



NEWSLETTER – 31st January 2025

VALUE: Courage

Focus: Facing a Challenge

Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.' Joshua 1.9

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Learning with Parents. We recently received an impact report from Learning with Parents in relation to the Home Reading.

A comment from your School Partnership Manager:

*Congratulations on such a successful autumn term. It's wonderful to see over 4000 comments and photos from your families—such a positive reflection of engagement. I hope everyone is enjoying the platform, and that your staff are finding it helpful in tracking the fantastic reading happening both at home and in school. I look forward to working with you in the spring term, to build on this engagement even further. **95% of pupils are active** (Learning with Parents national average: 76%) This is the percentage of pupils who have left a comment or feedback on the site this academic year. The class with the highest engagement is Sapphire, with Diamond, a close second.*



Thank you to you all for your support with this. If you are having any problems and need technical support or are just finding the technology is not working for you, please speak to the class teacher or send me a message via the office so we can help. We are so aware of the benefits of reading regularly in order to develop the fluency and comprehension that will help in learning and also provide a source of knowledge and enjoyment for the rest of their lives.

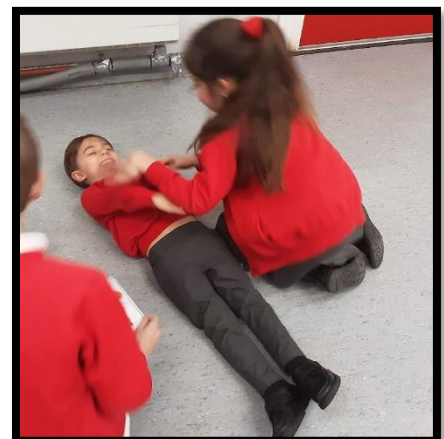
Sapphire Class have shared some of their learning over the last week:



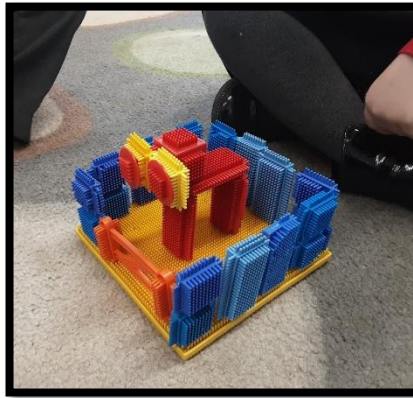
Perform: Ruby and Sapphire were very lucky to have Perform come in to do a dance and drama workshop. They used specially developed exercises such as character explorations, storytelling and role-playing improvisations to develop concentration, imagination and speaking skills in a fun and imaginative way. Both classes thoroughly enjoyed it!

Sapphire History: This week in history we learnt all about the life of Edith Cavell. The children were shocked that after all her help caring for

and saving soldiers' lives, she was captured and killed by the German army while she was helping to save soldiers from both sides. We did some role playing in the hall to mark the historic events in her life.



RE: This half term Sapphire class are learning all about Islam. This week we have learnt four different stories about Muhammad and how he showed compassion to animals and the world. We learnt how Muslims believe that Allah is the creator and life giver. We became creators and made four different animals out of LEGO and then retold the stories using our LEGO animals.



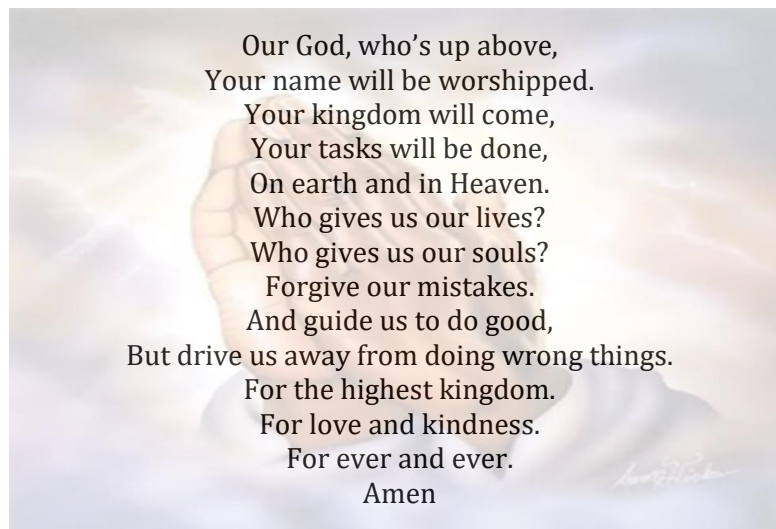
Sapphire Science: This half term we have been learning about five different classifications of animals: mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish. We have learnt why each animal is in that category and then asked the question "are all animals the same?" We discussed that even within a classification the animals can look very different.

Emerald Class have had Commando Joe's this week. They have found out about Ed Stafford's adventures and have been 'crossing the Amazon'. In groups, they had to design a way to cross the river using the equipment then work together to get across, whilst carrying their water. They showed Resilience, Communication and

Teamwork in solving this problem.



Diamond Class have an 'Understanding Christianity' topic for RE this half term, titled, "What kind of King is Jesus" and the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples is studied as part of thinking about the Kingdom of God. At Spellbrook, we use a traditional version of the Lord's Prayer in our worship, and we recognise that the language can be hard for children to fully grasp. Diamond Class have written their own versions, trying to capture the meaning in words that younger children understand. One of the groups developed this:



I was very impressed with the thinking that had gone into this and the understanding they demonstrated in this collaborative work.

Emerald Class Football: Ten children from Emerald Class went to Leventhorpe on Wednesday for a football competition with six other schools. Our children enjoyed themselves, tried really hard and showed how they are beginning to gel as a team. They came joint 5th out of the 7 schools and won one of their matches. Hopefully this team will develop together even more as they progress through the school.

Have a great weekend,

Jeremy Fisher

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Sapphire
Tillie

Emerald
Charlie



STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ❖ Grace for trying really hard in everything.
- ❖ Sidney for great Read, Write Inc – sounding out letters to make words and trying hard.

Sapphire

- ❖ Rowan for working really hard in Read, Write Inc lessons.
- ❖ Scarlett for being an amazing role model to the class, always trying her best.

Emerald

- ❖ Kaiya for a great attitude to learning, especially in English.
- ❖ Seb for an excellent all round attitude to learning.

Diamond

- ❖ Georgia for her super work in history.
- ❖ Lorcan for great improvement in independent writing.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School
Attendance – 92.95%**

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 on time.

NOTICES

- ❖ **Dress to Express Day – Friday 7th February** – children are invited to come to school in non-uniform wearing something that expresses their personality or interests. The School and Eco Councils are also raising money to build a sensory garden. We are kindly asking for donations of £1 or more. Donations can be made in Arbor via the **School Shop < Non-Uniform Day - 7th Feb 2025** or you can bring in cash on the day.
- ❖ **Gardening Club** will be starting straight after half-term on **Wednesday 26th February** for children in **Years 3 – 6**. Please contact Wendy at wellbeangardening@gmail.com
- ❖ **Nursery Places are Available for September 2025**. Please see the link to apply: <https://forms.office.com/e/QrLTXbRiMS>

MENU w/c 3rd February 2025

| 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) ❖ 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 |
|---------------------|---|
| 07/02/25 | Dress to Express Day |
| 10/02/25 | Emerald Trip to Bishop's Stortford Museum |
| 17/02/25 – 21/02/25 | Half Term |
| 24/02/25 | First Day Back |
| 26/02/25 | Diamond Trip to Ragged Sch. Museum |
| 06/03/25 | World Book Day |
| 21/03/25 | Red Nose Day |
| 24/03/25 – 04/04/25 | Big Walk & Wheel |
| 27/03/25 | Emerald Class Showcase |
| 02/04/25 | Easter Church Service |
| 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 |



GOOD TRAVEL PLAN 2024

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.

£36 for 5 weeks (VAT included)

Starting week commencing 13th January

Keep fit, make friends and have fun!

Book online at:
gjwsports.co.uk

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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 10th January 2025, 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





Rainbow Relaxation

Spellbrook after school yoga and mindfulness club

Yoga, mindfulness and happy vibes!

Wednesdays 3.20-4.20

Group games, yoga, breathwork, simple meditation, mindful crafts. Most of all, we have a lot of FUN!

Year 1-6

To enquire about spaces or join the wait list, please email me at hannah.rainbowrelaxation@gmail.com

£7 per session, paid each half term




@rainbowrelaxation
hannah.rainbowrelaxation@gmail.com

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

Children will have access to online educational resources, a variety of board games and outdoor play facilities.

*All prices are VAT included

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Unique content taught by an industry professional!

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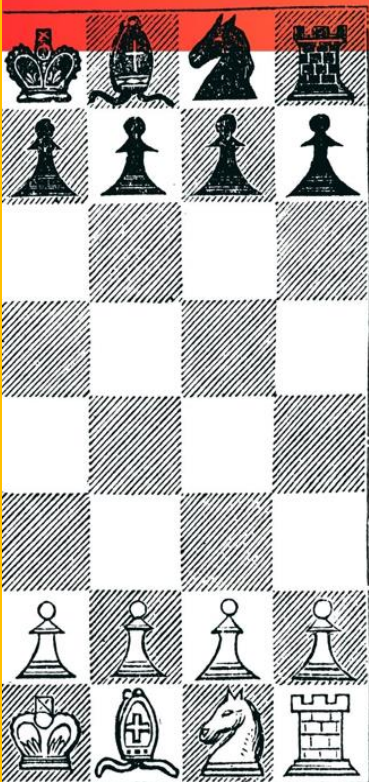
Every Monday 3:20-4:20pm

Join our StageSteps family! Visit

WWW.STAGESTEPS.CO.UK and head to our Sign Up page to join today!

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CHESS CLUB

KS2 (YEARS 3-6)

THURDAY'S

3.20PM-4.20PM

IN THE LIBRARY

£3.50 PER WEEK

PLEASE BOOK YOUR SESSIONS IN ARBOR



Well Bean Gardening

Learning through growing
Growing through learning

Our Wednesday after-school gardening club is starting again on February 26



- Spellbrook's Gardening Club meets on Wednesdays and is open to Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. Limited spaces available
- £37.50 for six sessions Feb 26 - April 2
- 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 Feb 26 and make a payment of £37.50 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

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- Emotional & Mental Health
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- Staying healthy
- Search local services
- School attendance/anxiety
- and much more



Visit Hertfordshire's Families First website:-
www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/familiesfirst



Spring term workshops 2025

Anxiety around ADHD

Monday 10 February 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Sibling Rivalry

Thursday 14 February 9.30am - 11.30am

Empowering Parents

Tuesday 11 March 9.30am - 11.30am

Reducing Conflict

Tuesday 18 March 7.00pm - 9.00pm

It's a Dads Life

Thursday 20 March 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Navigating the storm - Parents of Teens

Tuesday 25 March 9.30am - 11.30am

For more information, you can scan our QR code to make a referral or call Louise on **0204 522 8700/8701** or email services@familylives.org.uk.



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Family Lives Spring Term Programme 2025



Less Shouting, More Cooperation (6 weeks) Online group

Wednesday 22 January to 5 March 7.00pm to 9.00pm

A programme to help parents be more effective at getting their children to cooperate and listen to them

Bringing Up Confident SEN Children (6 weeks) Online group

Monday 3 February to 17 March 9.30am to 11.30am

A programme to help parents gain a comprehensive understanding of ADHD/ASD and learn strategies to improve life at home and at school

Sorting Out Arguments in your Family (6 weeks) Online group

Wednesday 26 February to 2 April 9.30am to 11.30am

A programme aimed at helping sort out arguments between parents and their children and between brothers and sisters

Getting on with Your Pre Teen/Teenager (6 weeks) Online group

Thursday 27 February to 3 April 9.30am to 11.30am

A programme to help parents understand and get on better with their teenage children. Maybe there is an FFA/CIN/CP in place and need more support

Dads Together (6 weeks) Online group

Wednesday 26 February to 2 April 7.00pm to 9.00pm

A programme to support dads in learning how to change the way you communicate with your child, respond better and feel more in control

For more information, please contact Louise on **0204 522 8700** or email services@familylives.org.uk.

Please scan our QR code for our referral form.



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TALKING DADS



Mondays 7.45 - 9.15pm Online Course: ID 710
 6th January – 10th February 2025 - dads with 0-19yr olds

Thursdays 7.45 - 9.15pm Online Course: ID 711
 27th February - 3rd April 2025 - dads with 0-11yr olds

Wednesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm Online Course: ID 712
 26th February – 2nd April 2025 - dads with 12-19yr olds

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

- **Increasing confidence in your parenting.**
- **Developing a healthy dad/child relationship now and for the future.**
- **Improved listening and communication skills.**
- **Effective strategies for dealing with anger and conflict.**
- **How to enforce boundaries.**
- **Being the dad you want to be.**

Our online support sessions are delivered weekly via Zoom.

Groups are open to parents, carers, grandparents and guardians living, or with a child in school, in Hertfordshire.

"The course has given me the confidence to know that I can break out of the cycle and make things different for my child."

Booking essential
Please quote the course ID
To check eligibility and book a place, contact Supporting Links on:

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These courses are provided free to participants by Hertfordshire County Council's Targeted Parenting Fund



Information you share with us is used to process your booking. This will be held securely and only shared in accordance with our GDPR Policy.

THE GARDENS OF EASTON LODGE

Snowdrop Sundays 2025

9 February & 16 February 2025

Opening times: 11.00 to 4.00 (last entry 3pm)

Adults £7.00 (£6.00 if booked in advance)

Children free, dogs on leads welcome. Refreshments available



Snowdrop Thursdays 2025

13 February & 20 February 2025

Opening times: 11.00 to 3.00 (last entry 2pm)

Adults £5.50, children free, dogs on leads welcome

Refreshments available

Warwick House Gardens not open on Thursdays



Tickets for both Sundays and Thursdays will be limited and bookable in advance: www.eastonlodge.co.uk or direct through www.Trybooking.com.

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Led by one of our experienced workshop leaders, children will learn a selection of fun and suitable repertoire in a supportive environment, culminating in a short performance for parents and guardians at the end of the session.



Friday 14th March, 2025



5.00pm - 6.00pm



Bishop's Stortford Music Centre, based in Birchwood High School, Parsonage Lane, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 5BD



£5 per child



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ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND



Events this February Half Term!

South Mill Arts Spring



Visit our site for all the latest listings!

southmillarts.co.uk

Museum: Kids Crafts - Fans

Tue 18th, Wed 19th & Thu 20th Feb

Drop in between 10am-2pm

£1 per child | Ages 3-11

Fun with Fans! Which shape will you choose?



Cinema: Mufasa

Tue 18th Feb | 11am & 2pm

£10 Adults | £8 Children (under 16s) | PG

Disney's latest live action feature on the big screen!



Theatre: StoryTime - A Big Egg

Wed 19th Feb | 1pm | £12 | Ages 2-102!

A magical mixture of live action, animation and puppetry, this scrumptious, sing-along musical will delight even the most hard boiled of theatre goers!



Theatre: The Magic of Science

Thu 20th Feb | 2pm | £17 | £14 Concs.

Top Secret is a fast moving colourful magical science show filled with mystery, suspense, and lots and lots of mess!



Music: Fearlessly Taylor Swift

Fri 21st Feb

1pm - £17.50 | Featuring backing tracks

7pm - £22.50 | Featuring full band

Celebrating the magic of Taylor Swift's music and pop legacy!



February Half Term Events!

We've a bloomin' lovely selection of shows for you!