



NEWSLETTER – 17th May 2024

VALUE: Service

Focus: Living for Others

'Serve one another in love. 'Galatians 5.13



FROM THE HEADTEACHER

SIAMS: As you will know from the letter this week, we have been delighted to receive the SIAMS report. The report is now on the school website and includes many lovely comments. [Spellbrook SIAMS Report](#)

It is a testament to the children's eagerness to make the most of their time here at Spellbrook, the commitment and hard work of all of the team, including governors, past and present, and the support of our wider school family, including you as parents and carers.

SATS: Year 6 have taken their SATS this week. They have enjoyed breakfast together each morning, then had some gentle exercise outside, in preparation for doing their best in these National Assessments. They have kept the focus and hard work going and have been positive about the experience. Now we wait until July for the outcomes. Year 5 have also responded very well to the changes of routine that have occurred each morning, so a big thanks to them for their flexibility.



Sapphire Class have been looking at the work of artist Andy Goldsworthy and have designed and created their own art inspired by nature, using anything they could find in the woodland and meadow area. They focused on circular patterns, as per his style.



Emerald Class have created some lovely artwork, following the style of Bridget Riley. They have been using shading techniques, mid tones and highlights to create a 3D effect.



Ruby Class have enjoyed a visit from a member of the local Police force. One of the PCSOs talked to the children about how the police help us. She showed them her vehicle and some of the equipment that is carried in the car. The highlight for many was sitting in the back of the car.



Have a lovely weekend,

Jeremy Fisher

MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Father Simon writes:

This Sunday at Great St Mary's we're going to be celebrating the last of the great feasts associated with Easter. This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday (sometimes called 'Whitsun') when we remember the moment that, following Jesus' ascension back to heaven and fifty days on from Easter, the Holy Spirit came down upon Jesus' many disciples all gathered together in prayer in a room in Jerusalem.



We're told in the Bible that Jerusalem was packed with pilgrims because it was the Jewish Feast of Weeks - Shavuot - remembering the giving of the Law to Moses on Mount Sinai. Whilst in that room together, Jesus' followers suddenly heard the sound of a mighty wind and saw flames dancing around them. Then they realised they could speak in languages not spoken by them before. This, they soon realised, was the work of the Holy Spirit. Jesus' promise before he left them - that he would send them an advocate and comforter - had been fulfilled, coming as wind, fire, and love to reside in their hearts, helping them to make sense of the mystery of Christ, and empowering them to share that mystery with others. It was, for Jesus' mission in the world, a transformational moment, and, as a result, many often consider it to be the birthday of the Christian Church.

But Christians not only celebrate the work of the Holy Spirit over one weekend each year. Through prayerful discernment, we can celebrate and experience the Pentecostal gift throughout the whole year, empowering us as individuals and as God's Church to make good choices, share the Good News that we've been given, and to live with faith and love.



That's why we'll be celebrating Pentecost this Sunday at Great St Mary's. Not just at our 9.30am service with Sunday Club for younger members of the family, but at our 4pm *Mustard Seed*.

At that latter gathering, which will, as always, finish with food for the children, we'll be reminding ourselves that the Holy Spirit helps us grow into our faith just as a flower grows from a seed. How might we do that? Well, by getting out into the churchyard and getting our hands dirty with a bit of gardening. Seedlings have been nurtured over the past couple of months and are now ready to be planted into our Rainbow Garden. We'll be sowing something which will no doubt, over the coming months, bring much joy and contentment to all who pass by or who sit on one of our benches to look.



So do consider bringing families and friends along to Great St Mary's on Sunday for 4pm. All are welcome and, as they say: many hands make light work!

Have a great weekend,

Fr Simon

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Emerald
Waris

Diamond
Alex



STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ✚ Petru for using his great language in play.
- ✚ Maddison for working really hard in adult directed tasks.

Sapphire

- ✚ Jonas for working hard on his sounds.
- ✚ Jessica for deepening her ideas in English.

Emerald

- ✚ Martha for some great focus and contributions this week.
- ✚ Flora for her fantastic independent writing.

Diamond

- ✚ Jacob for taking great care with his Art work.
- ✚ All of Year 6 for amazing focus and determination during SATS.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School
Attendance – 95.96%**

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

- ✚ **Walk to School Week – 20th – 24th** – we would like to encourage all our children to walk, cycle or scoot to school. If it is not possible to walk all the way, then it would be great if you could park 10 minutes away from school and walk, cycle or scoot the last part of your journey. Members of staff will be available at the dropped curb to walk with children to school.
- ✚ **Year 6 Crucial Crew on Thursday 23rd May** – please can you collect your child from school at **12.20 pm** to take them to **St Barnabas Centre** and **collect them from there at 2.45 pm**. Children will have lunch at school as usual and will need to be in their school uniform.
- ✚ **Sports Day – Wednesday 5th June** – please save the date. More information to follow.
- ✚ **Sponsored Walk 2024 in aid of Shiksha Rath Afterschool Project, Delhi, India** – a huge thanks to all our children, parents and carers who participated in raising funds for this worthwhile cause. We raised **£817!**

MENU w/c 20th May 2024

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Chicken Curry (Red) ❖ Homemade Sausage Roll (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Quorn Burger in a Bun (V) (Red) ❖ Rich Tomato Bolognese (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Turkey Roast (Red) ❖ Roast Quorn Fillet (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Beef Lasagne (Red) ❖ Chipolata Sausages with Gravy (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Fish Fillet Fingers (Red) ❖ Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)



SCHOOL DINNERS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
20/05/24 – 24/05/24	Walk to School Week
23/05/24	Year 6 Crucial Crew
27/05/24 – 31/05/24	Half Term
03/06/24	Inset 5
05/06/24	Sports Day (PM)
07/06/24	PTA Non-Uniform Day
14/06/24	Bag 2 School
20/05/24	Clean Air Day
24/06/24	Outdoor Learning Day
25/06/24	Class Photos
29/06/24	Summer Fair
03/07/24 – 05/07/24	Diamond Class Residential
09/07/24	Parent Teacher Consultations (Y1-6)
10/07/24	Diamond Class Last Swimming Lesson
11/07/24	Secondary Transition Day
16/07/24	Diamond Class Production
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

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 16th - 23rd May

Football

- Tuesdays

£6
per session

Dodgeball

- Thursdays

Book online at:
gjwsports.co.uk

SAWBO
DESIGN CO.

www.gjwsports.co.uk

GJW
SPORTS



Club Fee
£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 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)

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

20 TIPS TO ADD 20 MINUTES OF WALKING TO YOUR DAY

WALK THIS MAY



GO FOR A LUNCHTIME WALK #TRY20	TAKE A ONE OR TWO MINUTE WALKING BREAK EACH HOUR #TRY20	WALK TO OR FROM WORK #TRY20	TAKE A ROMANTIC PROMENADE #TRY20
TAKE THE FAMILY ON A WALKING ADVENTURE #TRY20	TAKE THE STAIRS #TRY20	GO FOR A WALK ON A RAINY DAY #TRY20	
LUNCH AL FRESCO, NOT AT DESK #TRY20		WALK TO A GREEN AND TRANQUIL SPACE #TRY20	GET SNAP HAPPY ON YOUR WALK #TRY20
MEET A FRIEND HALFWAY #TRY20	INVITE THE NEIGHBOURS FOR A WALK #TRY20	<h2>#TRY20</h2>	
	HOP OFF AND WALK #TRY20	WALK THE KIDS TO SCHOOL #TRY20	WALK IN YOUR HAPPY SHOES #TRY20
PARK AND STRIDE #TRY20	GO ON A SCAVENGER HUNT #TRY20	TRY A NEW ROUTE #TRY20	

Could you walk with us?

Take part in **Walk to School Week** this May. The five day challenge is a great way to start the day, **helping kids to be more active and improving air quality** around schools.

Let's clear the air



At a stop? Turn it off!

Protect children from air pollution **by turning off your engine** when at a stop.

Discover more simple steps to protect yourself and your loved ones at hertfordshire.gov.uk/cleanerair

Let's clear the air



Swap seatbelts for a stroll

Did you know...

May is National Walking Month. Could you try walking the kids to school? **It's an easy way to get active and reduce air pollution in your local area.** That's better for us and the air we breathe.

Let's clear the air



Getting healthier is a walk in the park!

Did you know...

May is National Walking Month. Walking just 20 minutes a day can help you live longer. **Swapping short journeys can help you be more active and reduce your exposure to air pollution.**

Let's clear the air



Mustard Seed -
our monthly
short, informal
service
with crafts and
activities



Followed by a
party tea for
children
and hot
refreshments for
grown-ups.

**Why not join us at 4pm
on the following
third Sundays of the month?**

2024

19th May
16th June
21st July

15th September
20th October
17th November

15th December



**You're invited to
a Big Brekkie!**

**Want to change the world over
breakfast?** Then come and
tuck in at our Big Brekkie! We'll
be serving a delicious morning
meal, while raising money to fight
poverty and injustice worldwide.

Saturday 18th May 2024

8.30am - 12noon

Sawbridgeworth Memorial Hall

Minimum donation £5 (CASH ONLY)

Help us to raise £1000!



1st SAWBRIDGEWORTH SCOUT GROUP

INVITES YOU TO OUR

116th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SCOUT HQ SAWBRIDGEWORTH

Wednesday 12th June 2024 at 8.30pm

Scouts



**1st Sawbridgeworth
Scout Group**

**All parents and families of all section members
are welcome.**



**HALF TERM
AT SAFFRON SCREEN**

Fri 24 May	7:30pm	IF (U)
Sat 25 May	2:00pm	The Garfield Movie (U)
Sat 25 May	7:30pm	IF (U)
Sun 26 May	2:00pm	The Garfield Movie (U)
Sun 26 May	7:00pm	42nd Street (PG) MUSICALS SEASON
Mon 27 May	2:00pm	The Garfield Movie (U)
Mon 27 May	5:30pm	IF (U)

Tue 28 May	2:00pm	The Garfield Movie (U)
Tue 28 May	5:30pm	IF (U)
Wed 29 May	11:30am	The Garfield Movie (U)
Wed 29 May	2:00pm	IF (U)
Wed 29 May	7:30pm	The Fall Guy (12A)
Thur 30 May	2:00pm	The Garfield Movie (U)
Thur 30 May	5:30pm	IF (U)

Fri 31 May	2:00pm	The Garfield Movie (U)
Fri 31 May	7:30pm	IF (U)
Sat 1 Jun	11:30am	The Garfield Movie (U)
Sat 1 Jun	2:00pm	IF (U)
Sat 1 Jun	7:30pm	The Fall Guy (12A)
Sun 2 Jun	2:00pm	The Garfield Movie (U) RELAXED SCREENING
Sun 2 Jun	5:30pm	IF (U)

**COMING SOON
POP UP
CINEMA
TOWN HALL
7, 8 + 9 JUNE
SEE WEBSITE**



FAMILY TICKETS £28 ADULTS PAY KIDS PRICES!

FAMILY TICKETS: 2 ADULTS + 2 CHILDREN OR 1 ADULT + 3 CHILDREN

10% OFF TICKETS BETWEEN 24 MAY - 2 JUNE USE CODE MHT24 ONLINE*

*Excludes Arts on Screen and Relaxed Screenings.
Discount is only valid with online purchases via our website and not at the TIC of box office.

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www.saffronscreen.com

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