



NEWSLETTER – 18th October 2024

VALUE: Generosity

Focus: Caring for creation

'God loves a cheerful giver.' 2 Corinthians 9.7



FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Reading Diary: We are so pleased and really happy to see so many children and parents engaging with our new online home reading record. It has been lovely to see the amount of reading taking place and the positive impact this has on children. The company informed Mrs McDonald that we are one of their top schools for engagement, with such a large percentage of the children involved and hitting their weekly targets. This is absolutely superb.



The photos of children reading at home have been great to receive. Please keep sending them in and please indicate if you are happy for them to be featured in our weekly news. The voice notes have been welcomed by the teachers and have included comments from parents about the book and what their child has enjoyed, as well as recordings of children reading. We are delighted by how well this collaboration between families and school is going. Look out for certificates just before half term for those who have been meeting targets.

Teddy Bear's Adventure: On Monday, Ruby Class (Nursery and Reception) went on a Teddy Bear's Adventure in the woods. They started the day by showing their teddies and other cuddly friends around Ruby Class, introducing them to their classmates and showing them their favourite activities.



They set off towards our woods, and on the way told the tale, "We're going on a Bear Hunt". Everyone joined in beautifully and they 'were not scared'.



They even found the bear named Mrs Hasty in a cave.

Inspired by the story of the 'Three Little Pigs', they made dens for their teddies. The children looked at ways they could work together, join and balance sticks. They weren't quite wolf proof, but the teddies had fun in them.



The children also explored the different prints they could make in the woods by rubbing crayons on tree barks and different surfaces.



Their adventure ended with tasty, hot chocolate and marshmallows and the biscuits that they had decorated.

'What a Beautiful Day.'

Scooterbility: Finally, the weather was kind and the children in Year 2 were able to have their Scooterbility lesson. Sarah Elliott, the Sustainable Travel Officer from Hertfordshire County Council led a great session for the children, helping them to develop understanding and necessary habits that should help to keep them safe.

They learned:

- How to scoot safely
- How to stop using the back brake
- How to avoid and go around things on the pavement
- What to do when crossing roads
- Scoot close to the edge of the road and step off your scooter
- Check with your adult when to go
- Look carefully
- Walk across with your scooter, whilst still looking carefully
- Stop at the other side and wait for your adult.



Cross Country – Report by Grace and Ewan

On Tuesday, a group of children from Emerald and Diamond Class walked to Leventhorpe to take part in a cross country event against the runners from four other local schools. The different year groups and boys and girls set off at different times. Years 3 and 4 ran 1500 m and Year 5 and 6 ran 1700m. It was very muddy as there had been so much rain the day before, and it included a steep hill, which made the middle part of the race very tiring. Everyone who was watching in the crowd was chanting loudly.

All of our runners said they enjoyed taking part.

Tristan said that “It was very tiring, and the Year 5 boys had a very fast race. Nikita said, “I really enjoyed it because it was new for me to run with other people.”

Lots of our runners did well in their races. Lyra and Flora both came first, Sienna came 2nd and Grace came 4th.

Jacob said, “I loved it. Thank you!”

Have a lovely weekend,

Jeremy Fisher



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



No birthdays this week

STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ❖ Louie for great participation & working happily.
- ❖ Riaan for joining in well on the carpet & contributing in lessons.

Sapphire

- ❖ Esme for trying really hard to write her sentences independently.
- ❖ Jadon for fantastic settling into Sapphire Class.

Emerald

- ❖ Seb for hard work in maths.
- ❖ Vogue for working hard in class.

Diamond

- ❖ Millie for super progress with her writing.
- ❖ Billie for fantastic independent work.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School
Attendance – 94.42%**

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 Film Night** – the PTA are hosting a film night at **Leventhorpe School** from **6.15 – 7.45 pm** on **Friday 25th October**. The movie is **Scooby-Do: Spooky Island (PG)**. Tickets cost **£3.50** per child (includes a biscuit & squash/water). Payment can be made online in advance [Spellbrook P T A \(sumupstore.com\)](http://Spellbrook_P_T_A.sumupstore.com) or you can pay on the night with cash or card. **Come in your PJs & bring a pillow or blanket for extra cosiness. The tuck shop will be open, selling snacks, drinks & bracelets. Parking is available outside the main building. Parents are welcome to stay & enjoy the film too!**
- ❖ **Sapphire Trip to Stansted Aerozone** is on **Thursday 24th 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.
- ❖ **Year 6 deadline to apply for a secondary place in Thursday 31st October.**
- ❖ **School breaks up for half term on Friday 25th October** at the usual time. Afterschool clubs will run as usual. School resumes on **Monday 4th November**.

MENU w/c 21st October 2024

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Tex Mex Quorn Fajita (V) (Red) ❖ Creamy Macaroni Cheese (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Chicken Pie (Red) ❖ Moroccan Tagine (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Roast Chicken (Red) ❖ Plant Balls with Gravy (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Beef Burger in a Bun (Red) ❖ Roasted Summer Veg Pasta (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Salmon Fishcake (Red) ❖ Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)



**SCHOOL
DINNERS**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
24/10/24	Sapphire Trip to Stansted Aerozone
25/10/24	PTA Film Night @ Leventhorpe School
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
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



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.

£42 for 7 weeks

Starting week commencing 9th September

Keep fit, make friends and have fun!

Book online at:
gjwsports.co.uk

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 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 and click the 'Sign Up' button to complete

[SIGN UP | StageSteps](#)

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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! ✨

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

Discover Bucks Museum

& Roald Dahl Children's Gallery

Discover Bucks Museum
Church Street
Aylesbury HP20 2QP
discoverbucksmuseum.org
01296 331441

October Half-Term

26 October - 3 November 2024

Join us this October half-term for a fun-filled family-friendly week of arts and crafts topped off with a spooky family Halloween day on Saturday.

Discover more at discoverbucksmuseum.org or scan the QR code



Discover Bucks Museum

& Roald Dahl Children's Gallery

26 October - 3 November

- Explore our sensory dark den
- Add to our Halloween mural in our Tudor room
- Spot the ten Halloween monsters hidden in the museum

Monday 28 October – Modroc Mummies (5-11yrs)

Tuesday 29 October – Spooky Science (5-11yrs)

Wednesday 30 October - Let's Celebrate: Diwali Diyas (5-11yrs)

Thursday 31 October – Trick or treat in the oldest building in Aylesbury! Don't forget to dress to impress! (3-11yrs)

Friday 1 November – Young Creatives: Halloween Writing (7-13yrs) & Autumn Collage (3-11yrs)

Saturday 2 November – Spooky Stories & Crafts (3-11yrs)
Show off your best Halloween costumes, enjoy spooky stories and get crafty with our seasonal crafts.

Prices range from £3 - £5 per participant.

Make a day of it and visit the *Roald Dahl Children's Gallery* and the rest of the Museum including the *May The Toys Be With You* exhibition 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



May The Toys Be With You on until 3 November 2024
From a galaxy far, far away comes a stellar exhibition of vintage Star Wars toys and original movie posters. A must-see for Star Wars fans of all ages.

Discover Bucks Museum
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discoverbucksmuseum.org



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR MONSTER

PTA FILM NIGHT

SCOOPY-DOO : SPOOKY ISLAND (PG)

FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER
6.15PM - 7.45PM
Leventhorpe School
Main Hall
Tickets -£3.50

You're Invited to a Monster PTA Film Night!
Get ready for a spooky and fun-filled evening!

When: Friday 25th October

Time: 6.15pm - 7.45pm (film starts at 6.15 pm)

Where: Leventhorpe School Main Hall

Movie Scooby-Doo: Spooky Island (PG)

Tickets: £3.50 per child (includes a biscuit & squash/water)

Available online in advance: [Spellbrook P T A \(sumupstore.com\)](http://SpellbrookPTA.sumupstore.com) or pay by card or card.

Come in your PJs & bring a pillow or blanket for extra cosiness! Tuck shop will be open, parking is available outside. Parents are welcome to stay!



Parent & Carer Support Spring Term 2025



FREE to parents and carers living in Hertfordshire

TALKING TEENS

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged **12-19**, covering:

- The Teen Brain: physical and emotional changes taking place and why behaviour changes.
- The link between behaviour and communicating difficult feelings.
- How to maintain your relationship with good communication.
- Understand risk taking behaviour around drugs, alcohol and gang culture.
- How to negotiate and reduce conflict.



Wednesdays 7pm - 9pm
26th Feb - 2nd Apr
Face to Face: ID 707
Gade Community Room
Oakleaf Primary School,
Hemel Hempstead

Tuesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm
7th Jan - 11th Feb
Online Course: ID 708

TALKING ANGER in FAMILIES

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged **0-11**, supporting you to:

- Understand why teens and adults get angry.
- Develop strategies to handle anger in yourself and others within your family.
- Recognise the early signs of anger.
- Reduce conflict and arguments.
- Encourage positive behaviour.



Wednesdays 7.45 - 9.30pm
8th Jan - 12th Feb
Online Course: ID 705

TALKING DADS

6, weekly sessions for dads & male carers, sharing information on:

- Improved listening and communication skills.
- A healthy dad-child relationship now and for the future.
- Effective strategies for dealing with anger and conflict.
- How to enforce boundaries.
- Being the dad, you want to be.



Mondays 7.45 - 9.15pm
6th Jan - 10th Feb
Online Course: ID 710 0-19yrs

Thursdays 7.45 - 9.15pm
27th Feb - 3rd Apr
Online Course: ID 711 0-11yrs

Wednesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm
26th Feb - 2nd Mar
Online Course: ID 712 12-19yrs

TALKING FAMILIES

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged **0-12** sharing tips on:

- Managing challenging behaviour with consistency.
- Encouraging positive behaviour.
- Building your child's self-esteem.
- Setting and maintaining boundaries.
- Responding to tantrums and difficult feelings in children.
- Developing a strong parent/child relationship now and for the future.



Tuesdays 9.45 - 11.15am
7th Jan - 11th Feb
Online Course ID 703

Tuesdays 8.00 - 9.30pm
7th Jan - 11th Feb
Online Course ID 704

Tuesdays 8.00 - 9.30pm
25th Feb - 1st Apr
Online Course ID 702

TALKING ANXIETY in TEENS

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children **12-19**, supporting you to:

- Understand why young people and adults get anxious.
- Develop strategies to handle anxiety in yourself and others within your family.
- Recognise the early signs of anxiety.
- Reduce stress and tension.
- Encourage resilient behaviour.



Mondays 7.45 - 9.30pm
24th Feb - 31 Mar
Online Course ID 706

TALKING ADDITIONAL NEEDS

A 6-week group for parents and carers of children with any additional need. Your child does not need a diagnosis.

- Understand your child's behaviour.
- Develop strategies that really work.
- Reduce conflict.
- Improve emotional regulation.
- Explore sensory needs.
- Increase your child's resilience.
- Manage different needs in your family.



Tuesdays 9.45 - 11.15am
25th Feb - 1st Apr
Course ID 701 2-19yrs

Wednesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm
8th Jan - 12 Feb
Online Course ID 709 12-19yrs

Booking essential. Please Quote the Course ID

To check eligibility and book a place, please contact Supporting Links on: **07512 709556** or bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk

These courses are provided free to parents by Hertfordshire County Council's Targeted Parenting Fund. Information taken on booking will be used to process your booking, check your eligibility, identify any access needs and will be stored in accordance with our GDPR policy which is available on request



OCTOBER HALF TERM

SAILING - FROM £150

- ★ RYA Stage 1 - 28th/29th October
- ★ RYA Stage 2 - 31st October/1st November
- ★ RYA Stage 3 - 28th/29th/30th October

ACTIVITY CAMP - £34

- ★ Tuesday 29th October
- ★ Wednesday 30th October

Book now
www.essa.org.uk
07483336741

Essa Water Activities Centre
Central Lagoon, Meadgate road, Nazeing, Essex EN9 2PB

THE WATERMILL MILL GREEN **ROMAN BATHS WELWYN**

Autumn Half Term for Families

Totally Chaotic History Museum Trail

Welwyn Roman Baths joins the national celebration of the launch of 'Romans get Rowdy' by Greg Jenner. We will be hosting the museum family trail included in general admission prices (£6 for adults, £2 for children) Learn all about the Romans with this fun activity!

The Watermill at Mill Green has its popular 'Spooky Sunday' event on 27th October. Start with an interactive story quest followed by slime making, mill tours, craft activities, face glitter and much more. £8.40 per child. Adults go FREE!

Both sites offer a range of children's activities including 'Clay Monsters', 'Frankenstein pom-pom shooters' crafts and a special Halloween afternoon of 'Horrorifying Howls and Spooky Stories' to get you in the mood for Trick and Treating!. All £6 per child.

See our websites and social media for further details:
www.millgreenmuseum.co.uk/whats-on www.facebook.com/millgreenmillandmuseum
www.millgreenmuseum.co.uk/roman-baths www.facebook.com/welwynromanbaths