



NEWSLETTER – 28th November 2024

VALUE: Compassion

Focus: Putting on the right attitude

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

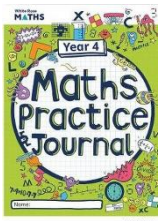
Colossians 3.12

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Diamond Class Car Painting: I believe that our relationship with the Suzuki garage goes back a long way and this week, Diamond Class were asked to go down and decorate a couple of the cars with chalk pens. The children were separated into Year 5 and Year 6 and each group had a car to decorate. They were allowed to choose what to draw following a Christmas theme. The children were also told that in no circumstances can they do this at home and taking a set of sharpies to Mum or Dad’s shiny car would not be acceptable under any circumstances. The cars will be in the showroom until the New Year and the children have been invited to pop in and show family members - a bit of shrewd advertising for the garage perhaps. Even so, the children had a great time.



Sapphire Class have been taking their learning outside and have been developing their understanding of number lines through drawing large ones, adding the numbers and jumping up and down the lines. This concrete experience helps them to internalise what happens when you increase/ decrease or add/ subtract numbers and lays the foundations for the more abstract work that maths moves onto.



Maths Homework Club: It has been great to see different families making use of the maths homework support on Wednesdays. If any parent wants some tips on how we teach maths or just prefers to get the homework done with their child in school rather than at home, then please just turn up and join us.

Online Safety Training with the 2 Johns: On Monday, the children in KS2, the teachers and many of the parents accessed information sessions on understanding the risks of the online world. The training was at times hard hitting as it was based on facts and figures and the real issues that children face when venturing out into the online world. It really made me think through whether we, as a school always adopt the most effective stance towards the issues. In the past, I have expressed concern about what some children are allowed to access at home. I am now considering whether even that could affect communication with a child who needs help. If they are reluctant to talk to teachers, or parents, about something they experience online because they fear we may disapprove or blame them for poor choices or even punish them, then instead of seeking help at a time when they most need it, they may choose not to. This could lead to further problems and may even increase the risks.



I came away from the training with a renewed appreciation of how complex this can be, how important the online world is to children and young people and how we need to find ways to avoid it being something we know little about so that we can spot signs of problems and be there for them when needed.

Next week, we are going to send out a questionnaire to find out the views of those who watched it, but also to find out if those that missed it would still like to view it as we do have a short window of opportunity before our link expires.

Festival of Light: We have had many lovely lanterns brought into school. There are some very creative lanterns with imaginative use of recycled materials. The attention to detail on some is stunning.



They will all be taken to Great St Mary's Church for the Festival of Lights this weekend. Please see the information below:

Sawbridgeworth Christmas Lights switch on **30th November** starting at 3pm with lights switched on at 6pm. During the afternoon, Great St Mary's church will be open and entirely lit by candlelight including the lanterns that the children have made. Come along and see your lantern at the church. There will also be Christmas crafts.

I hope many of you are able to attend.

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing many of you on Monday for Decoration Day.

Kind regards,

Jeremy Fisher

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Emerald
Harry P



STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ❖ Joshua for fantastic effort in his learning.

Sapphire

- ❖ Cara for trying really hard in her maths lesson.
- ❖ Jonas for super sentences in English.

Emerald

- ❖ Annabelle for fantastic attitude to learning.
- ❖ Scarlett for trying really hard in writing lessons.

Diamond

- ❖ Sid for being so helpful to others.
- ❖ Dylan for fantastic work in English.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School
Attendance – 93.83%**

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

- ❖ **Occasional Day – Friday 29th November** – this is a reminder that school is **closed**. School resumes at the usual time on Monday 2nd December.
- ❖ **Christmas Decoration Day** is on **Monday 2nd December**. The arrangements for the day are:
Ruby/Sapphire – 9.30 – 10.45 am
Emerald/Diamond – 1.00 – 2.45 pm
Children & siblings may be collected at 2.45 pm for those attending.
- ❖ **The PTA have organised a Non-Uniform Day on Monday 2nd December**. Parents can donate a gift for the raffle using the colours associated with each class. Please see the flyer below for more information.
- ❖ **PTA Annual General Meeting** is on **Monday 7th December**. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend. Please arrive at **7.00 pm** for a **7.30 pm** start.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Alden in Year 6** is raising money for Great Ormond Street Hospital. He has been under the wonderful

care of GOSH since being diagnosed with a tumour 4 years ago. To support this worthy cause, donations can be made by clicking on the link: [Elspeth Booth is fundraising for Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity](#) For more information, please see the flyer below.

- ❖ **Yoga and Mindfulness Afterschool Club** starts on **Wednesday 8th January 2025**. The club is open to children in **Years 1-6**. To book, please email hannah.rainbowrelaxation@gmail.com Please see the flyer below for more information.

MENU w/c 2nd December 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
29/11/24	Occasional Day – School Closed
02/12/24	Christmas Decoration Day
02/12/24	PTA Annual General Meeting
09/12/24	Carol Service @ St Michael's - Diamond
09/12/24	Nasal Flu Vaccinations – 2 nd session
09/12/24 – 11/12/24	PTA Christmas Gift Shop
10/12/24	Nativity
11/12/24	Nativity
11/12/24	Emerald Class Last Swimming Lesson
12/12/24	Panto
18/12/24	Christmas Lunch
18/12/24	Christmas Jumper Day
18/12/24	PTA Carols Around the Campfire
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.

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THE SECRET ART CLUB

With Artist Caroline Clark

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- 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

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Instagram: @wellbeangardening



Yoga, mindfulness and happy vibes!

@rainbowrelaxation

Hannah.rainbowrelaxation@gmail.com

Spellbrook after school yoga and mindfulness club

Starting- 8th January 2025

When- 3.20-4.20 pm, every Wednesday

How much- £42 for 6 week half term

What we do- - group games

- yoga

- mindful crafts

- breathwork/simple meditation
Most of all, we have a lot of fun!

Who can join- limited spaces available
from year 1 - year 6

How to book- email me at
Hannah.rainbowrelaxation@gmail.com



**GREAT
ORMOND
STREET
HOSPITAL
CHARITY**

Alden is raising money for GOSH!

Alden has been under the wonderful care of Great Ormond Street Hospital since being diagnosed with a tumour 4 years ago. His treatment has gone really well so far and he wondered what he could do to give a little something back. He decided to grow his hair so that the Little Princess Trust can make it into a wig for another child undergoing a similar treatment to him. He also wanted to raise some funds for GOSH to say thank you for the amazing help and support they have given to him and our family over the years. To sponsor him, please scan the QR code below or visit <https://www.justgiving.com/page/elspeth-booth-1730496867307>

Thank you!

SCAN HERE TO DONATE



CHRISTMAS LUNCH DEC 18th

MAIN MENU

Christmas Turkey & Chipolata Sausage
with Sage & Onion Stuffing
& Gravy

or

Quorn Fillet (v)
& Veggie Sausage (Ve)
with Sage & Onion Stuffing
& Gravy

SERVED WITH

Roast Potatoes
with a Choice of Seasonal Vegetables

DESSERT

Choice of Christmas Dessert



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CHRISTMAS DECORATING DAY

MONDAY 2ND DEC

Join your child for lots of festive crafts

RUBY & SAPPHIRE

9.30-10.45 AM

EMERALD & DIAMOND

1-2.45 PM

Sign in and enter via the school office

Children and siblings may be collected at 2.45 for those attending.



THANK YOU

Spellbrook Primary

for raising a fantastic

£131.00

The money you have raised will be used to help change the lives of children and young people facing disadvantage in communities across the UK

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Spellbrook PTA are holding a fundraising 'Rainbow Colour Raffle' and ask that each class help to put together a:

'Christmas Rainbow Hamper of Delights'.

On Monday 2nd December, we will be holding a **non-uniform day** and are asking parents to donate a gift for our raffle. We ask that, using the colours associated with each class (below), you please either donate a gift of that colour or wrap a present in that colour.

If you are really struggling to find something in your class colour, we'd very gladly accept a donated item of a different colour. Colours are:

Ruby - red
Sapphire - blue
Emerald - green
Diamond - silver

Please send your child in with your donation on Monday (which is also Christmas Decoration Day).

Raffle tickets will be available to purchase shortly.

Each ticket drawn out wins one Christmas hamper or other donated prize. **Raffle draw will take place at the Carols around the Campfire event on Wednesday 18th December** (please save the date, more details to follow).

Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

Spellbrook PTA Team

WHERE'S SANTA
P6-8

CHRISTMAS DIARY
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2025
P20 ONWARDS



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WINTER 2024

