



## NEWSLETTER - 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024

**VALUE: Truth and Truthfulness**

**Focus: Telling the Whole Story**

**'Tell the truth to each other.' Zechariah 8.16**



### FROM THE HEADTEACHER



#### **Year 6 Video Link with former bodyguard to Nelson Mandela**

Year 6 joined twenty-two other schools for a live video presentation and discussion with Chris Lubbe. As one of Nelson Mandela's bodyguards, Chris has an amazing story to tell of his own upbringing in apartheid South Africa and how his own journey in life led to him to becoming a personal bodyguard for the President, Nelson Mandela. His experiences of discrimination and what he learned from Nelson Mandela about forgiveness and equality are inspirational.

The year 6 children produced this report:

*"Today we had a talk from Chris Lubbe about his experiences of apartheid in South Africa and how he was affected by it. He was arrested for the first time at the age of 14 for protesting peacefully for equal rights. Despite this, he didn't give up and continued to protest. When Nelson Mandela came out of prison, Chris became his bodyguard. He got to work closely with Nelson Mandela and meet many famous people including Beyoncé, Jay-Z, Michael Jackson and the Queen. He now gives inspirational speeches to try and spread the message that you should speak up for equality and never give up on something you believe in."* By Year 6

Each school was able to ask a question and Spellbrook's question was to inquire whether white people had joined the protests in South Africa at that time. Chris answered that many white people did stand up against the apartheid system and they were mistreated and imprisoned too. He said that this question helps us to remember that dealing with racism is everyone's responsibility, regardless of their background.

It has been a great for the children to hear Chris's first-hand experiences of racism and how it's changed his life. It's led them to consider real experiences of the application of a number of our School Values such as courage, respect and justice.



#### **Visit to Sawbridgeworth Town Council**

The School Council visited Sawbridgeworth Town Council and met the former Mayor, Ruth, and the clerk and enjoyed drinks and biscuits with them. The clerk told them about his job and some of the things he does. They asked questions about the Council building and about their meetings. They were able to sit in the mayor's chair and bang the gavel, which they found out was used to stop and start meetings. They learned that during meetings councillors have to speak one at a time and they stand up so everyone knows whose turn it is and if people aren't

listening, the mayor stands and everyone has to stop and listen. It sounds as if they have similar expectations to school.



### Creation - who made the world?

Sapphire Class's current RE topic is 'Creation - who made the world?' and is part of the 'Understanding Christianity' Program. The children are learning what Christians believe about the creation and its importance to Christians. They've looked at the text from Genesis, watched a cartoon version of the creation story and discussed the different events. Some of the children were able to recall quite a lot from previous lessons and discussions. They then made their own mobiles showing what the Bible tells us was created on each day.



### Ruby Class Outdoor Learning

The children in the Nursery and Reception have been enjoying their outdoor learning. Some of the activities they have enjoyed recently are:

- looking carefully at the beans that have grown on their plants.
- drawing the beans and thinking about the stages of growth
- writing letters in paint
- playing parachute games



Last Friday, after school, we had a netball match at Hillmead. Our team, that has recently been formed, did not win but Miss Lucas, who has been training them said that they all demonstrated a fantastic attitude and put in so much effort. She was very impressed.

Have a lovely weekend.

Jeremy Fisher



## MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH

### Father Simon writes:

It's the third Sunday of the month, and that can only mean one thing: it's 'Mustard Seed' Sunday - our 4pm gathering particularly aimed at primary school age children.



And this month, it coincidentally falls on the very day the whole Church across the globe will hear Jesus' parable of the mustard seed. (Mark 4:30-32)

Jesus' parable or short illustration is all about our personal expectations and about God's expectations for us. Jesus talks about the very small mustard seed which has the potential to grow into a substantial shrub - strong, fully alive - which can become a place for birds to dwell - a place of goodness.

So even from the smallest of things, God has great expectations; his vision and desire for his creation isn't limited by our earthly perspectives and expectations. And so he calls on us to have a bigger vision for our lives. He wants us to take what some might, on the surface, consider to be insignificant and develop it into its fullest potential, bringing renewal and life to our communities and to one another. He calls on us to identify where there are parts of his world around us that are lacking goodness and hope, and to become people of impact and goodness for not only our own benefit, but for the benefit of those around us, and for the benefit of God's whole creation.



One of the ways many will be bringing goodness and joy to the world over the next few weeks is through sport. Today sees the beginning of the men's Euros with the host nation Germany playing Scotland. In the weeks to come will be Wimbledon, the British Grand Prix, test match cricket, and the Olympics, to name just a few highlights of the summer sporting calendar. All will provide highlights (and, I'm sure, the odd lowlight) for competitors and fans alike, with talent - which was once young and raw - flourishing at an elite, professional level.

So, what better thing to do this Sunday afternoon at our Mustard Seed gathering than to celebrate sport with our own mini-sports event? - indoors or outdoors depending on the weather. And we'll be reminding each other of St Paul's words about ensuring we live life well in relation to God so that we finally win the greatest of all prizes: eternal life in his holy presence: "In a race, the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run [life] in such a way that you may win it." (1 Corinthians 9:24)



Yours in Christ,

*Fr Simon*

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Emerald  
Sergiusz



## STARS OF THE WEEK

### Ruby

- ✚ Joshua for fantastic listening and joining in.
- ✚ Gracie for talking more in 'talk partners'.

### Sapphire

- ✚ Niveth for excellent effort in phonics.
- ✚ Issy for excellent focus in maths.

### Emerald

- ✚ Scarlett for the super effort she's been putting into her writing.
- ✚ Poppy for her hard work and focus in every lesson.

### Diamond

- ✚ Stanley T for excellent work in maths and music.
- ✚ Harry for fantastic effort in his independent writing.

## ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School  
Attendance – 92.89%**

**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

- ✚ **PTA Donations for the Teddy Tombola** – the PTA are kindly asking for donations of good quality toys and games and clean, soft toys/teddies for the stall. Donations can be brought into school from **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June** and placed in a box at the school office.
- ✚ **Diamond Residential Parent Information Meeting** is on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June** at **3.30 pm** in Diamond classroom.
- ✚ **Diamond Class** parents are invited for a **Music Event** on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June** at **2.45 pm** in the hall. Please arrive from **2.35 pm** for a **2.45 pm** start.
- ✚ **PTA Cake Donations for the Summer Fair** – from **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June**, donations of cakes can be dropped off in the school office. Homemade cakes can be dropped off on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June**. Please ensure that allergens are clearly marked, and no nuts are used if homemade.

## MENU w/c 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Chicken Curry (Red)</li> <li>❖ Homemade Sausage Roll (Ve) (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> <li>❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)</li> </ul>
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Quorn Burger in Bun (V) (Red)</li> <li>❖ Rich Tomato Bolognese (Ve) (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> <li>❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)</li> </ul>
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Turkey Roast (Red)</li> <li>❖ Roast Quorn Fillet (V) (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> <li>❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)</li> </ul>
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Beef Lasagne (Red)</li> <li>❖ Chipolata Sausages with Gravy (Ve) (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> <li>❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)</li> </ul>
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Fish Fillet Fingers (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
19/06/24	Diamond Residential Parent Info Meeting – 3.30 pm
20/06/24	Clean Air Day
20/06/24	Diamond Class Music Event
24/06/24	Outdoor Learning Day
25/06/24	Class Photos
28/06/24	Emerald Trip to Rye Meads Nature Reserve
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
15/07/24	Ruby & Sapphire – Spirit of Wildlife Workshop (in school)
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

4<sup>th</sup> June – 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

**Football**  
- Tuesdays

**£6**  
per session

**Dodgeball**  
- Thursdays

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

SAWBO  
DESIGN CO.

[www.gjwsports.co.uk](http://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 7th  
June 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 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](mailto:wendy@wellbeangardening.com)  
Mobile: 07817 528652

facebook.com/wellbeangardening  
Instagram: @wellbeangardening

SPELLBROOK  
COMMUNITY



# WE NEED YOU!



We are low on numbers for the Summer Fair, even for just an hour - you don't have to attend any meetings

If you are able to set up in the morning or run a stall for a while or tidy up, please complete this very quick form using the link below and we will be in contact with you.

<https://forms.office.com/e/hXwt0ivk79>



## Spellbrook Primary School StageSteps Dance and Acting Class

Taught by an industry professional, this innovative class will seamlessly blend the worlds of dance and acting to provide a unique and engaging experience. Our students explore diverse dance styles, from Street to Musical, while also delving into the art of acting through script reading, character development, and stage dynamics. The fusion class not only nurtures creativity but also builds confidence in expression, whether through movement or theatrical performance. Stretch and refine dance techniques, understand the skills of stage acting and combine the two to participate in exciting term projects showcased to friends and family.

Each child will be taught based on their own ability and growth, it doesn't matter how experienced/inexperienced they are, they will achieve in their own personal way, and they will have the most fun doing it! 🌟

### When?

Every Monday after school

3:20pm-4:20pm

Term time only

Starting 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024

### How do I sign up?

Please visit the website: [www.stagesteps.co.uk](http://www.stagesteps.co.uk) and click the 'Sign Up' button to complete your sign up form.

Here is the link <https://www.stagesteps.co.uk/sign-up>

Year 2-6 welcome

### Payment details:

StageSteps Dance and Acting Class is only £78 per term.

You will receive an invoice for the term shortly after you submit your sign up form.

I can't wait to meet your superstars! 🌟

[SIGN UP | StageSteps](#)



Great St Mary's, Sawbridgeworth

# Flower Festival 2024

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July - 10am to 5pm  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July - 12noon to 3pm

Theme 'Children's books'

Children's activities in the church yard

Treasure Hunt

Refreshments and  
grand raffle at  
Church House

FREE ENTRY



Great St Mary's  
Sawbridgeworth

Passion for Christ - Compassion for all

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



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



"Run in such a way  
that you may win life!"



Join us this Sunday at 4pm

for our mini-sports afternoon,

all followed by food!



# THE GARDENS OF EASTON LODGE



Come and explore

## OUR TUDOR STORY

with the Companie of Merrie Folke & Colchester Waits



### Open Day: Sunday 23 June

- Henry Maynard & his household and staff
- Tudor armoury, crafts, music & dancing
- Craft & Plant Stalls

11.00am – 5pm (last entry 4pm)

Adults £6.50 (£5.50 if bought in advance)

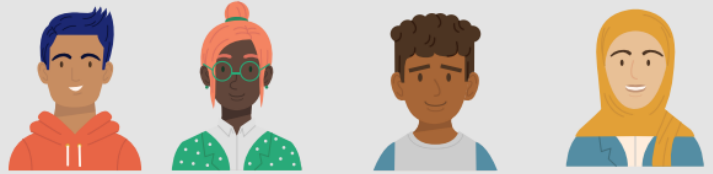
Children under 16 free



Or see website for details

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

## ARE YOU A YOUNG CARER?



Do you care for a family member because.....

they have a mental or physical illness?

they struggle with alcohol?

they have a mental or physical disability?

they struggle with drugs?

Carers in Hertfordshire will help you by...



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Supporting



Empowering



Building networks with other carers



Carers in Hertfordshire

Young Carers

Support for YOU



For more information, visit [www.carersinherts.org.uk/young-carers](http://www.carersinherts.org.uk/young-carers) or scan the QR code

"Having people listen and support me has got me through the hardest of times."



Essex Fire Museum Open Day

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024

10.30am to 4.00pm

(Last suggested entry time: 2.30pm)



Visits must be pre-booked via:  
[museum@essex-fire.gov.uk](mailto:museum@essex-fire.gov.uk)

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



## 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.



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

SAWBRIDGEWORTH CC  
Town Fields, Sawbridgeworth, CM21 9QH

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

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

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