



NEWSLETTER – 28th February 2025

VALUE: Forgiveness

Focus: Wiping the slate clean

“Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive others.” Colossians 3.13

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Learning about Plants: Ruby Class had a great experience smelling, touching and tasting the cress they had grown. There was certainly a mixed response regarding the flavour. They also compared their cress to the ones that had grown in different conditions and saw that the seeds that had grown in the dark had turned yellow and were smaller, whilst the seeds that had no water had not grown at all.



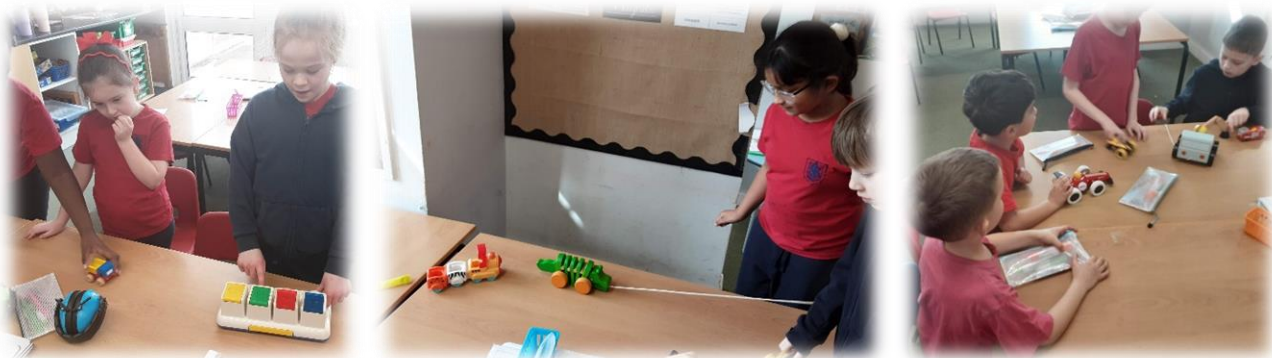
They have also observed the changes to their beans. Many have started to germinate. They noticed that some had sprouted roots, a stem and even had a few leaves. They delicately potted them into individual pots with soil and watered them and will now carefully care for them until they are ready for bigger pots outside.



Sapphire Class have made Rice Krispie cakes as part of their design and technology. They worked in small groups so that everyone had a turn at one of the tasks; measuring out, adding ingredients, mixing and stirring. They then got to take their cakes home to eat but I imagine most were gone before they left the school grounds.



Emerald Class have been investigating forces as part of their science curriculum. They had a number of children's toys and after seeing the forces in action, recorded which were pushed and which are pulled and what action the push or pull resulted in.



Diamond Class enjoyed a step back in time to Victorian England during a visit to the Ragged School Museum this week. Some of the children shared their knowledge from the day. They learned about living conditions in Victorian times and saw a reconstruction of a typical poor family's house and were shocked by how small it was. They learnt that ragged schools were opened by Dr Barnardo in 1877 for poor families who could not afford to send their children to school. Children attended for six hours a day, but they had the option on whether to attend or not. Some didn't attend as they were working or looking after younger siblings. Lessons consisted of arithmetic, handwriting and spelling and drill was used to provide some exercise. The children experienced a Victorian lesson with an actor who played the role of a very strict teacher. She helped them to appreciate how different schools were in those days. For example:



- Girls and boys learned separately, and classes could include up to eighty children aged from five to twelve years of age.
- Hygiene was very important and clean hands inspections took place every day.
- Instead of paper, pencils and rubbers, a slate, chalk and cloth were used.
- Children were forced to write with their right hand only.
- Fidgety children would have to wear 'finger stocks'.
- Children were given a back board to make sure they had good posture.
- Dr Barnardo did not approve of the 'dunces cap' as he thought students should not be humiliated or punished for being slow learners, but the cane was used.



The children were exhausted after a long day of exploring the museum and behaving in such a controlled manner, but they said they had really enjoyed the day.

World Book Day. Next Thursday is World Book Day – I am looking forward to seeing what the children dress up as. I have already seen that some super paper plate book characters have been brought in, and it would be super to see many more.



Have a lovely weekend,

Mr J Fisher

Spellbrook PTA
WORLD BOOK DAY
COMPETITION
March 6th, 2025

Bars cost £2 each - some will contain golden prize tickets

We are raising money for some outdoor equipment. Based on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory's Golden Tickets, we are selling our very own 'Wonky' Bars. A handful of these chocolate bars will have a golden prize ticket wrapped inside! Bars cost £2 each and are available to buy until Sunday 2nd March using the link [Golden Ticket Chocolate Bar](#)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK AND OVER THE HALF TERM



Ruby
Louie

Sapphire
Eloise
Cara
Lily

Emerald
Arlo
Connor

Diamond
Dylan

STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ❖ Lucia for great contributions and trying hard.
- ❖ Jacob for trying hard to contribute in lessons.

Sapphire

- ❖ Elle for brilliant deepening in her writing.
- ❖ George for his brilliant participation in science.

Emerald

- ❖ Wren for working hard and trying to challenge herself.
- ❖ Charlie for really fantastic focused work.

Diamond

- ❖ Flora for great progress in music.
- ❖ Billie for super work in maths this week.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School
Attendance – 95.83%**

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.

Attendance Ladder

If you are going to school office to



advise the school office on time.

NOTICES

- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Usborne Book Fair** is on **Thursday 6th March** from **3.10 pm** in the school hall. There will be a great range of books available to purchase, cash or card accepted. To browse the catalogue or order ahead and collect on the day, please follow the link and select '**continue shopping with Tracy Mannings**' [Browse by Age - Books | Usborne | Be Curious](#)
- ❖ **Nursery Places are Available for September 2025.** Please see the link to apply: <https://forms.office.com/e/QrLTXbRiMS>

MENU w/c 3rd March 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 |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 06/03/25 | World Book Day |
| 06/03/25 | Usborne Book Fair from 3.10 pm |
| 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 |
| 24/03/25 – 26/03/25 | Mother's Day Gift Shop |
| 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 |
| 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 |

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

www.gjwsports.co.uk

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GJW SPORTS



Club Fee
£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

Book online at:
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DANCE ★ ACT ★ SHINE



DANCE AND ACTING CLASS!

This performance class not only nurtures creativity but also builds confidence, whether through movement or theatrical performance. Learn diverse dance styles, understand the skills of stage acting, and combine the two to participate in super fun and exciting term projects showcased to friends and family.

Unique content taught by an industry professional!

[SIGN UP | StageSteps](#)

Every Monday 3:20-4:20pm

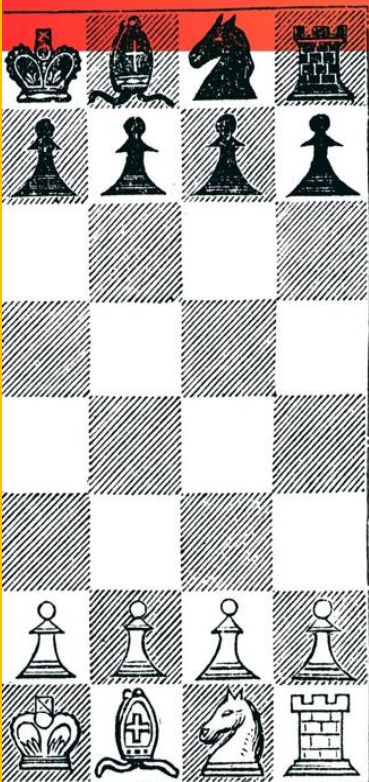
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and head to our Sign Up page to join today!

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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



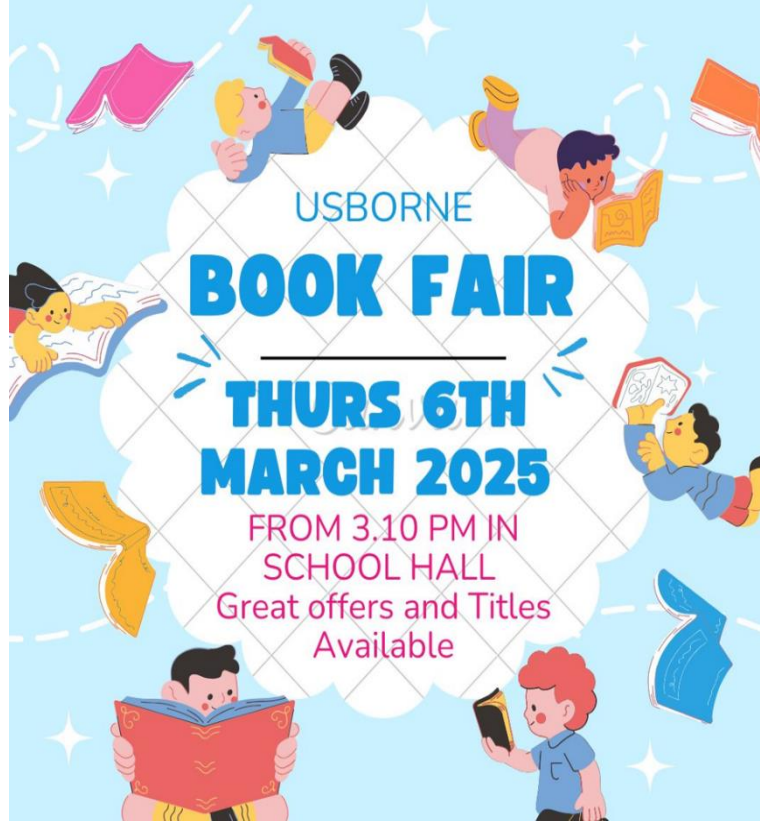
World Book Day

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.



Rotary
Club of Bishop's Stortford

ROTARY YOUNG MUSICIAN 2025

An exciting competition for young performers residing or in full-time education in postcodes CM21, CM22, CM23 and CM24

SATURDAY APRIL 26th 2025

Bishop's Stortford College



Classes for: **BRASS; WOODWIND; STRINGS (including Guitar); PIANO (including Organ); VOCAL**
in three age groups—Junior, Intermediate, Senior

Although there are likely to be some very high standards of performance amongst the participants, we also wish to encourage entries from young instrumentalists and singers at the beginning of their musical journey, who will benefit from the experience of performing and from sympathetic and positive adjudication

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES — 15th March 2025

PLEASE NOTE—Because the Junior Piano Class had become too large to fit into the day, there will be a Novice Piano Competition on Friday 21st April after school in the Memorial Hall, Bishop's Stortford College for Novice Pianists of Grade 1-2 Standard. This will give very new pianists an excellent opportunity to perform to an audience and receive a certificate and critique from the adjudicator. There will be a winner, who will receive a small trophy, but who will not participate in the Evening Concert on Saturday 26th. No other class is affected by the change.

Entry and payment for all classes can be made online at www.bsrotary.org, where the rules of the competition are also available.

For further information, please contact margaretwebb01@gmail.com

Take Five Workshop!

ONLY £5!

This amazing one-off workshop is designed for primary-aged children who can play five notes or more on any instrument.

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



01992 556698

www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/HMSEastHerts



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DSPL3 SEND COFFEE MORNING

We are excited to invite all parents and carers of children with SEND to a relaxed and supportive meeting designed to offer valuable information and networking opportunities. This gathering will serve as a welcoming space for you to connect with other parents and carers, share experiences, and gain insights into various topics that matter to you. Whether you're looking for practical advice, emotional support, or simply a chance to meet and chat with others in a similar situation, this event promises to be both informative and enriching with a range of professionals available to you. Light refreshments will be provided, and we encourage you to bring any questions or topics you'd like to discuss. We look forward to seeing you there and fostering a strong, supportive community together!

WINDHILL 21. 19TH MARCH 10AM - 11.30AM



DSPL3 Delivering Special Provision Locally



Beezee FAMILIES



Sign up to our FREE masterclass

How to support children with a limited diet?

Date: Thursday 6th March Time: 6-7pm

This one hour session will be led by our nutritionists who can help you understand more about limited diets and offer their expert support. By signing up, you can:

- Share challenges and tips with like-minded parents/carers
- Join an informal, inclusive and non-judgemental atmosphere
- Get lots of practical tips you can use for your family

This is available to all parents, whatever your child's age.



Secure your FREE SPOT today!

Scan the QR code

Need a hand signing up? Email BZBinfo@maximusuk.co.uk



Hertfordshire 24-2294

[Free Masterclass | Supporting Children With a Limited Diet](#)

New to Basketball?

- 25/Jul 6-7pm
- 28/Jul 6-7pm
- 30/Jul 6-7pm
- 1/Aug 6-7pm
- 3/Aug 10-11am
- 5/Aug 6-7pm



SLAM JAM

STORTFORD VIKINGS

JAM

New programme for 7-11yr olds!

6 stand-alone sessions - **JUST £27**



Sign Up here

MORE INFORMATION

Headcoach@stortfordvikings.co.uk

Slam Jam is Basketball England's official primary age programme designed to provide a great first-time experience to the sport in a fun, safe and engaging atmosphere!

Slam Jam not only focuses on basketball related activity, but it also aims to improve the physical literacy and fundamentals of movement for all participants.

Attendees will get six coaching sessions and a kit bag including a t-shirt, basketball and other goodies including a cap and a water bottle.