



NEWSLETTER - 13th September 2024

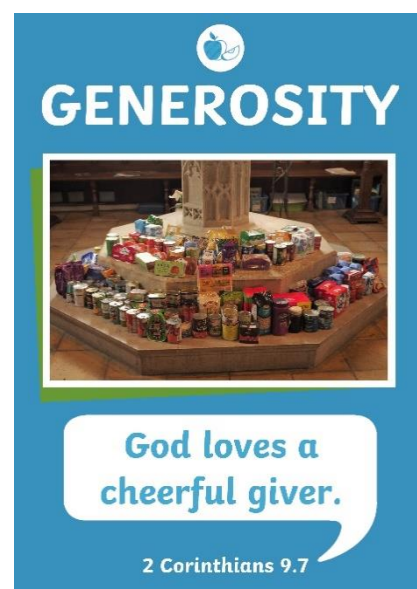
VALUE: Generosity

Focus: Loving others as we love ourselves

'God loves a cheerful giver.' 2 Corinthians 9.7

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

We have just started to learn about our value for this half term, 'Generosity'. We have reflected on what we remember from two years ago, when we last focused on this value and many children remember our part in a Food Bank contribution that was collected at Great St Mary's Church. We have used this on our Value Poster. Others have recalled the funds that we collected last year through a sponsored event to enable three children to attend the Shiksha Rath After School Project in Delhi, India. We are delighted to be able to provide support for others and are looking forwards to finding more about these children and the impact of this expression of generosity.



Meanwhile, this week the Reception and Nursery children have started to come into Ruby Class. It is so lovely to see that so many of the Nursery children from last year are now in our Reception group and most have settled in really confidently. We have welcomed quite a few siblings into the Nursery and to see the same little faces who have smiled out of their car windows whilst dropping off older siblings over the last few years, now coming into Spellbrook is lovely and reminds us all how quickly time passes and how rapidly children develop. They are settling in and apart from a few moments, first thing, they are happily getting involved, making new friends and exploring the learning opportunities.



The children in Year 1 have also enjoyed learning outside as well as inside. Having just moved up from Reception, they still benefit from a very practical and more informal approach to their learning at times and the work we have done on Sapphire Class's outside area has continued so that they can extend their learning outside for more of the time.



Roles and Responsibilities: we have just started the process of selecting who takes the different roles and responsibilities that are offered throughout the school. These roles benefit the children in developing a whole range of skills and abilities as well as benefiting the whole school and helping to build our community. We follow democratic processes for many of our roles and after a selection process this week, all of our Year 6's have a role. Some of these roles are part of a team and the older children will be leading and supporting those who are younger.

Prefects

Alice*
Alden*
Lexie
Lorcan
*Denotes lead prefect

Sports Captains

Elise
Stanley T
Stanley H
Sid

Photographers

Sienna
Zainab

School Council

Hudson

Peer Mediators

Jacob

Journalist

Ewan

Junior Travel Ambassadors

Billie
Alex

Next week we are inviting children from the other year groups to put themselves forwards for the remaining teams.

School Council

- Has opportunities to lead projects and learn more about democratic processes, including visits and visitors relating to councils and governance. They led our charity work with Shiksha Rath last year.
- Meets weekly during lunchtimes.
- 1 child from each year group from Y2 - Y6.

ECO Team

- Leads school projects relating to sustainability and caring for our environment.
- Meets a couple of times each half term during lunchtimes plus extra times during specific projects.
- 1 child from each year group from Y2 - Y6.

Worship Team

- Help with the planning of Church Services and is often asked to lead during Collective Worship. They also help produce our Values Posters.
- 1 child from each year group in Y3 - Y6.

Peer mediators

- Supports friendships and conflict resolution at play and breaktimes.

- This can be a larger team so there are no restrictions apart from commitment to attend the training at lunchtimes and be part of the rota.

If children are interested in any of these, they will be given the opportunity to explain to their classmates and teachers why they would like to join this team. This will only need to be a sentence or two and they will be supported to do this. This ensures they have some idea what they are volunteering for and enables all of the children to step forward, even if they have additional needs. If your child wishes to take part in any of these, please talk it through with them and feel free to help prepare and feel confident in what they want to say. Let the teacher know at the start of next week if you have any questions or issues.

Have a lovely weekend,

Jeremy Fisher

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Ruby
Ellie
Ralph

Diamond
Lara



STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ✚ Zara for helping our new children in class.
- ✚ Toby for a fantastic start and kind behaviour.
- ✚ Milana for great independent work in Maths.
- ✚ Lily for always being a good role model.

Sapphire

Emerald

- ✚ Luna for great participation in Maths.
- ✚ Harvey for exceptional listening in class.
- ✚ Zainab for her fantastic work in Maths.
- ✚ Sergiusz for his brilliant contributions in English.

Diamond

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School
Attendance – 94.96%**

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

- ✚ **The Gardening Club** resumes on **Wednesday 25th September** for children in **Years 3-6**.
- ✚ **Walk to School Week** is from **Monday 23rd to Friday 27th September**. Children, parents and carers are invited to walk, scoot, ride, park and stride to school. We have arranged with The Three Horseshoes Pub for parents to use their car park to park and stride.
- ✚ **Gourmet Burger & Hot Dog Fun Day Menu** – on **Thursday 3rd October**, we will be holding another fun day menu. The cost of this delicious 2 course



meal remains the same as the school's normal price of £3.35 (Y3-6) and £2.70 (Nursery). Children who normally have a packed lunch are invited to join in. **No additional charges are incurred. There is no need to pre-order your meal, children can choose their option on the day.**

MENU w/c 16th September 2024

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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)

Date	Event
20/09/24	KS2 BMX Scooter Experience
23/09/24 – 27/09/24	Walk to School Week
03/10/24	Gourmet Burger Fun Menu
07/10/24	Y6 TLM
07/10/24	Harvest Service
14/10/24	Individual Photos
24/10/24	Sapphire Trip to Stansted Aerozone
25/10/24	PTA Film Night
28/10/24 – 01/11/24	Half Term
31/10/24	Year 6 Deadline to Apply for Secondary School Place
21/11/24	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
29/11/24	Occasional Day
02/12/24	Christmas Decoration Day
11/12/24	Emerald Class Last Swimming Lesson
12/12/24	Panto
18/12/24	Christmas Lunch
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
15/01/24	Nursery Deadline to apply for a Reception Place
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



**SCHOOL
DINNERS**

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

Promoting a healthy and active lifestyle

AFTER SCHOOL Sports Clubs

Spellbrook C of E Primary School

3:20-4:20pm

Football



Tuesdays

Dodgeball



Thursdays

Footballers must bring trainers or astro turf trainers, shin pads, long socks, PE kit or sports wear, and goalie gloves if wanting to play in goal.

Please ensure children are collected on time at 4:20pm, or a late collection fee may be charged as per terms of our service.

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Date:

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For school
years 1-6



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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 9th September 2024

How do I sign up?

Please visit the website: 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:

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Well Bean Gardening

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Wednesdays from 3.20pm-4.30pm
Starts again September 25



- Spellbrook's Gardening Club meets on Wednesdays and is open to Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. Limited spaces available
- £30.00 for five sessions Sept 25 to Oct 23
- 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 Sept 25 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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Sunday 15 September 3pm

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- Plain or Greek yoghurt and fruit
- 150ml homemade fruit smoothie
- Vegetable sticks (carrot/pepper/cucumber) with hummus
- Fruit kebabs

- Wholegrain toast with a thin layer of peanut butter
- Breadsticks
- Handful of dried fruit
- Dried apple slices (slice into 1/4 inch circles, bake at 200 degrees until dry)
- Handful of homemade popcorn
- Homemade fruit ice lollies
- Apple slices with peanut butter.



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Applying for a school place for September 2025

Secondary/Upper/Studio/University Technical College
Application deadline: Thursday 31 October 2024

Primary (Reception)/Junior/Middle
Application deadline: Wednesday 15 January 2025

Apply online at
www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions



Library Adventure with Hertfordshire Libraries

This autumn Hertfordshire Libraries are encouraging all Reception children to have their own library card. Our special 'My First Library Adventure' promotion gives your child the chance to win one of 50 personalised signed books by award winning author-illustrator Chloe Savage ('The Search for the Giant Arctic Jellyfish'). Plus two children will win a library visit with Chloe Savage for their whole class!

It's easy for your child to take part. They just need to visit a Hertfordshire Library twice by 30 November 2024 with their special 'My First Library Adventure' bookmark which they were given at school. For each step of the Adventure they will collect a 'paw stamp' to celebrate their progress.



Complete your Library Adventure by entering the Prize Draw. You will need to see proof of a parent/carer's name & address. You will need to see proof of a parent/carer's name & address. You will need to see proof of a parent/carer's name & address.

Visit one:

- your child either joins the library or shows us their library card. (For new members we will need to see proof of a parent/carer's name & address)
- choose and borrow 1 or more books
- ask library staff / volunteers for the first 2 'paw stamps' on your bookmark

At home: enjoy sharing the book(s) together

Visit two:

- return the book(s) to the library
- collect more 2 more 'paw stamps', tell us about your favourite book, and enter the prize draw



Children love to choose their own books, and it's free to join and borrow books from the library – just remember to bring them back on time or renew them if you want them for longer. Using the library regularly can help save money as you are borrowing and not buying, which is environmentally friendly too.

In your local library you will find thousands of books to choose from so there is always something new to discover!

- picture books – to enjoy together
- beginning to read titles - to build your child's confidence as they learn to read
- information books – to spark their interest in learning about the world
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MONDAY

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TUESDAY

HIGH WYCH MEMORIAL HALL, SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS CM21 0HX
NEW CLASS 3-5 Years Mini Pros 4.15pm - 4.45pm Novice and Intermediate 4.45pm - 5.30pm
CHURCH LANGLEY WAY, HARLOW, ESSEX CM17 9TH
NEW CLASS Beginners 4.45pm - 5.30pm

WEDNESDAY

SAWBRIDGEWORTH MEMORIAL HALL, THE FOREBURY, SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS CM21 9BD
Beginners 4.30pm - 5.15pm
HARLOW JUDO CLUB, FOLD CROFT, HARLOW, ESSEX CM20 1SE
Beginners 5.00pm - 5.45pm Intermediates & Advanced 5.45pm - 6.45pm

THURSDAY

AGE CONCERN HALL, PRIORY STREET, WARE, HERTS SG12 0DE
Beginners 4.15pm - 5.00pm Novice 5.00pm - 6.00pm

FRIDAY

R.A BUTLER INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL, SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX CB11 3DG
Beginners 4.30 - 5.15pm Novice 5.15 - 6.00pm Intermediate 6.00 - 6.45pm
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