



## NEWSLETTER – 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024

**VALUE:** Generosity

**Focus:** Giving Cheerfully

‘God loves a cheerful giver.’ 2 Corinthians 9.7



### FROM THE HEADTEACHER

On Monday, the whole school went to Great St Mary’s Church for our Harvest Service. Many family members joined us and that made the Service even more special. We thought about creation and our wonderful world.



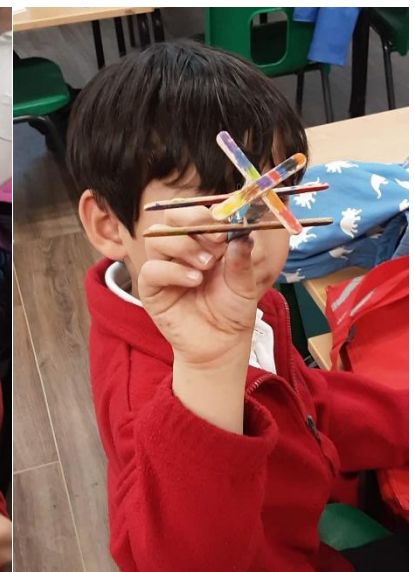
We sang a number of harvest songs. The Big Red Combine Harvester and The Sun Came Shining Down, have actions and repetition that the younger children in particular enjoy. The traditional, Lord of the Harvest and Everywhere Around Me, helped us to think about nature’s gifts and the children enjoyed finishing with the exuberant Harvest Samba with a lovely counterpoint led by Diamond Class. The children in the different classes helped us all to reflect on the meaning of harvest through the sharing of poems, prayers and some lovely artwork. Even the youngest children in Nursery and Reception came up to sing, giving them that wonderful experience of being part of a group in front of an audience. Many thanks to Di Kitson for her support and helping us to reflect on all the hard work that goes into making the things we eat, even with something as simple as a can of soup. The celebration of Harvest links so clearly to our school value, Generosity, and we are grateful to the members of the school community for contributing to the Harvest donations that have now gone to local foodbank to help those who are in need.



**Art competition winners:** A few weeks ago, I announced that two of our pupils were winners in the CPRE Hertfordshire Children's Art Competition. Last Saturday, the children and their families were invited to a celebration at the Woodhall Estate, near Watton-at-Stone and Mrs Todd and I were also invited to as representatives of our school. After a talk by children's author, Elena Mannion, all about the joys of being connected to nature and appreciating our local wildlife, there was a presentation for all of the winners. It was a lovely event, and the quality of the artwork was superb. I was very pleased that our school had taken part and particularly proud of our two winners. Hopefully, we will join in with their next competition.



**Report about our History this week from Sapphire Class:** As part of our history topic learning about the history of transportation, this week we were focusing on air travel. We learnt about the Wright brothers and how they are credited with inventing, building and flying the first successful aeroplane. We found out that people have always been interested in air travel linking back to the Ancient Greeks and the story of Icarus. We talked about how people mimicked birds and tried to create their own wings to see if they could take flight, but many were unsuccessful. Sapphire Class were then tasked with designing and making their own planes based on the initial designs of the Wright brothers using various sized lollipop sticks and pegs. Mr. Fisher came to the rescue with the hot glue gun as using glue sticks to join the wood was proving quite tricky. The children were very pleased with their small model aeroplanes and some even tried to see if their small model planes would take flight.



**Scooter-bility:** Unfortunately, due to the weather, the Scooter-bility for Year 2 was postponed. It will now be on Monday afternoon so hopefully the weather will be ok.

**Shiksha Rath:** We recently received this email from our friends at Shiksha Rath.

*Dear Spellbrook Primary School,*

*Hello and greetings from all of us here at Shiksha Rath, Delhi!*

*The children have finished their school mid-term exam and are now on holiday for a week. We will be having various sessions for the children on Mental health awareness, storytelling and good and bad habits. Along with this, they will have dance and music classes.*

*Two major festivals, Dussehra and Diwali are coming these following weeks for which Annu, Ansh and Diya are also preparing to participate in the dance and different competitions. We will send you an update about their involvement in our next update.*

*We want to thank you once again for all your help and support to Shiksha Rath by sponsoring these three.*



It is lovely to hear from them and realise that the money collected last year is making a real difference to children's lives.

Have a lovely weekend,

Jeremy Fisher

## HARVEST GREETINGS FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Dear Spellbrook,

It was lovely to see you all on Monday to celebrate Harvest in our beautiful church. Well done for all your fabulous singing and your behaviour was impeccable as always.

A big thank you to your teachers who have been helping you learn all your harvest songs and poems which you performed so beautifully and for the lovely artwork that you produced. Thank you for all the donations you brought with you for our harvest appeal for Harlow Foodbank.



I am delighted to report that on Tuesday morning we sent a phenomenal 168kg of donations to Harlow Foodbank to help local families who are in need.

When I researched Harvest Festivals, I was interested to learn that there are references to Harvest Festivals in the bible. Exodus 23:16 says "You shall keep the feast of ingathering at the end of the year, when you gather in from the field the fruit of your labour".



The bible refers to Harvest as two different festivals; the Feast of Weeks which marks the start of the harvest being gathered in and the Feast of Ingathering which marks when all the harvest has been gathered in.

Harvest is a time to thankful for what we have and also for our farmers who work so hard to produce the food that comes onto our table. Harvest is a particularly busy time for our farmers, and I expect they are looking forward to a well-earned rest before the cycle starts again.

We hope you all had a lovely Harvest time, and we hope to see you at our next Mustard Seed service on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

All of you are most welcome. We will enjoy some crafts and activities before a short service and most importantly...food.

God bless,

Becky Burton  
Foundation Governor

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Sapphire  
Luca

Emerald  
Issy

Diamond  
Georgia



### STARS OF THE WEEK

#### Ruby

- ❖ Rowan for brilliant effort and focus in lessons.
- ❖ Grace for fantastic storytelling of familiar stories.

#### Sapphire

- ❖ Teddy for working hard on his maths lessons and having good partner talk.
- ❖ Rowan for great work and effort in his writing.

#### Emerald

- ❖ Abel for working hard in maths.
- ❖ Lisa for working hard in class.

#### Diamond

- ❖ Lorcan for being a fantastic table partner.
- ❖ Nikita for great focus and behaviour.

## ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School  
Attendance – 93.9%**

**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

- ❖ **Individual School Photos** – the school photographer will be in on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October** to take individual and sibling photos. Please ensure that children are in school on time and in full uniform.
- ❖ **Year 2 Scooterbility rescheduled to Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October** - Year 2 will be taking part in a scooterbility session run by Herts County Council's Active & Safer Travel Team in school. Children will need to bring in a standard 2 or 3 wheeled scooter with a rear wheel brake. Herts County Council strongly supports the wearing of a helmet during the session.
- ❖ **Reception Phonics Information Session** – Reception parents are invited to attend on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October** at 2.30 pm.
- ❖ **Sapphire Trip to Stansted Aerozone** is on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October**. Please ensure that you have provided consent for your child to attend on Arbor. Children will need to bring a packed lunch. If you would like the school to provide a packed lunch, please contact the school office.
- ❖ **Macmillan Coffee Afternoon** – a huge thank you to the PTA for organising this successful event and to all the parents and carers who supported through cake donations and donations of money. We raised **£170.17!**

## MENU w/c 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Pork Sausages with Gravy (Red)</li> <li>❖ Cheese &amp; Tomato Quiche (V) (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> <li>❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)</li> </ul>
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Herb Crusted Chicken with Spaghetti Marinara (Red)</li> <li>❖ Mild Sweet Potato &amp; Chickpea Curry (Ve) (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> <li>❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)</li> </ul>
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Roast Beef (Red)</li> <li>❖ Mince Slice (Ve) (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> </ul>

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
14/10/24	Individual Photos
17/10/24	Reception Phonics Information Session
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
05/11/24	Parents Evening Meetings
21/11/24	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
22/11/24	Year 6 Height & Weight Screening
28/11/24	Ruby Class Bonfire
29/11/24	Occasional Day
02/12/24	Christmas Decoration Day
10/12/24	Nativity
11/12/24	Nativity

	❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Thursday	❖ 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**

11/12/24	Emerald Class Last Swimming Lesson
12/12/24	Panto
13/12/24	PTA Non-Uniform Day
18/12/24	Christmas Lunch
19/12/24	Christmas Service
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



GOOD TRAVEL PLAN 2024

# 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

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.

£42 for 7 weeks

Starting week commencing 9th September

Keep fit, make friends and have fun!

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

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Club Fee  
£7.75 a week

# THE SECRET ART CLUB

With Artist Caroline Clark

### Activities:

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

### Date:

Weekly, starting on Friday 13th September 2024, 3.20 - 4.30 pm  
NB SORRY, NO ART CLUB ON 20th/27th SEPTEMBER

### 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



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 9th 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](#)

# Well Bean Gardening



Learning through growing  
Growing through learning

Get close to nature with  
our Gardening Club  
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)

Email: wellbeangardening@gmail.com  
Mobile: 07817 528652

facebook.com/wellbeangardening  
Instagram: @wellbeangardening

## Sunday 13 October 6pm

# Choral Evensong

A beautiful contemplative service of  
music and Scripture for St Luke's tide  
with healing prayer available afterwards

## St Michael's Church Bishop's Stortford

[www.saintmichaelweb.org.uk](http://www.saintmichaelweb.org.uk)



SAWBRIDGEWORTH EVANGELICAL  
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

# Make Lunch

*Big day out!*

Join us for bowling and games, followed  
by a delicious lunch!



Scan the QR code to book your place!  
Wednesday 30th October 2024  
11:00 am

Hertfordshire

# BE BRIGHT BE SEEN





**Ready, set, go!**

It's time for your family's health action plan

Sign up for a **FREE**, one-hour appointment with our Wellbeing Co-ordinator, for:

- Expert guidance and practical lifestyle tips
- Setting family health goals
- Making a health action plan

You will also get a free half-hour follow-up call one month later.

Sign up for your **FREE** appointment today

[BZBinfo@maximusuk.co.uk](mailto:BZBinfo@maximusuk.co.uk)

**01707 248648**

Hertfordshire

Eligibility criteria apply, please see our website for more information.

BOB THE SKELETON



**HOLIDAY CAMPS**

Join us for 5 hours of Fab Science fun in the holidays! Camps run 10am to 3pm and are open to all children aged 5-11 years.

For more information visit the Fab Science website.

**£37** per child

Sibling discount available

**BRILLIANT BODIES**

Monday 28th October  
Cambridge (Queen Edith)

Tuesday 29th October  
Saffron Walden (RAB)

Wednesday 30th October  
Hertford (St Joseph's in the Park)

Thursday 31st October  
Bishop's Stortford (Thorn Grove)

Friday 1st November  
St Albans (Garden Fields)

Have fun finding out about our amazing brains, discover how poo is made, see inside a real heart and meet the Fab Science skeleton, Bob!



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- 3D CREATIONS

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- Water Bottle
- Medication If Required
- Halloween Costume (Friday Optional)