



NEWSLETTER – 14th February 2025

VALUE: Courage

Focus: Encouraging Others

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



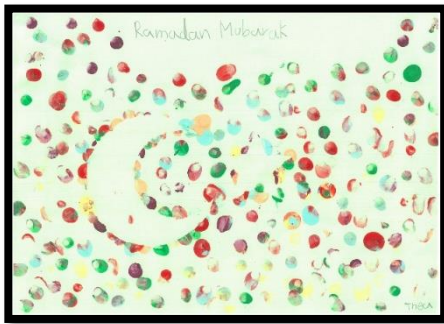
Emerald Class Museum Visit: This week, Emerald Class have been out and about. On Monday, they went to Bishop's Stortford Museum to learn about the history of the area. They put key events on a timeline and worked together to make maps before exploring the museum's objects in groups. In the afternoon, they went on a short walk along the river to look at some of the changes that have happened to local industry. Finally, the class made key chains of the river token as a reminder of the day.



It's great to see the children benefitting from local expertise and having an opportunity to find out more about how the local area has changed over time.

Sapphire Class have learning about Ramadan. They understand that Muslims fast to show compassion for those that have less than themselves. Eliza told the class that she has had a go at fasting and found it quite tricky but managed to complete a whole day. She was very proud of herself! We then created some artwork to symbolise the moon which marks the new month in the Islamic calendar and the 5-pointed star reflects the 5 pillars of Islam.

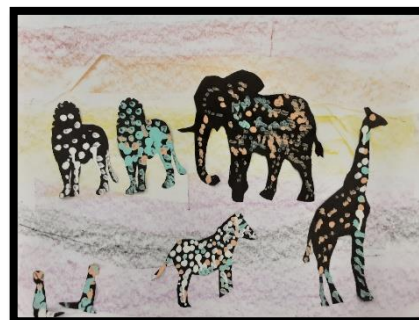




As part of their Design and Technology curriculum, Sapphire Class made a fruit salad. They picked and chopped their own fruit using extremely careful cutting techniques known as the claw and bridge grip. They then had the opportunity to eat their fruit salad which they all really enjoyed. The class consensus was that the favourite fruit was the mango!



Ruby Class Art: This week, Ruby Class have been learning about Tanzania. They have listened to Tinga tales that are based on old traditional African tales of safari animals, such as 'Why giraffe has a long neck'. They have also explored the Tanzanian art style of Tinga Tinga. It is based on painting Tanzanian animals with bright colours and dotted/stripy patterns. They continued our learning about printing dots (started in last week's aboriginal art) and painted silhouettes of safari animals by printing coloured dots with cotton buds. They worked in groups to create a background for the animals by rubbing crayons in different layers of colour. The children were great at naming different safari animals and worked carefully to create individual dots when printing.



Ruby Class topic on growth: Last week, I shared pictures of Ruby Class's cress seeds that they had planted. They are now growing very successfully, all except the ones that have had no water or light. The children have also started to grow beans, and some have already started to show some growth.



Start of the day: As you know, we have a flexible morning start with the classrooms open to children from 8:40 and the registration at 8:55.

You may not be aware that we try to use the first 15 minutes before the registration as a reading time with children reading individually and adults moving around providing support. This is a very useful time and enables the teachers to regularly gauge how the children are getting on and also interact with them about the books they have chosen.



This can be hugely beneficial for the children, as they receive support and encouragement, and for the teachers as they can stay on top of the reading across the class, plus it ensures a calm, focused start to the day.

We start the drop off at 8:35 each morning now and I am encouraging parents to arrive as close to that as they can so that their child benefits from this daily opportunity to read.

On the other hand, when there are traffic issues, such as the ones we had on Thursday, we adjust our expectations (and registration closing time) accordingly as we know this is unavoidable.

Have a lovely half term,

Mr J Fisher

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Sapphire
Samuel

Diamond
Harry F



STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ❖ Ava-Rose for fantastic effort in learning her red words.
- ❖ Milo for enthusiastic contributions in group work.

Sapphire

- ❖ Cara for trying to be resilient with her writing and not giving up.
- ❖ Sam for his fantastic effort in maths this week.

Emerald

- ❖ Caitlyn for amazing story writing.
- ❖ Lisa for brilliant effort in everything she does.

Diamond

- ❖ Dylan for super work in poetry lessons.
- ❖ Elise for brilliant progress with algebra.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School
Attendance – 94.92%**

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

- ❖ **School resumes on Monday 24th February** at the usual time. All afterschool clubs resume as normal.
- ❖ **Diamond Trip to the Ragged School Museum** is on **Wednesday 26th February**. Children will be leaving school at **9am** and will require a **packed lunch**. If you would like a school packed lunch, please contact the office by Monday 24th February. The children will be back before the end of the school day in time for normal pick up and afterschool clubs.
- ❖ **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/QrLTXbRiMS>


MENU w/c 24th February 2025

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Breaded Chicken Grill (Red) ❖ Margherita Wrap (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Chicken Pie (Red) ❖ Veggie Sausage Bow Pasta (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Roast Beef (Red) ❖ Shepherdess Pie (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Quorn Hot Dog (Red) ❖ Egg Breakfast Muffin (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
17/02/25 – 21/02/25	Half Term
24/02/25	First Day Back
26/02/25	Diamond Trip to Ragged Sch. Museum
27/02/25	Leventhorpe Book Awards
06/03/25	World Book Day
07/03/25	Usborne Book Fair
20/03/25	Ruby Class Parents Evening (1 – 5 pm)
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

Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Battered Fish Fillet (Red) ❖ Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
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**SCHOOL
DINNERS**

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

Impact of Lateness

Being 15 minutes later each day is the same as missing 2 weeks of school



ISL Statutory Attendance and Participation Team

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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£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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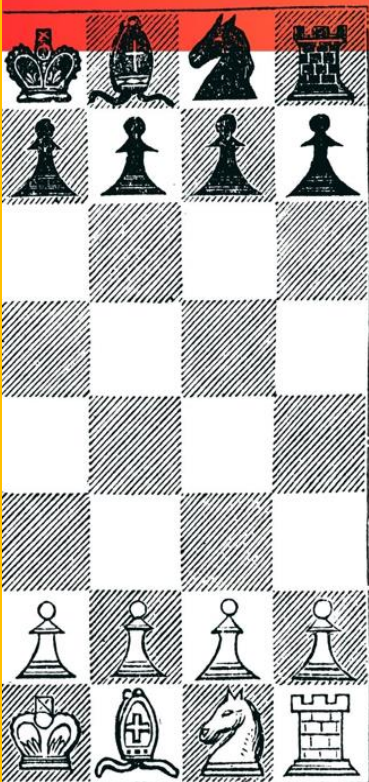
Every Monday 3:20-4:20pm

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

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.

Discover Bucks Museum
Church Street
Aylesbury HP20 2QP
discoverbucksmuseum.org
01296 331441

February Half Term

15 - 23 February 2025

This February half term at Discover Bucks Museum, enjoy Wild Science animal encounters, funky frame craft, interactive storytelling, and more! Perfect for family fun and hands-on learning adventures.

For more event details, charges and to book please scan the QR code or visit discoverbucksmuseum.org



FEB 17TH - 21ST

NEXT THING EDUCATION PRESENTS

9am-4pm

FEBRUARY HALF TERM



TECH CAMP

Ofsted Registered

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£39.99 PER DAY OR £175 FOR 5 DAYS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 5-11

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SCAN FOR LOCATIONS MAP



NEXT THING EDUCATION CAMPS PRESENTS

FEB HALF TERM 2025

17TH - 21ST FEBRUARY 2025



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Circuitry & Inventions



Creative Technology



Expert Engineers



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