



NEWSLETTER – 8th November 2024

VALUE: Compassion

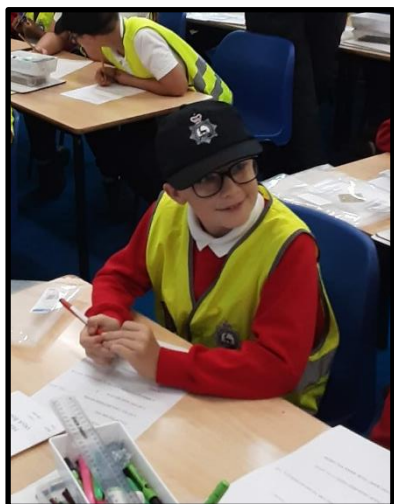
Focus: Noticing a Need

**‘Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.’
Colossians 3.12**



FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Mini Police: Diamond Class had their first Mini Police lesson this week. They were visited by Constable Shelly Marshall and PCSO Fallon Collins who explained what they do in their daily roles. They also talked about the uniforms they wear and explained what the different pieces of equipment that they use and carry around with them are. The children were then given their own Mini Police uniforms that they will be wearing for the sessions each week. Throughout the lesson, they gained an understanding of the importance of communication and recording information accurately. The children were praised for how attentive and well behaved they were and are very much looking forward to their next lesson.



Christmas Lanterns: It is lovely to see that Christmas Lanterns have started to come in to school. Please feel free to send them whenever they are ready. I am looking forward to seeing them all and then taking them to Great St Mary's for the Festival of Lights on the 30th of November.



Home Reading: Thank you for your continued support with the home reading. If anyone is having difficulties with the app, please do message your child's class teacher via ClassDojo so that we can help you find a solution. Again, it is lovely to see some of the pictures that have been uploaded.



Items coming into school from home: We are seeing more items being brought into school and would ask that under usual circumstances, toys and cards are not brought in. Things get lost and broken and this causes upset. They can also cause distraction and occasionally conflict. If your child does need something such as a fidget item or ear defenders, as part of an agreed strategy to manage their Special Educational Needs and Wellbeing, please talk to the class teacher and or SENCO. We can make adjustments to our expectations in these circumstances and in some cases, we will provide such items ourselves, but please speak to the class teacher before sending them in.

End of the Day: Please ensure that your child does not go into the MUGA at the end of the day. Some children have been going around the back or climbing a fence to access it and this is very unsafe. They should only be in there with a member of school staff.

Poppies: Poppies and related items will still be on sale for the final day on Monday 11th November. We will be reflecting on Remembrance Day through a minute's silence at 11:00 and during our Collective Worship that afternoon.

Have a lovely weekend,

Jeremy Fisher

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK & OVER THE HALF TERM



Ruby
Noah

Sapphire
Maddison
Teddy
Niveth

Emerald
Wren
Amelie

Diamond
Tristan

STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ❖ Ralph for consistent sensible behaviour and being a positive role model to others.
- ❖ Ava for fantastic group play and sharing ideas.

Sapphire

- ❖ Samuel for trying hard in maths.
- ❖ Vinnie for good participation in Read, Write, Inc.

Emerald

- ❖ Charlie for working hard in all lessons.
- ❖ Wren for great writing and resilience in maths this week.

Diamond

- ❖ Elise for working so hard in maths this week.
- ❖ Harry B for settling in well.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School
Attendance – 94.05%**

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

- ❖ **Children in Need Day** is on **Friday 15th November**. Children are invited to come into school in **non-uniform** with a donation of **£1**. Donations can also be made in Arbor via the **School Shop < Children in Need 2024**.
- ❖ **Nasal Flu-Vaccinations** will be taking place on **Thursday 21st November**.
- ❖ **Reception Vision & Hearing Screening, Heights & Weights Measurements** is on **Friday 22nd November** with the school nurse.
- ❖ **Year 6 Height & Weight Screening** is on **Friday 22nd November** with the school nurse.
- ❖ **Donations of Christmas Crackers** – we are kindly asking again for donations of Christmas Crackers for the children's Christmas lunch on **Wednesday 18th December**. Please drop all donations at the school office. Many thanks.

MENU w/c 11th November 2024

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Veggie Sausages & Gravy (Ve) (Red) ❖ Macaroni Cheese (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Chicken Pasta Bake (Red) ❖ Homemade Vegan Sausage Roll & Gravy (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Roast Pork (Red) ❖ Roast Quorn Fillet (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Beef Burger in a Bun (Red) ❖ Tomato Bolognese (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Salmon & Sweet Potato Fishcake (Red) ❖ Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)



**SCHOOL
DINNERS**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
15/11/24	Children in Need Day
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 – School Closed
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

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!

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£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 8th November 2024, 3.20 - 4.30 pm

TO BOOK

www.carolineclarkartist.com or Caroline Clark (Caz) on 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

**We still have places
in our Wednesday after-school
Gardening Club**

November 6 - November 27



- Spellbrook's Gardening Club meets on Wednesdays and is open to Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. Limited spaces available
- £25.00 for the remaining four sessions of 2024 Nov 6 - Nov 27
- 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 Nov 6 and make a payment of £25 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

Exciting Christmas card competition launched for children of the Hertford and Stortford constituency

Primary school children across Hertford and Stortford are invited to showcase their creativity this festive season by entering a Christmas card competition. Open to children aged 3-11, this wonderful initiative will give young artists a chance to design a card that could be sent to some of the most important figures in the country.

The winning card will be sent to the Prime Minister, His Majesty The King, and to communities across the Hertford and Stortford constituency. It's a unique opportunity for local children to contribute to the holiday cheer in a truly special way.

Theme: My Favourite Things About Christmas

All types of media are welcome, from crayons and markers to paint and pens. The only rule is to have fun and let those creative ideas flow! Entrants must mark their name, school, and year group on the back of the card or include it with their entry.

How to enter: Submit your entry by either:

- Email: Josh.Dean.MP@parliament.uk
- Post: FAO Josh Dean, Houses of Parliament, Westminster, London SW1A 0AA

Deadline: All entries must be received by **10th November**.

Big Adventure Productions in association with South Mill Arts

A Legendary Adventure!

Robin Hood

Sat 7 Dec 2024 - Sat 4 Jan 2025

South Mill Arts Box Office: 01279 710 200
southmillarts.co.uk

1-3 South Road, Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire CM23 3JG. South Mill Arts is trading styling of Bishop's Stortford. Museum and Arts CIC Registered Charity Number: 1168953

Join Robin Hood and his band of hero's, in this exciting pantomime adventure in the magical Sherwood Forest...

A cast of all-singing, all-dancing West End actors take to the stage in Bishop's Stortford's premier professional pantomime! Brought to you by the company behind previous hit shows *Cinderella* and *Jack & the Beanstalk*. Expect great songs, big laughs and lots of audience participation!

'We were transported into a magical world of make-believe that we watched unfold in front of our eyes, this production is of such high quality it would not have been out of place on the west end stage...'

Mum's Guide To Hertford, 2023 (Cinderella)

'With a seriously talented cast... some musical belters... and jokes that will actually make you laugh, rather than cringe... Cinderella will blow your socks (or your glass slippers) off.'

Muddy Stilletoes, 2023 (Cinderella)

Tickets

	Full	Concs	Family
Platinum	£27.50	£24.50	£91.00
Gold	£25.50	£22.50	£86.00
Silver	£23.50	£20.50	£80.00
Bronze	£21.50	£18.50	£73.00

*Fri 27 December at 11.00am will be a Relaxed and Captioned Performance.

The relaxed performance is sensitive to and accepting of audience members who may benefit from a more relaxed environment.

December 2024

Sat 7	1.00pm	7.00pm
Sun 8	11.00am	3.00pm
Mon 9		
Tue 10		
Wed 11		
Thu 12		
Fri 13		
Sat 14	11.00am	3.00pm
Sun 15	11.00am	3.00pm
Mon 16		
Tue 17		
Wed 18		
Thu 19		
Fri 20		
Sat 21	11.00am	3.00pm
Sun 22	11.00am	3.00pm
Mon 23	11.00am	3.00pm
Tue 24	11.00am	3.00pm
Wed 25	Christmas Day	
Thu 26	1.00pm	
Fri 27	11.00am*	3.00pm
Sat 28	11.00am	3.00pm
Sun 29	11.00am	3.00pm
Mon 30	11.00am	3.00pm
Tue 31	11.00am	3.00pm
January 2025		
Wed 1	New Year's Day	
Thu 2	11.00am	3.00pm
Fri 3	11.00am	3.00pm
Sat 4	11.00am	3.00pm

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WHAT'S ON NOVEMBER 2024

SAFFRON SCREEN

PADDINGTON IN PERU (PG TBC) Fri 8 7:30pm
 Sat 9 2:30pm & 7:30pm Sun 10 2:30pm
 Mon 11 7:30pm Fri 15 7:30pm Sat 16 2:30pm & 7:30pm
 Sun 17 2:30pm & 7:30pm Mon 18 7:30pm (SUBTITLED)
 Fri 22 7:30pm Sat 23 2:30pm Sun 24 2:30pm (RELAXED SCREENING)
 Sat 30 2:30pm Sun 1 Dec 2:30pm

Paddington visits his beloved Aunt Lucy, who now resides at the Home for Retired Bears. With the Brown Family in tow, a thrilling adventure plunges them into an unexpected journey through the Amazon rainforest.

EOS: VAN GOGH - POETS & LOVERS (PG) Sun 10 7.30pm

This film is a chance to reexamine and better understand this iconic artist. Focusing on his unique creative process, it explores the artist's years in the south of France, where he revolutionised his style.

HOLLYWOOD'S GREATEST STARS – FILM COURSE Sun 17 10.30am

Embark on a cinematic journey through the ages on this one-day study that will both illuminate the evolution of film acting across four pivotal periods, offering an overview of how Hollywood has evolved over the 100+ years.

SMALL THINGS LIKE THESE (PG) Sat 23 7.30pm, Mon 25 7.30pm

Oscar winner Cillian Murphy delivers a stunning performance. While working as a coal merchant, he discovers disturbing secrets kept by the local convent – and uncovers truths of his own.

LEE (PG) BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! Sun 24 7.30pm

The story of Lee Miller (Winslet), American photographer. Determined to document the truth of the Nazi regime, Lee captured some of the most important images of World War II.

GLADIATOR II (PG) Fri 28, Sat 30, Sun 1 Dec, Mon 2 Dec 7.00pm

From legendary director Ridley Scott, Gladiator II continues the epic saga of power, intrigue, and vengeance set in Ancient Rome. Lucius must look to his past to find strength and honor to return the glory of Rome to its people.



**PADDINGTON
IN PERU**



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GLADIATOR II

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Are you aged 8+?

Come and join us for fun activities and crafts AND to make new friends!

Bishop's Stortford Library
 Wednesdays 4pm - 5pm
 13th, 20th 27th November and 4th December
 £2.50 per session - please book in the library



Parent & Carer Support TALKING ASD & ADHD Workshops Spring 2025



Workshops are FREE to parents and carers living in Hertfordshire of children aged 2-25yrs with suspected or diagnosed Autistic Spectrum Disorder and/or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

← Eventbrite Page

THE TEENAGE YEARS



- Teenage brain development and how it affects a child with ASD/ADHD.
- Reducing conflict by learning how to respond effectively to difficult situations.
- Strengthening your parent/child relationship.
- How to agree appropriate boundaries and teach risk assessment.
- Adapting our parenting approach to help our teens become independent adults.

Tuesday 4th March 7.30-9.15pm

Workshop SL715 book via Eventbrite:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-asd-adhd-the-teenage-years-715-for-parents-carers-in-herts-registration-1064332389829>

SIBLING STRUGGLES



- What to do if your children are fighting or arguing.
- Dealing with jealousy and unfairness.
- Recognising the pressures on siblings.
- Helping your children develop a network of support.
- Helping your children to communicate with each other without conflict.
- Managing your own difficult feelings and helping your children to manage theirs.

Thursday 13th February 7.30-9.15pm

Workshop SL713 book via Eventbrite:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-asd-adhd-sibling-struggles-713-for-parents-carers-in-herts-registration-1065018812939>

RESPONDING to ANGER



- The difference between healthy & unhealthy anger.
- The pattern that anger takes and how to spot the non-verbal signs early.
- Our own and our children's triggers.
- Techniques that stop angry and aggressive behaviour escalating and when to use them.
- How to respond to our child in meltdown, keeping ourselves, our child and siblings safe.

Wednesday 2nd April 9.30-11.15am

Workshop SL714 book via Eventbrite:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-asd-adhd-responding-to-anger-714-for-parents-carers-in-herts-registration-1065126535139>

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www.supportinglinks.co.uk

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Bump. Baby and you

MEET THE ALPHA CLINIC EXPERTS TO HELP GUIDE YOU FROM PREGNANCY TO PARENTHOOD

Nikki Barker
 Midwife
 Pregnancy Complementary Therapist
 Caesarean Birth Scar Specialist
 Birth Trauma Resolution Therapist

Marni Cochrane
 Physiotherapist
 Mummy MOT Practitioner
 Women's Health Physiotherapist

Suzanne Cooper
 Osteopath
 Paediatric & Cranial Osteopathy
 unsettled baby/ digestive issues/torticollis
 Pregnancy & post partum pain

Hayley Fielder
 Nutritional Therapist
 Nutrition support to prepare for pregnancy or IVF treatment; throughout every trimester and post partum

A free drop-in event to meet our specialists, hear about what we do and learn about how we can help

Date: 21st November 2024 10am to 1pm Register with Eventbrite
 Location: Terrace Cafe, Castle Park, Bishop's Stortford CM23 2EL eventbrite.co.uk/e/bump-baby-and-you-tickets-1065194598719