



NEWSLETTER - 7th March 2025

VALUE: Forgiveness

Focus: Lent

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



FROM THE HEADTEACHER

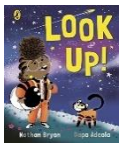


World Book Day: We have had great fun taking part in World Book Day. The children were greeted at drop-off by myself as Captain Hook and Mrs Freeborn as the witch from 'Room on the Broom'. The children appear to be quite used to such surprises when World Book Day comes along. All of the staff and so many of the children dressed up and the costumes were brilliant with such a variety of characters. I think one of the most original ones was a blue crayon from the story, "The Day the Crayons quit", but there were so many from so many stories, both traditional and modern. Thank you all for helping your children to take such a full part in the day.



We had a great start to the day with each class sat in a square around the edge of the hall providing an opportunity for children to see what each other were wearing and having a go at naming many of the characters and the books they had come from.





Different classes focused on books and stories in different ways throughout the day. Diamond Class watched a video of the author Nathan Byron treading his book 'Look Up!'



Other News from the Week:

It is great to see that Ruby Class's Beans are growing well.



Sapphire Class are also learning about plants and having been potting out some forget-me-nots so they can watch them grow and then study their flowers. They enjoyed getting hands-on and have learned that they need to be careful when handling the plants in order to avoid damaging them. They are looking forwards to seeing the flowers.



Emerald Class have been learning more about forces and friction by rolling marbles on different surfaces and recording their findings. Fortunately, the weather has improved over the day and the children have been able to have more of their learning outside.





Netball – our team have been to Leventhorpe for a competition against other local schools. Our team are developing and the practise at lunchtimes with Mrs Newman is showing. Apart from a match with one of the teams, who were really are excellent, our team held their own and gave a good account of themselves. They do need to develop their accuracy with converting the opportunities they make.

This is what they have said:

“It was really good and it was fun.”

“We need to practise our shooting.”

“All the sports leaders from Leventhorpe were really nice. They were supportive, telling us what to improve on.”

“We definitely want to go to another tournament.”

Their mindset is great, it is good to see them working as a team and thanks go to Mrs Newman for helping the team to improve.



Atula from **Shiksha Rath** sent an update.

Dear Spellbrook Primary School,

Hello from all of us here at Shiksha Rath! The children are having their school Year-end Final Exams, for which they are all studying hard. I hope you're doing great.

Today, I am delighted to share with you the journey of Uttam. He joined Shiksha Rath in 2011 as a 2nd grader, eager to learn and grow. Now, he is 20 years old and has grown to be a fine young man.

The family got into financial problems while getting one of his sisters married due to the dowry system, still prevalent in India. So, Uttam had to start working from an early age. In 2021, he started as a sales assistant, working late hours with a minimum salary.

Today he is an Inventory Manager in a big wholesale supply shop. He has helped his second sister get married.

At a young age of 20, Uttam has already proved that determination with hard work can overcome any obstacle. His unwavering dedication to self-improvement helped him build a strong foundation, giving him the confidence to step into the real world.

Grateful for the academic, financial, and emotional support he has received, Uttam continues to visit Shiksha Rath when he is free, and works with the younger children, thus giving back to the place that shaped him.

Thank you very much for your help and support in shaping and giving a better future to these children.

I am very proud that our support makes a difference to these young people and later on in the school year, we will be running another sponsored event to raise the money to continue helping this wonderful organization.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr J Fisher



**THINK BRAVE,
ACT BRAVE AND
LIVE BRAVE**

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Emerald
Henry



STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ❖ Eliza for fantastic drawings and labels of plants.
- ❖ Harrison for trying hard consistently in lessons.

Sapphire

- ❖ Lily for fantastic independent writing.
- ❖ Herbert for super participation this week.

Emerald

- ❖ Annabelle for always working hard and being a good learning partner.
- ❖ Arthur for focusing in lessons and beautifully presented work.

Diamond

- ❖ Louis for a big improvement in focus.
- ❖ Alex for great progress in English.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Whole School
Attendance – 94.44%

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

- ❖ **Ruby Class Parents Evening** is on **Thursday 20th March** from **1 – 5 pm**. Bookings are now open in Arbor. To book, please click on **Guardian Consultations < Ruby Parents Evening – Thu 20th March 2025** and choose an appointment from the drop-down menu. If you have any difficulties in booking, please contact the office.
- ❖ **Red Nose Day** is on **Friday 21st March**. Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform with a donation of **£1** or more in support of this worthy cause. Donations can also be made online in Arbor in the **School Shop < Red Nose Day 2025**
- ❖ **Nursery Places are Available for September 2025**. Please see the link to apply: <https://forms.office.com/e/QrLTXbRiMS>

MENU w/c 10th March 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
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



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

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- 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




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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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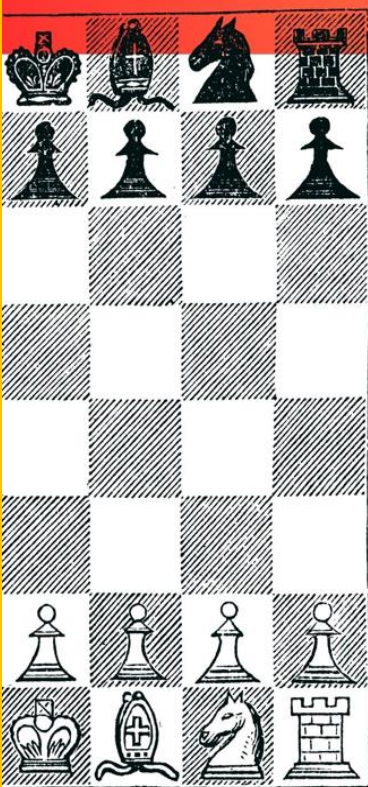
Every Monday 3:20-4:20pm

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

Wicked Performance Workshop



Each day offers NEW performance activities

Wednesday 9th April
Thursday 10th April
Friday 11th April
9am-3pm
£35 4-10 year olds

ADVANCED Workshop
Monday 7th April
Tuesday 8th April
Years 7-11

Summerview Primary School
Plaw Hatch Cl, Bishop's Stortford CM23 5BJ



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JUNIOR BAKE OFF

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All sorts of amazing experiments with sweets, challenges with racing eggs and the science behind yummy honeycomb!



Monday 7th April
Cambridge (Queen Edith)

Tuesday 8th April
Saffron Walden (RAB)

Wednesday 9th April
Bishop's Stortford (Thorn Grove)

Thursday 10th April
Hertford (St Joseph's in the Park)

Friday 11th April
St Albans (Garden Fields)

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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