



## NEWSLETTER – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**VALUE: Service**

**Focus: Using our talents to serve**

**‘Serve one another in love. ‘Galatians 5.13**



**Ruby and Sapphire enjoying Hip Hop with one of the GJW Sports team**

### FROM THE HEADTEACHER

After a lovely Easter Break, it is great to be back to start the summer term. Our new value is ‘Service’ and we have just started to explore what this means. This is a very interesting value to explore, particularly in a time when society and the media often promote self and selfishness and undervalue the personal and community benefits of supporting others. We have reminded the children that as a school we wish to perform a very worthwhile and impactful service by raising funds for children who are supported by the Shiksha Rath Organisation in India. I understand that many of our children have already asked for sponsors, and it would be great to raise enough to sponsor at least one child for a year. The sponsored walk will take place in school time on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024. If you have any questions, please get in touch.

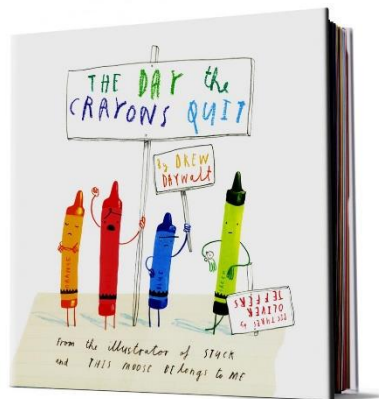
**Hip Hop Dance:** This week the children in Ruby and Sapphire classes enjoyed hip-hop dance sessions with an external provider from the company that provide our PE sports coaching. The children learned five different moves that they practised in a sequence. They then developed their own moves by combining the taught ones or experimenting with their own. They added five of these to the original sequence to create a full routine. They really enjoyed themselves and achieved really well as individuals and as a group.

**Tag Rugby:** All of Emerald Class have been out to a rugby event at Bishop’s Stortford Rugby Club. For some of the children this is the first of these events that they have participated in, so they were a bit nervous. They have been practising tag rugby in their PE lessons, so it was a great chance to take part in games with children from other local schools. Our children were in three teams and each team had Year 3 and Year 4s and a mix of boys and girls. After a training session led by some of the secondary school sports leaders, the children had four or five matches each. Each of the teams got stuck in and some children enjoyed taking other’s tags as much as they enjoyed handling the ball. Even those who had been nervous let the excitement take over and with the lovely weather, it was a fun afternoon for the whole class.





**Sapphire Class:** As part of their English, Sapphire class's current topic is based on the picture book, "The Day the Crayons Quit". They will be studying the text from parts of the book and using it to develop their own ideas. The children have realised that there are no felt tip pens in their classroom at the moment and Mrs McDonald read them a letter from the felt-tip pens explaining why they are unhappy and have quit the classroom. The children will be writing their own persuasive pieces, about the Day the Felt-tip Pens Quit. They will be writing to the pens to persuade them to come back and will be explaining what they will do to make the pens feel looked after and cared for. If it helps them to remember to put lids on the pens, at the same as developing their writing then their teacher and I will be more than pleased.



**Classroom Improvements:** I am really pleased that we are able to compliment the fantastic work by the staff by continuing to improve and upgrade the physical learning environment. Ruby and Sapphire Class have just had recent makeovers. We have new flooring that looks amazing and will hopefully be easier to clean, new carpets and new blinds. Our plan to focus on the other classrooms and then later on to focus on the shared areas.



**Car Park:** I am sure you I will have noticed the new lines and marking. Please do not park on the double yellow lines. I am aware that the car park gets very busy. We have more pupils in our school than ever before (to my knowledge), and this means more vehicles. To help manage the number of vehicles on site, please:

- do not arrive early (before 3pm)
- if you are unable to find a safe space to stop, please be prepared to drive out and then come back in again as others may have moved out by then
- vacate the car park as soon as you have collected your children.



At all times, please be very aware of pedestrians, especially children.

Have a lovely weekend,

Jeremy Fisher

## MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH

### *Father Simon writes:*



Well, the Easter eggs may well have all been eaten by now but, as far as the Church is concerned, we're still celebrating the good news of Jesus' Easter resurrection, reading the accounts of that earth-shattering day and once again reminding ourselves of its repercussions for our lives. (Like Christmas, the Church doesn't celebrate Easter in the run up to the big day but for several weeks afterwards.)



And one aspect of Jesus' teaching which we're continuing to bear in mind is based on something that happened on the night before his death. Jesus was in Jerusalem eating a Passover meal with the closest of his friends - a meal which we would come to know as the Last Supper - and, at one point, he insisted on washing his disciples' feet.



In the dusty days of the Roman Middle East, this was a common practice - not least to show hospitality to guests. But the dirty action was usually carried out by a householder's slave. On this occasion though, Jesus himself insisted on doing it, much to the astonishment of Jesus' friends.

Jesus then spoke to them to explain his actions. "You call me Teacher and Lord - and you are right, for that is what I am. So, if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you." [John 13:13-15]

Of course, Jesus' teaching doesn't just refer to the practice of foot-washing. He was vividly illustrating the way in which, throughout life, nobody should lord it over anybody else.

It was a story and teaching that we explored on Monday when I popped into school to take the first collective worship of the new term. It was great to see everybody and to crack open the new school value for this half of term; as you might have realised, that theme is 'service'. We also noted that Jesus' teaching completely resonates with our school Bible verse: "In everything - in every circumstance - do to others as you would have them do to you." [Matthew 7:12]



Over the coming weeks, I'm looking forward to exploring the theme of 'service' more with the children. Though, be warned: judging by my experience as a parent, I can't promise you that it'll lead to an increase in the levels of service you experience around the home from your children. But this Eastertide, we can all hope and pray for miracles!!

Yours in Christ

*Fr Simon*

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



### Diamond

John  
Lorcan



## STARS OF THE WEEK

### Ruby

- ✚ Joshua for great behaviour on his first full week.
- ✚ Rowan for a fantastic return with great participation and politeness.

### Sapphire

- ✚ Fleur for always being a good role model.
- ✚ Abel for excellent focus in his lessons.

### Emerald

- ✚ Harry P for his great use of key vocabulary.
- ✚ Tristan for fantastic progress in English.

### Diamond

- ✚ Lexie for making a great start on her new maths unit.
- ✚ Poppy-Sue for excellent focus in lessons.

## ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School  
Attendance – 95.53%**

**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

- ✚ **Reception vision, hearing, height & weights screening** is on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May**. If you do not wish your child to participate, please contact the school nursing team on **0300 123 7572** or email [HCT.SHWBSWH@nhs.net](mailto:HCT.SHWBSWH@nhs.net)
- ✚ **PTA School Disco** on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May**, save the date. More details to follow.

## MENU w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Tex Mex Quorn Fajita (V) (Red)</li> <li>❖ Creamy Macaroni Cheese (V) (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>❖ Moroccan Tagine (Ve) (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> <li>❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)</li> </ul>
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Roast Chicken (Red)</li> <li>❖ Plant Balls with Gravy (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>❖ Roasted Summer Veg Pasta (Ve) (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> <li>❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)</li> </ul>
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Salmon Fishcake (Red)</li> <li>❖ Cheese &amp; Tomato Pizza (V) (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> <li>❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)</li> </ul>



# SCHOOL DINNERS

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
01/05/24	Reception Vision/Hearing Screening
06/05/24	Early May Bank Holiday
13/05/24 – 16/05/24	KS2 SATs Week
17/05/24	PTA Disco
23/05/24	Year 6 Crucial Crew
27/05/24 – 31/05/24	Half Term
03/06/24	Inset 5
07/06/24	PTA Non-Uniform Day
14/06/24	Bag 2 School
25/06/24	Class Photos
29/06/24	Summer Fair
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
25/10/24	PTA Film Night
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



# 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

# AFTER SCHOOL Sports Clubs

Spellbrook C of E Primary School

3:20 - 4:20pm

April 16<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> May

## Football

- Tuesdays

**£6**  
per session

## Dodgeball

- Thursdays

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

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

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£7.50 a week

# THE SECRET ART CLUB

With Artist Caroline Clark

## Activities:

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

## Date:

Weekly, starting on Friday 26th  
April 2024, 3.20 - 4.30 pm

## TO BOOK

[www.carolineclarkartist.com](http://www.carolineclarkartist.com) or  
Caroline Clark (Caz)  
07847269734

## Address

Spellbrook C of E  
Primary School,  
Spellbrook

For school  
years 2-6



## 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)

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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



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## CHURCH FARM, ARDELEY

A Free Range Experience



### Camping at Church Farm

At Church Farm Ardeley we have very large camping fields which offer a wonderful opportunity for larger groups of families to book school class camping trips as well as individual family stays.

Accommodation includes the hire of bell tents and cabins (with or without 'glamping' options), as well as multiple woods and fields to pitch your own tents. All large groups are allocated roped private areas so that they can all camp together.

We offer a variety of options to enhance your stay: camp fire packs, BBQ hire, straw bales, and delicious food that can be ordered in advance from our website or purchased from our on-site farm shop. There is also a pub and restaurant (The Jolly Waggoner) as well as our café for the all-important teas, coffees and bacon rolls.

Camping at the farm also includes free farm passes (usually £6.95pp per day) for the duration of your stay. Get to know the animals, explore our woodland play area, follow the farm trail, and find out about growing and horticulture in our polytunnels and kitchen garden. And there are plenty of beautiful family walks in the peaceful, rolling Hertfordshire countryside.

Additional bookable activities include Egg Collecting, Goat Walking, Fairy Trail, Animal Feeding and (from Feb-April) Lamb Bottle Feeding.



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## Beezee FAMILIES

**FREE** Healthy Lifestyle support  
for families in Hertfordshire

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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
Summernote 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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# Confidence Building Fun

Try a **FREE** drama class

— My children have developed self-confidence, ease while speaking in public and a love of performing, which will be beneficial to them no matter what they choose to do for a career. Geraldine Zolynski



## Reawaken your child's imagination

Perform's drama, dance and singing classes use the performing arts to

- Build confidence
- Boost concentration
- Enhance coordination
- Develop communication skills



### Why try Perform?

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- Focus on a different social skill each week
- Covid safe – full details at [perform.org.uk/covid](https://perform.org.uk/covid)
- Small classes and feedback on your child's progress
- Specially created scripts, videos and apps to support your child's learning
- End of term presentation for family and friends



— I'm very impressed by the thoughtful way each session is run. It is great to know that Ethan is not just being 'entertained' for the hour but proactively being taught new life skills. Kate Whyley



### Try Perform for FREE

Your child can come and try a class for FREE and there's no obligation to join afterwards. With almost 500 Perform schools, find your nearest and book online at [perform.org.uk/free](https://perform.org.uk/free)

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## TALKING ANGER in FAMILIES



NEW DATES

**Wednesdays 9.45-11.30pm**

Online Course: ID 654

**5 June - 10 July 2024**

Our online support sessions are delivered weekly via Zoom.

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged 0-12, supporting you to:

- Understand why children, young people and adults get angry.
- Develop strategies to handle anger in yourself and others within your family.
- Recognise the early signs of anger and be able to avoid escalation.
- Reduce conflicts and arguments.
- Encourage positive behaviour and strengthen relationships in the family.

Groups are open to parents, carers, grandparents and guardians living, or with a child in school, in Hertfordshire.

'Their anger used to scare me. I now feel able to cope with it, and even help.'

### Booking essential

Please quote the course ID

To check eligibility and book a place, contact Supporting Links on:

**07512 709556**

[bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk](mailto:bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk)  
[www.supportinglinks.co.uk](https://www.supportinglinks.co.uk)



These courses are provided free to parents by Hertfordshire County Council's Targeted Parenting Fund



Information you share with us is used to process your booking. This will be held securely and only shared in accordance with our GDPR Policy.

## Sawbridgeworth Tennis Club to deliver innovative new tennis programme for girls

- Prime Video LTA Youth Girls launched to inspire thousands of girls to take up tennis
- Coaches** Ian Zellner & Mollie Kubrick-Finney from Sawbridgeworth Tennis Club were among 255 coaches from around Britain now trained to deliver taster tennis sessions specifically designed for girls
- Former British No.1 Laura Robson and former world No.5 Daniela Hantuchova among those who shared experience and insight at four training sessions delivered in February and March
- [Watch: Prime Video LTA Youth Girls training days](#)



Sawbridgeworth Tennis Club is set to deliver a programme of girls-only tennis courses as part of a national programme 'Prime Video LTA Youth Girls' launched to inspire thousands of girls to pick up a racket and play tennis.

The six-week introductory course is packed with games and exercises to build confidence and skills on court, all whilst having fun with friends. The sessions are designed to introduce girls to tennis and motivate them to stay in the sport, based on the LTA's research and insight into the barriers and challenges facing girls that impact their participation in sport.

The course costs £35 for six sessions of coaching, and girls will receive a t-shirt, tennis racket and tennis balls so they can continue to practice at home or on their local courts.

Please contact Head Coach **Ian Zellner** with any queries: mobile: **07798 754642** email: [zellnertennis58@icloud.com](mailto:zellnertennis58@icloud.com)

**Direct Links:**

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/IanZellnerCoaching/BookCourse/9575c060-9fc7-4095-bf71-c1ff61aaf286>

**MONDAYS 6-11 YEARS**

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/MollieAnneKubrickFinneyCoachingatSpiceyPickleballLtd/BookCourse/451990a0-afca-42be-87b8-e2187dd640d0> **TUESDAYS 5-8 YEARS**

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/IanZellnerCoaching/BookCourse/6674049e-9425-4c48-84dc-460042c6bbf7> **SATURDAYS 5-8 YEARS**

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/IanZellnerCoaching/BookCourse/4f9dceb2-6191-4144-acfa-12faab6854f9> **SATURDAYS 9-12 YEARS**