



NEWSLETTER – 10th January 2025

VALUE: Compassion

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

Colossians 3.12

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Happy New Year!

I hope you have had a lovely festive time. Thank you on behalf of the staff for all of the Christmas wishes and gifts. Your generosity is really appreciated.

Hopefully, we have all had the break we needed, and everyone has recovered from the awful colds and other ailments that were so evident before the break. I am hoping that our attendance will increase this term, and the children will all be well and able to make the best of all the learning opportunities.

As ever, we have a busy term ahead. Sapphire are starting their swimming, such an important part of our PE, and not something that every school offers to so many children.

We have the same sports coach, Jack, so it's great that he's now established within the team.

Teachers are planning trips and visits, so look out for those. We will keep you updated through ClassDojo and the newsletters.

From next week, we have a new member of our team. Mr Lawson will be teaching some lessons for children in Emerald and Sapphire, giving us that extra capacity to support the children in addition to the support from their class teachers, so it is great to welcome him.

As the weather is so unpredictable at the moment, I will just take this opportunity to remind you that in the event that we did have to close the school for safety reasons, we would let you know as early in the morning as possible (hopefully around 7:00 am) and would post it on the website, and send a message on ClassDojo and by email.

Looking forward to a great term ahead and wishing you all a great weekend, whatever the weather.

Have a lovely weekend,

Jeremy Fisher



GREETINGS FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Dear Spellbrook,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had lovely Christmas' and New Years! It was lovely to see some of you at the services that were held at church over Christmas. You are always welcome at Great St Mary's no matter what time of the year it is.

The Spellbrook Christmas service was just magical, and I am told that it was a fabulous occasion. Well done to you all for your singing and readings. I am so sorry that I was unable to be with you...I was stuck at my school and couldn't get the time off. I hope to be with you for your Easter service.

Last weekend we celebrated Epiphany. This is the moment that Baby Jesus was revealed to us and when the Magi (or the Three Wise Men) followed the star to visit Jesus. However, we don't actually know how many wise men there were...it is assumed that there were three of them as three gifts of gold, frankincense and Myrrh were brought and presented to Jesus.



It is also when we celebrate the baptism of Jesus. So, it is an important period in the Church's calendar.

I hope to come and visit you all again soon.

God Bless.

Becky Burton
Foundation Governor

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Ruby
Milo
Axl



STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ❖ Ava B for great effort and participation.
- ❖ Joshua for fantastic focus and participation.

Sapphire

- ❖ Niveth for working really hard in his maths lessons.
- ❖ Maddison for being focused in her lessons and trying her best.

Emerald

- ❖ Henry for making a great start to the term.
- ❖ Niah for focused work and for trying her best.

Diamond

- ❖ Waris for his fantastic effort in handwriting.
- ❖ Alice for her enthusiasm and hard work in all subjects.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School
Attendance – 92.69%**

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.



MENU w/c 13th January 2025

| Day | Menu |
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| 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) |

NOTICES

- ❖ **NEW Wraparound Afterschool Care** starts on **Tuesday 14th January** until **Thursday 13th February**, running on a trial basis for children in **Reception to Year 6**. Bookings can be made online at [Services 3 – GJW SPORTS](#) or by emailing enquiries@gjwsports.co.uk to book an ad hoc session.
- ❖ **Afterschool Clubs resume** next week as usual.
- ❖ **Sapphire Class Swimming** starts on **Wednesday 15th January**. Swim hats are available to purchase via **Arbor** in the **School Shop < Swim Hat** for **£2**. Hats can then be collected from the office.
- ❖ **The deadline to apply for a Reception place** is **Wednesday 15th January**.
- ❖ **Nursery Places are Available for September 2025**. Please see the link to apply: <https://forms.office.com/e/QrLTXbRiMS>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| Date | Event |
|---------------------|---|
| 15/01/24 | Deadline to apply for a Reception Place |
| 15/01/24 | Sapphire Class Swimming Starts |
| 17/02/25 – 21/02/25 | Half Term |
| 24/02/25 | First Day Back |
| 26/02/24 | Diamond Trip to Ragged Sch. Museum |
| 06/03/25 | World Book Day |
| 21/03/24 | Red Nose Day |
| 27/03/24 | Emerald Class Showcase |
| 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 |
| 12/05/25 – 15/05/25 | KS2 SATS Week |
| 19/05/25 – 23/05/25 | Diamond Class Activity Week |
| 26/05/25 – 30/05/25 | Half Term |
| 02/06/25 | Inset 5 |

Friday

- ❖ Salmon & Sweet Potato Fishcake (Red)
- ❖ Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) (Green)
- ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)
- ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)



SCHOOL
DINNERS

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| 03/06/25 | First Day Back |
| 06/06/25 | PTA Non-Uniform Day |
| 14/06/25 | Summer Fair |
| 24/06/25 | Class Photos |
| 22/07/25 | Leavers Service |
| 23/07/25 | Last Day of Term |



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Check out our Mexican traybake below for a taste of our recipe selection!



Ingredients:

- 1 large red onion
- 3 cloves of garlic (2 tsp pre-minced)
- 1 can sweetcorn
- 1 can black beans (drained and rinsed)
- 1 can chopped tomatoes
- 320g frozen spinach
- 100g uncooked red lentils
- 250g brown rice
- 600ml veggie stock
- 120g low-fat cheddar/mozzarella
- Spices: 2 tsp paprika, 1.5 tsp cumin, 1.5 tsp coriander, 1 tsp oregano, ½ tsp chili powder (or none if you don't like spice).

Method:

1. Pre-heat your oven to 200 degrees/ gas mark 6.
2. Dice the onions and garlic (if using fresh) and add them to a large baking tray or dish.
3. Add your brown rice and lentils, along with the spinach, corn and chopped tomatoes.
4. Add all your spices to the tray. Make the stock, then pour slowly into the tray and mix everything together.
5. Pop into the oven for 45 minutes. Take the tray out, add beans and mix well, then top with grated cheese. Return to oven for 10 minutes.
6. Leave to cool for 5 minutes and then enjoy!

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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.

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Wrap Around Club

Spellbrook C of E School

5 week trial

Starting Tuesday 14th January

Tuesday - Thursday

- Session 1:
 - 15:20-16:20
 - £42.50 for 5 week block booking of a given day
 - Ad-hoc: £10 per session
- Session 2:
 - 15:20-17:20
 - £85 for 5 week block booking of a given day
 - Ad-hoc: £20 per session



Children are offered:

- A snack (breadsticks/rice cakes/crackers)
- A 'light bite' tortilla wrap (butter/cheese/ham/chicken/pepperoni/chorizo)
- A drink (summer fruits/orange/mango/water).

Ad-hoc bookings can be made by emailing enquires@gjwsports.co.uk

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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
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Hayley Fuller

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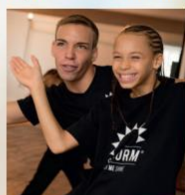
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