

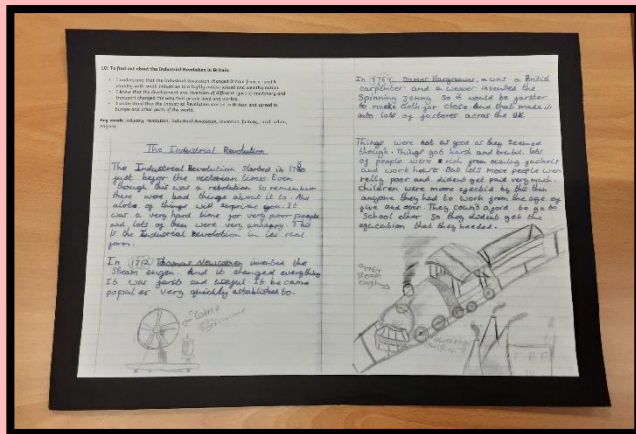


NEWSLETTER - 17th January 2025

VALUE: Courage

Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.'

Joshua 1.9



Diamond Class History

Diamond Class's current history topic is the Industrial Revolution. They have been carrying out research then demonstrating their learning using two -page spreads. Combining illustrations with text is believed to make learning more memorable and for some it certainly adds to their ability to focus and sustain concentration.

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This week, we have started to focus on our new Christian Value, Courage. We have thought about carrying on when things are difficult. We revisited the story of Jesus and the fisherman and how they'd experienced a fishing trip with no success at all. We reflected on how an experience like that is bound to make us want to give up and we realised that we all have had times just like that. We then thought about how with Jesus's help they had such a successful catch that they needed extra help to bring it in, and their boat was so full it hardly floated. We can all benefit from some help when we face difficulties and challenges.



opportunity for all of our athletes to show determination and courage, and they certainly did that. We were very proud of the attitude shown throughout.

This week some of Diamond class took part in an indoor athletics event at Birchwood. It was a super event with a range of activities, such as long jump, chest throw, javelin and speed bounce. One of our team was brilliant at speed bounce. These activities were followed up with a set of relay races. As we are a small school and unable to select from a large pupil size, competing at these events is a challenge and we actually had a smaller squad than recommended, however this did provide an



Our athletes all did their best. They kept their heads up and refocused for every race. We ran well and our teams of four did particularly well, winning a number of heats and giving the other schools a 'good run for their money'



We also found out this week that our school has been awarded a trophy in recognition of our equal access approach to football. In all our lessons, clubs and teams, we ensure that girls as well as boys take part and for this, we have been recognised. I have seen some of our girls playing football with confidence and skill and this is something we are very happy to promote and encourage.



As the weather is still so mixed and to avoid mud being trampled through the school, we have been staying off the field. In order to have a bit more space, we have been using the area outside Sapphire Class as an additional play space for that class at lunchtimes. The children are enjoying it, and it reduces the number on the playground, which is good for a number of reasons. We are looking to go back onto the field but will need the children to have 'outside footwear' and games like football may not be available all of the time due to the churning up around the goals that quickly occurs. Fortunately, we do have the MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) that we try to give fair access to, so that games like football can continue.



As many of you know, we try to give children a number of opportunities to take part in sports events and competitions with other schools, and this year we have begun using lunchtimes to give extra coaching to those who are representing the school. Winning is 'not everything' but being able to play well and take part with confidence and a reasonable level of skill usually enhances the experience. At the moment the netball squad have been having coaching sessions during lunchtime in order to prepare for an upcoming competition. Over the year, the sports may change in line with the competition timetable.

Have a lovely weekend,

Jeremy Fisher



Sapphire Class Maths

Here, Sapphire Class are using manipulatives, to help them see how maths works. Making the numbers helps with engagement. Seeing the numbers and how the quantities are represented helps children to build strong foundations with number which assists in deeper understanding and further progress as they move up through the school.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Sapphire
Evie

Diamond
Billie
Millie



STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ❖ Petru for fantastic learning & contributions in lessons.
- ❖ Jesse for great work in choosing time.

Sapphire

- ❖ Beatrice for being focused and trying hard in her maths.
- ❖ Jonas for working hard on his presentation.

Emerald

- ❖ Kaden for engaging in learning and trying hard.
- ❖ Martha for focused maths work and challenging herself.

Diamond

- ❖ Stanley T for amazing focus in English.
- ❖ Harry B for fantastic teamwork.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School
Attendance – 95.34%**

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

- ❖ **Emerald Parents Evening** is on **Wednesday 22nd January** from **1.00 to 6.00 pm** and on **Tuesday 28th January** from **3.00 – 6.00 pm**. Please book your slot in Arbor by clicking on **Guardian Consultations**. If you have any difficulty in booking, please contact the office.
- ❖ **NEW Chess Afterschool Club** starts on **Thursday 27th February** from **3.20 – 4.20 pm**. The club is open to children in **KS2 (Years 3 – 6)**. Sessions cost **£3.50** and can be pre-booked on an ad hoc basis in **Arbor**. To book, please click on **Activities < Clubs < Chess Afterschool Club < Register**
- ❖ **Nursery Places are Available for September 2025**. Please see the link to apply: <https://forms.office.com/e/QrLTXbRiMS>

MENU w/c 20th January 2025

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Pork Sausages with Gravy (Red) ❖ Cheese Pinwheel (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Quorn Burger in a Bun (V) (Red) ❖ Italian Pasta Bake (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Roast Chicken (Red) ❖ Creamy Quorn Pie (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Beef Bolognese (Red) ❖ Breaded Bean & Vegetable Grill (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Fish Fillet Fingers (Red) ❖ Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)



**SCHOOL
DINNERS**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
22/01/25	Emerald Parents Evening – 1-6 pm
28/01/25	Emerald Parents Evening – 3-6 pm
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
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



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.

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TO BOOK

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Caroline Clark (Caz) on
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For school years 1-6



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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).

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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

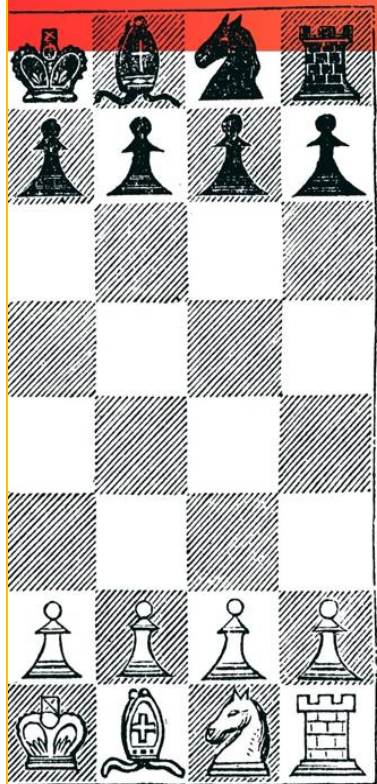
- mindful crafts

- 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
Hannah.rainbowrelaxation@gmail.com



CHESS CLUB

KS2 (YEARS 3-6)

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Thursday evening lessons; 16:30 – 19:00 (30minute lessons)

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 - Stage 6+

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