



NEWSLETTER – 7th February 2025

VALUE: Courage

Focus: Overcoming Fear

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



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Courage. We have been thinking about facing challenges and how when things are difficult that sometimes makes us fearful or hesitant. We watched a video about some children abseiling over a huge waterfall and reflected on what had helped them to overcome their fears. We considered times that we have felt fearful and recognised that one of the things that has helped us is support from those around us, especially those we are close to. We linked this to the verse in John's gospel, 'Perfect love casts out all fear.' We have been drawing pictures of challenges that we have set for ourselves. For some in Sapphire class, who are having their swimming lessons this term, this was the focus of their challenge. For others across the school, it was to work hard at learning a musical instrument, listen more in class, go to bed when asked or get better at keeping their bedroom tidy. All worthy challenges, as I'm sure you'll agree.



Diamond Class have been studying the work of William Morris, the English textile designer, poet, artist and writer from the late nineteenth century. They have looked at some of his well-known wallpaper designs and using a view finder have focused in on one area. These beautiful examples show how well they have captured the detail in their own drawings.



Emerald Class have continued their science topic about sound. They have carried out an experiment to find out how distance from a sound affects the volume. They used timers to make the sound and a decibel meter to measure the volume. By starting close to the decibel meter then moving away at 1 metre increments, they discovered that the sound grew quieter as the distance increased. The class worked really well together in different roles to carry out the experiment.



In science, Ruby Class have been investigating seeds. They have been learning about what seeds are and have started talking about what seeds need to grow. They have been looking carefully at fruits with the seeds inside and have been comparing their sizes.



They have also begun to sow their own cress. Having discussed what the seeds need to grow into a cress plant, they have made cress caterpillars. Hopefully the cress seeds will grow on the cotton wool, turning the caterpillars green with growth. One cress plant will be left in the dark and another given no water so that the children can make comparisons and understand what the seed needs in order to grow.



Ruby Class have also been learning about Australia. They have heard dreamtime stories and found out that for Aboriginal Australians, the hand represented belonging. They have created their own Aboriginal style art using handprints and cotton buds to make the dots.



Have a great weekend,
Jeremy Fisher

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Ruby
Ava-Rose
Ava B



STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ❖ Louie for fantastic listening and joining in.
- ❖ Lily for her consistent effort in lessons.

Sapphire

- ❖ Arthur for listening and talking well in Maths.
- ❖ Niveth for being an excellent role model.

Emerald

- ❖ Vogue for amazing maths work.
- ❖ Harry P for excellent effort in English and Maths lessons.

Diamond

- ❖ Millie for fantastic progress with times tables.
- ❖ Hudson for excellent focus and participation.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School
Attendance – 93.63%**

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

- ❖ **Emerald Trip to Bishop’s Stortford Museum** is on **Monday 10th February**. Children should be **dropped off at 8.35 am and collected at 3.00 pm** from the museum. Children will need a packed lunch and drink. Full uniform and a coat are also required.
- ❖ **ASDA’s Cashpot for Schools** – as a school, we have raised **£97.95** in the Asda rewards app! Many thanks to everyone who registered to have a percentage of their shop spend donated to the school.
- ❖ **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
- ❖ **World Book Day** is on **Thursday 6th March** and to celebrate children are invited to dress up as their favourite character. There are some ideas here [World-Book-Day-2025-low-cost-dressing-up-pack.pdf](#) Please see the poster below with details of the other activities taking place.
- ❖ **Nursery Places are Available for September 2025**. Please see the link to apply: <https://forms.office.com/e/OrLTXbRiMS>

MENU w/c 10th February 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)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
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
07/03/25	Usborne Book Fair
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

	❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Friday	❖ Fish Fillet Fingers (Red) ❖ Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)



**SCHOOL
DINNERS**

12/05/25 – 15/05/25	KS2 SATS Week
20/05/25 – 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

We're celebrating **World Book Day** & you're invited!

WORLD
BOOK
DAY



World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 6th March and to celebrate we will have the following events:

Half-term homework project – using a paper plate create a book character. You can colour, cut, shape or add to your creation. Please bring in ready for world book day and we will display these in school. Paper plates will come home this week.

Thursday 6th March - Dress up as your favourite character for World Book Day. There are some ideas here [World-Book-Day-2025-low-cost-dressing-up-pack.pdf](#)

Friday 7th March – Usborne book fair – come along for a fantastic range of books and to help raise money for the school. More details to follow.



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

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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

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Year 1-6

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£7 per session, paid each half term




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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.

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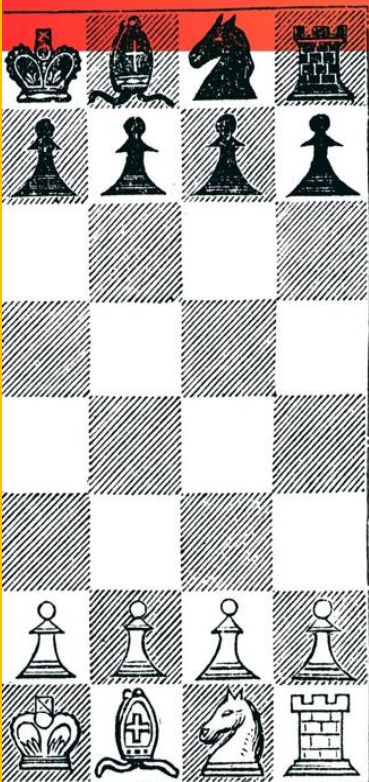
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CHESS CLUB

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 facebook.com/wellbeangardening
Mobile: 07817 528652 Instagram: @wellbeangardening

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At Church Farm Ardeley we have very large camping fields which offer a wonderful opportunity for larger groups of families to book school class camping trips as well as individual family stays.

Accommodation includes the hire of bell tents and cabins (with or without 'glamping' options), as well as multiple woods and fields to pitch your own tents. All large groups are allocated roped private areas so that they can all camp together.

We offer a variety of options to enhance your stay: camp fire packs, BBQ hire, straw bales, and delicious food that can be ordered in advance from our website or purchased from our on-site farm shop. There is also a pub and restaurant (The Jolly Waggoner) as well as our café for the all-important teas, coffees and bacon rolls.

Camping at the farm also includes free farm passes (usually £6.95pp per day) for the duration of your stay. Get to know the animals, explore our woodland play area, follow the farm trail, and find out about growing and horticulture in our polytunnels and kitchen garden. And there are plenty of beautiful family walks in the peaceful, rolling Hertfordshire countryside.

Additional bookable activities include Egg Collecting, Goat Walking, Fairy Trail, Animal Feeding and (from Feb-April) Lamb Bottle Feeding.



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- o Adults (max 4 adults in the lesson)

1:1 and 2:1 lessons for both children and adults.
All of our sessions are 30 minutes in duration

For further information, please contact the Swim Manager - Debbie.lennon@nuffieldhealth.com

Essex Fire Museum Open Days



Tuesday 18 and Sunday 23 February 2025
10:30AM To 4:00PM

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Friday 14th March, 2025

5.00pm - 6.00pm

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£5 per child



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WHAT'S ON FEBRUARY 2025

SAFFRON SCREEN

Fri 7 Feb	7:30pm	A Complete Unknown ¹⁵ BAFTA NOMINATED
Sat 8 Feb	2:30pm	A Complete Unknown ¹⁵ BAFTA NOMINATED
Sat 8 Feb	7:30pm	A Complete Unknown ¹⁵ BAFTA NOMINATED
Sun 9 Feb	2:00pm	Macbeth: David Tennant & Cush Jumbo ^{12A}
FILMED LIVE AT THE DONMAR WAREHOUSE		
Sun 9 Feb	7:30pm	A Complete Unknown ¹⁵ BAFTA NOMINATED
Fri 14 Feb	7:30pm	Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy ¹⁵
Sat 15 Feb	2:30pm	Dog Man ^{12A}
Sat 15 Feb	7:30pm	Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy ¹⁵
Sun 16 Feb	2:30pm	Dog Man ^{12A}
Sun 16 Feb	7:30pm	Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy ¹⁵
Mon 17 Feb	2:30pm	CATVIDEOFEST ^{12A} OPEN DAILY IN HALF TERM SUPPORTING TOE BEANS CAT RESCUE
Mon 17 Feb	7:30pm	Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy ¹⁵
Tue 18 Feb	2:30pm	Dog Man ^{12A}
Tue 18 Feb	7:30pm	Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy ¹⁵
Wed 19 Feb	2:30pm	Dog Man ^{12A}
Wed 19 Feb	7:30pm	Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy ¹⁵
Thurs 20 Feb	2:30pm	Dog Man ^{12A}
Thurs 20 Feb	7:30pm	Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy ¹⁵
Fri 21 Feb	2:30pm	Dog Man ^{12A}
Fri 21 Feb	6:30pm	The Brutalist ¹⁶ BAFTA NOMINATED & GOLDEN GLOBE WINNER
Sat 22 Feb	2:30pm	Dog Man ^{12A}
Sat 22 Feb	7:00pm	NT LIVE: The Importance of Being Earnest ^{12A}
Sun 23 Feb	1:30pm	The Brutalist ¹⁶ BAFTA NOMINATED & GOLDEN GLOBE WINNER
Sun 23 Feb	7:30pm	Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy ¹⁵
Fri 28 Feb	7:30pm	September 5 ¹⁵
Sat 1 Mar	2:30pm	Conclave ^{12A} BAFTA NOMINATED & GOLDEN GLOBE WINNER
Sat 1 Mar	7:30pm	September 5 ¹⁵
Sun 2 Mar	2:00pm	RBO: Swan Lake ^{12A}
Sun 2 Mar	7:30pm	September 5 ¹⁵



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