



NEWSLETTER – 24th May 2024

VALUE: Service

Focus: Living for Others

'Serve one another in love. 'Galatians 5.13



FROM THE HEADTEACHER

School Disco: At the end of last week, the children enjoyed the school disco. Thank you to the PTA, parents and staff for organising a great evening for the children... and raising funds.



Leventhorpe Book Awards: Our four Year 6's that have been involved in the Leventhorpe Book Awards attended the final event this week. Out of the six books that the children were tasked to read, the winning book voted by the Year 6/7 children was Wild by Ele Fountain.



Crucial Crew: The Year 6s spent Thursday afternoon at the St. Barnabus Centre taking part in 'Crucial Crew'. They were involved in a range of activities to help support them with transition to secondary school including:

- Online Safety
- Money management
- Rail crossing safety
- Water safety
- Fire safety
- Electrical safety
- Peer pressure
- First Aid
- Emotional wellbeing



The sessions were organised by Aspects and each ten-minute session was led by a different organisation including Network Rail, British Transport Police, PCSO, paramedics, firefighters and youth support workers. It was extremely useful, and the children had a great time.



Sapphire Class have all created artwork based on a field filled with dandelions. They used paints and oil pastels to create the pictures and many different sized sponges and brushes. All of the children were really impressed at how the pictures came out and they have added lots of colour to our classroom. Some of these are going to be entered into the CPRE Hertfordshire 2024 children's Art Competition and the brief is to create a piece of artwork that showed, "Why I love the Hertfordshire countryside".



Walk to School Week: Well done and thank you to all of the families that have supported by walking and wheeling to school this week. Thank you to the staff and members of the Town Council for assisting with crossing the road. We continue to petition Herts County Council for a long-term solution to our crossing issue.



Have a lovely weekend and half term. Please remember that the children return on **Tuesday 4th June**, after the staff Inset Day.

Jeremy Fisher

MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Father Simon writes:

'Have a break - have a Kitkat'. Well, that's the advice of Nestlé. And a Kitkat or other chocolate bar might be the treat to enjoy sometime in the next week whilst we take a break from school.



We all need breaks once in a while, not least after a period of exams. Whilst the weather forecast may not look great, I'm sure the week ahead will offer much refreshment and relaxation for our pupils and, for those of you parents and carers able to take some time off from work, a welcome break away from the pressures and responsibilities of daily life.

After all, we all need to find that balance of work and rest, of activity and slowing down in our lives. But we're not always good at it because our world seems always to be in the fast lane. We rush everywhere, rush out of habit, and rush because everyone around us is rushing!



Yet the Bible's book of Genesis, which opens with a glorious account of God's work of creation, tells us that even God rested on the seventh day - the model we have, of course, for taking rest from our labours on a Sunday - the seventh day of the week - and using that day to draw closer to God. And nor was Jesus, as we read in the gospels, slow to find peace and rest so that his ministry could remain balanced; he often sought out solitude to recharge his batteries and reconnect with God.

Indeed, the biblical connection between rest and work is clear: God intends us to work from a default situation of rest, rather than rest from a situation of work, all so that our eyes are set on heavenly things rather than earthly ones; we're called by God to find the right balance between 'being' and 'doing'.



If we're able to find a little time during the coming half term break, that may be something we want to ponder: are we aware of the right balance between rest and work, and are there areas in our lives that aren't as productive as others which should be pruned?

But, whatever you're doing, I wish you all a great time.

God bless,

Fr Simon

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK AND OVER THE HALF TERM



Ruby

Petru

Gracie

Sapphire

Thea

George

Caitlyn

Emerald

Shakti

Diamond

Hudson

STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ✚ Cara for working really hard to improve her writing..

Sapphire

- ✚ George for super concentration in Maths.
- ✚ Vogue for amazing concentration in Maths.

Emerald

- ✚ Lara for her amazing progress with her times tables.

- ✚ Henry for being kind and helpful.

Diamond

- ✚ Sid for excellent effort in lessons.
- ✚ Izzy for representing our school well on trips out this week.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School
Attendance – 95.01%**

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** – a huge thank you for all your support with Walk to School Week. It was lovely to see so many of you taking part and supporting the school. I hope you all have a lovely break. Mrs Hasty.
- ✚ **Inset Day – Monday 3rd June** – school will be closed. School resumes at the normal time on **Tuesday 4th June**.
- ✚ **Sports Day – Wednesday 5th June, 1.00 pm to the end of the school day.** The gates will open from **12.50** for a **1.00 pm** start. Diamond Class children will have swimming as usual on the day. Children should come to school dressed in their PE kit. Please ensure children have a water bottle, hat and sun cream applied before school.
- ✚ **PTA Non-Uniform Day – Friday 7th June**

MENU w/c 4th June 2024

Day	Menu
Monday	❖ INSET 5
Tuesday	❖ Herb Crusted Chicken with Spaghetti Marinara (Red) ❖ Mild Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Wednesday	❖ Roast Beef with Gravy (Red) ❖ Mince Slice (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Thursday	❖ Favourite Quorn Hot Dog (V) (Red) ❖ Cheesy Spring Vegetable Bake (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Friday	❖ Battered Fish Fillet (Red) ❖ Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)



SCHOOL DINNERS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
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

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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 7th
June 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 1-6



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



Great St Mary's *Passion for Christ - Compassion for all*
Sawbridgeworth

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?

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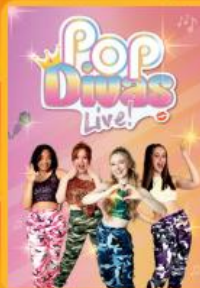
19th May
16th June
21st July

15th September
20th October
17th November

15th December



Bee ready for May Half Term!



Pop Divas Live!

Mon 27th May
2pm | £17.50



Mark Thompson's Spectacular Science

Tues 28th May
2.30pm | £19
£17 Concs.
5+



Morgan and Wests Massive Magic Show

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



Dinosaur Adventure Live - Trouble On Volcano Island

Sat 1st Jun
2pm & 4.30pm
£16
£18 Premium 'Danger Zone'



Kids Craft - Mini Maypoles and Streamers

Tue 28th, Wed 29th & Thu 30th May
Drop in between 10am-2pm
£1 per child | Ages 4+



South Mill Arts Family

Box Office:
01279 710 200
southmillarts.co.uk

South Mill Arts, 1-3 South Road, Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire CM23 3JG. South Mill Arts is a trading styling of Bishop's Stortford Museum and Arts CIC. Registered Charity No. 1189853.



KIDS

£34
Per Day

Water Multi Activity Camp

Activities:

- Kayaking
- Rafting
- Canoeing
- Katakanu
- Wobbleboarding
- Mega SUP

Stand Up Paddleboarding



Make a splash this May half term at ESSA water activities centre holiday camp! From Paddle boarding to Kayaking we offer 3 different activities each day! Our expert instructors will guide the kids through an unforgettable journey of fun and skill building. Located in Nazeing, EN9 2PB - Limited spaces available, so book now!

10am
Until
4pm

Age 8+

BOOK NOW
www.essa.org.uk



2024 CRICKET CAMPS!



May Half-Term & Summer Holidays

- Elevate your cricket game this summer with Coach Rom!
- Perfect blend of games and coaching to enhance skills
- Hosted at your community club Sawbridgeworth CC

1 day pass	2 day pass*	3 day pass*	4 day pass*
£35 (£35/day)	£65 (£32.50/day)	£90 (£30/day)	£110 (£27.50/day)

*Multi-day passes are valid only within each week's camp, and cannot be used across camps.

Times: 09:00 - 15:00
Early drop-off: 08:30 - 09:00 - £3/session
Late pickup: 15:00 - 16:00 - £5/session

Join us for an unforgettable summer of cricket! Led by Coach Rom, an ECB qualified, DBS and First Aid certified coach and his dynamic team, our camps offer top-notch coaching, engaging activities, and skill development for all levels.



For more info, please contact **Romesh Paktsun (coach Rom)**

✉ coachromesh@outlook.com 🌐 https://rom-sports.pembee.app/
☎ 07515 428 754 📄 www.facebook.com/ROMSportsCoaching



MAY HALF-TERM CAMP
Tue 28th - Thu 30th May

SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMP 1
Mon 22nd - Thu 25th July

SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMP 2
Mon 29th July - Thu 1st August

SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMP 3
Mon 5th - Thu 8th August

SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMP 4
Mon 12th - Thu 15th August

SAWBRIDGECWORTH CC
Town Fields, Sawbridgeworth, CM21 9JH

AGE GROUPS
Boys & Girls: 5 - 7 years old, 8 - 13 years old

BOOK NOW!



For more info Scan here!

May Half Term Fun

25 - 31 May 2024

Join us as we celebrate national Bee and Biscuit days, step back in time to Roman Bucks and make your own wildflower seed-bomb or puppet plus lots more!

Discover more at discoverbucksmuseum.org
or scan the QR code



FREE Saturday 25 May – Spring Into Summer – Family Day
FREE with standard admission charges, drop in 10am - 4pm.
Suitable for ages 3+.
We're springing into summer at Discover Bucks Museum: play outdoor games, learn about historic May Day traditions, try out our summer gallery trail and more!

Monday 27 May – Seeds, Seeds Everywhere
£3.50, drop in 10am – 12pm & 1pm – 3pm. Suitable for ages 3+.
Celebrate bee day by making a wildflower seed-bomb from recycled paper.

Tuesday 28 May – Bucks Back in Time: The Romans
£3.50, 10am – 12pm & 1pm – 3pm. Suitable for ages 4+.
Step back into Roman Bucks and experience hands-on crafts and activities in this drop-in workshop: make a Roman mosaic, see how you look in a toga, discover Roman meal time & handle real Roman artefacts!

Wednesday 29 May – Biscuit Day at Discover Bucks
£3.50, drop in 10am – 12pm & 1pm – 3pm. Suitable for ages 3+.
Celebrate National Biscuit Day at Discover Bucks Museum with biscuit decorating, edible playdough, a sensory dig pit and more!

Thursday 30 May – Let's Get Creative
£3, 10am – 12pm & 1pm – 3pm. Suitable for ages 3+.
Join us to make your very own collage to take home.

Friday 31 May – Nature Puppets
£4.50, 10am – 12pm & 1pm – 3pm. Suitable for ages 4+
Create your very own nature-inspired, moveable puppet.

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

Discover Bucks Museum, Aylesbury HP20 2QP
01296 331441 | discoverbucksmuseum.org



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 29th May 2024
11:30 - 13:00

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



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We treat children including; newborn babies, toddlers, children, adolescents & young adults.

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- Facilitation of normal development through play
- Gait analysis & re-education
- Improving mobility
- Optimising functional ability
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- Equipment recommendation & adjustment
- Improving gross & fine motor skills
- Ball skills & access to sports
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- Posture re-education
- Report writing
- Massage & sensory techniques
- Taping & electrotherapy
- Orthotic advice & provision
- Hydrotherapy
- Cerebral Palsy & TBI
- Developmental delay
- Down's Syndrome & other syndromes
- Neuromuscular conditions
- Dyspraxia (DCD)
- Balance & Co-ordination difficulties
- Postural & Biomechanical problems
- Rehab post fracture or post-op



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- Wheelchair skills
- Improving co-ordination
- Life skills
- Postural management
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- Regular treatment sessions or reviews
- Working on fine motor skills
- Dressing & undressing
- Toileting
- Access to sports or activities
- Working on hand eye co-ordination
- Feeding
- Equipment recommendation
- Empowering individuals
- Liaising with reps & the MDT
- Cerebral Palsy & TBI
- Developmental delay
- Downes & other syndromes
- Neuromuscular conditions
- Sensory processing difficulties
- Dyspraxia DCD
- Balance & co-ordination difficulties
- Autism
- Visuo-perceptual problems
- Hypermobility



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