jeremy Fisher

MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Father Simon writes:

It was wonderful seeing not only the school but so many parents and carers in church on Monday for the end-of-term Easter service.

At it, I read out a (mock) report from one of the Roman guards who had been asked to guard the tomb in which Jesus' dead body was lying. The report covered the events of the night before that first Easter Day when, it seems, the stone at the entrance to the tomb was mysteriously rolled away and the resurrected Jesus came forth.



The report also suggests that this particular Roman guard was a chocolate-addict because it contained the names of 31 types of chocolate. I challenged the congregation to count how many they noticed. Many claimed to notice all 31; indeed, some claimed they'd heard 32!! So, for the record, here is that Roman guard's report, recording the events of a night which Christians believe changed the course of all history.

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It was one Saturday night - **After Eight** - and me and my mate, **Freddo**, were being paid a **Bounty** to guard this tomb. "Guard a tomb?" you say. Yeah - that's a **Whole Nut** of an idea, I know.

There was this guy, you see. We'd executed him on the Friday, but he had said he would come back to life, so we were there to make sure he stayed dead! No really, I'm not **Lion**! You think that's mad? Join the **Club**!

Now my mate is a bit of a **Smartie**. So while we're stood guarding this tomb and its dead body, he says, "Why don't we have a **Picnic**?" And I thought, 'Well, why not? I could do with some **Time Out**.'

So we sat down and we ate our sandwiches - **Crème egg** and cress for me. Then I thought I'd do some **Chomp**-ing on some **Fruit and Nut** for one of me five-a-day. I washed it all down with a nice big glass of **Dairy Milk**.

Anyway, back to the **Topic** at hand. After our food we were **Flaked** out and ... well ... I'm not going to **Fudge** the facts, we fell asleep. I know we shouldn't have, but we did. We loosened our **Buttons**, pulled off our **Snickers** (that's sneakers, not knickers!), and lay down under the **Milky Way**.

Next thing I know, there's a **Crunchie** sound like when you **Rolo** way a stone. I sat bolt upright. "What **Kinder Surprise** is this?" I said. Me and me mate couldn't have been more shocked if a **Penguin** had arrived on a **Double Decker** bus!

And what was it, this surprise? Only an angel - clothes all **Milky Bar** white and hair all **Curly Wurly** - just sitting there, on top of the entrance stone and the dead guy's tomb open!

Me and my mate, we were in a complete **Twirl** I don't mind telling ya. We were so scared we called for our **Mars**! But just before we fainted clean away we heard a **Ripple** of fabric from the tomb... seems the dead guy wasn't so dead after all! Then I heard a **Wispa** as he stepped out. He winked at me and said, "**Aero, mate!** I'm Jesus!" You could have knocked me down with a feather!

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Wishing you all a wonderful and very chocolatey Easter,

Fr Simon

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK AND OVER THE EASTER BREAK



Sapphire
Sam J

Diamond
Stanley H



STARS OF THE TERM

Ruby

- ✚ Peter for excellent concentration, enthusiasm and progress within all lessons.
- ✚ Jesse for building in confidence and great focus in lessons.

Sapphire

- ✚ Lorenzo for always having a positive outlook on his learning and trying his best.
- ✚ Charlotte for always trying her best and putting maximum effort into everything she does.

Emerald

- ✚ Lara for her hard work and fantastic contributions.
- ✚ Johnny for his fantastic attitude to learning.

Diamond

- ✚ Mariia for great effort and progress in all of her learning.
- ✚ Ewan for quiet hard work in all lessons.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Whole School
Attendance – 89.69%

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 resumes on Monday 15th April** at the usual time.
- ✚ **Diamond Class Swimming** starts on **Wednesday 17th April**. Payment is due by **Thursday 28th March**.
- ✚ **Gardening Club resumes on Wednesday 17th April to Wednesday 22nd May**.
- ✚ **Lost Property** – we have a lot of unclaimed uniforms in the lost property box. If your child is missing items of uniform, could parents kindly



MENU w/c 15th April 2024

| Day | Menu |
|-----------|---|
| Monday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Pork Sausages with Gravy (Red) ❖ Cheese & Tomato Quiche (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue) |
| Tuesday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Herb Crusted Chicken with Spaghetti Marinara (Red) ❖ Mild Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue) |
| Wednesday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Roast Beef (Red) ❖ Mince Slice (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue) |
| Thursday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Quorn Hot Dog (V) (Red) ❖ Cheesy Spring Vegetable Bake (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) |

check lost property as we will be clearing out the box.

✚ **School Dinner and Breakfast Club Debt** – could we kindly ask that accounts are cleared by the end of day today (28/03/24)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| Date | Event |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| 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 |



SCHOOL DINNERS

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| 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 Website: www.spellbrook.herts.sch.uk

SAWBRIDGEWORTH EVANGELICAL
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH CM21 9EH

Make Lunch

Come and join us for fun, games, crafts and a hot lunch!

We are here to support families needing a helping hand throughout the school holidays.



FREE OF CHARGE!
ALL FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN ARE WELCOME!

Wednesday 3rd & 10th April 2024
11:30 - 13:00

To book please email: makelunch@secchurch.org.uk or
phone/text: 07936 771081

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:
gijwsports.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:
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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

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Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth,
HERTS, CM21 9DD

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Easter Holidays Music Camp

Wednesday 3rd April

9am-3pm

Ages 5-11

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

Children will create a short, fun performance of their favourite songs

Building confidence and self-expression through singing and music

Delivered by Sophie Thomas

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

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Easter Holidays Performance Camp

Wednesday 10th April

9am-3pm

Ages 5-11

★ DANCING + ACTING ★

Unique content taught by industry professional Hannah Adams

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

Building confidence and self-expression through movement and performance

Delivered by Hannah Adams

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

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Book online at:
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SECRET ART CLUB PRESENTS



EASTER ART CAMP

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

Advance booking
£30

Booking on the day £35

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
07847 269 734

Address:

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



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:
 - o Working to improve the school gardens
 - o 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)

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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

facebook.com/wellbeangardening
Instagram: @wellbeangardening



Great St Mary's
Sawbridgeworth

Passion for Christ - Compassion for all

An Easter Celebration

**Holy Saturday
30th 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 25th, Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th March - 8pm - church
HOLY WEEK MEDITATIONS

Three meditations in church followed by the service of compline

Thursday 28th March - 8pm - church
MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE AND WATCH

Friday 29th 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 30th 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 30th March - 8pm - church
EASTER VIGIL SERVICE
The first celebration of Easter including the lighting of the Easter Candle

Sunday 31st 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!

SPRING AT South Mill Arts



**The Little Mermaid:
An Underwater Musical Adventure**

Tue 2nd Apr
2pm
£19.50 | £17.50 Conc.
£70 Family
Ages 5+



**Mark Thompson
Spectacular Science**

Tue 28th May
2.30pm
£19 | £17 Conc.
Ages 5+



Morgan and Wests Massive Magic Show

Thu 30th May
2pm
£15 | £13 Concs.
£52 Family
Ages 5+



**Dinosaur Adventure Live
- Trouble On Volcano Island**

Sat 1st Jun
2pm & 4.30pm
£16 | £18 Premium
"Danger Zone"
Ages 5+

**South
Mill Arts
Family**

**Box Office:
01279 710 200
southmillarts.co.uk**

South Mill Arts, 5-8 South Road, Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire CM23 3JL.
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WHAT'S ON THIS SPRING?



Storytime

Tues 2nd Apr | 10.30am | Ages 2.5 - 5 | Free
Enjoy a story, songs and some colouring or craft. We can welcome up to 12 children at a time and will read the story several times if needed and provide activities whilst you wait.
For ages 2.5 - 5



Kids Craft - Make your own Victorian Police Lamp

Tue 2nd | Wed 3rd & Thu 4th Apr
10am - 2pm | Ages 4+ | £1 per child
Make your own Victorian Police Lamp, the centre turns to block or reveal the light!



Kids Craft - Fingerprint Fun

Tue 9th | Wed 10th & Thu 11th Apr
10am - 2pm | Ages 4+ | £1 per child
Discover why the police take fingerprints then use yours to make some artwork.



Kids Craft - Mini Maypoles and Streamers

Tue 28th | Wed 29th & Thu 30th May
10am - 2pm | Ages 4+ | £1 per child
It's May! Make some colourful decorations to welcome the summer.

Don't miss our Free Easter Museum Trail 1st Apr - 24th May | Anytime

**Bishop's Stortford
Museum
Activities**

Please note: all children must be accompanied by an adult when attending our Museum activities



We're here to help your family
make healthy habits fun

Join our **FREE**, 12-week healthy lifestyle programme to help your family build habits around food and physical activity. Our in-person group sessions start on:

Date: Mondays from 22 April '24 **Time:** 17:30 til 19:30

Venue: Summercroft Primary School, Bishop's Stortford CM23 5BJ

Or you can join us online!



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Our programmes are for children above their ideal weight, see our website for more information. 24-0548

Sunday 31st March 2024

Tuesday 9th April 2024

Sunday 28th April 2024

10.30am to 4.00pm

(Last suggested entry time: 2.30pm)



Visits must be pre-booked via:
museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

Address: Essex Fire Museum, Grays Fire station,
Hogg Lane, Grays, RM17 5QS

FREE Healthy Lifestyle support for families in Hertfordshire

Our **FREE** 12 week in-person and online programmes
start soon, so secure your spot today!



| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
|--|---|--|--|
| POTTERS BAR | WALTHAM CROSS | WATFORD | HATFIELD |
| Cranbourne Primary School EN6 2BA | Hurst Drive Primary School EN8 8DH | Leavesden Green Community Hub WD25 0BW | Birchwood Avenue Primary School AL10 0PS |
| 17:00 - 19:00 | 17:45 - 19:30 | 17:30 - 19:30 | 17:00 - 19:00 |
| BISHOP'S STORTFORD | HEMEL HEMPSTEAD | STEVENAGE | BOREHAMWOOD |
| Summercroft Primary School CM23 5BJ | Hobletts Manor Junior School HP2 5JT | The Oval Community Centre SG1 5RA | Meryfield Primary School WD6 4PA |
| 17:30 - 19:30 | 17:30 - 19:30 | 17:30 - 19:30 | 17:30 - 19:30 |



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