



NEWSLETTER - 4th April 2025

VALUE: Forgiveness
Focus: The Easter Story

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

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

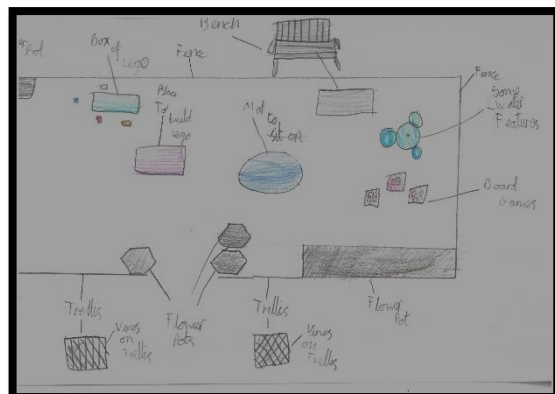
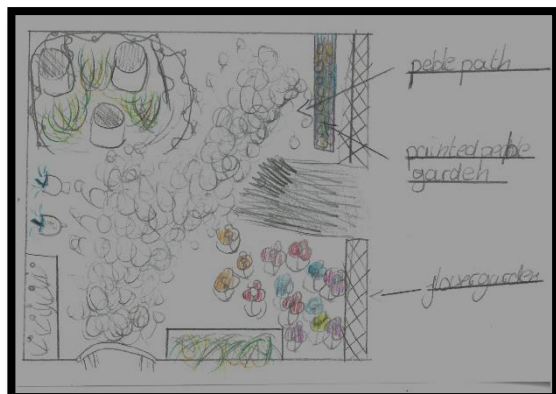
This is the final week of the spring term, and we are about to break up for Easter. Easter has featured heavily in this week's curriculum. The PTA organised an Easter Egg hunt for all of the children. Coloured eggs were scattered around our meadow area and children had to collect five different ones. Once they had done that, they were able to help their friends, so everyone was successful. At the end of the day, they all received a chocolate Easter egg to take home.



On Wednesday, we held our Easter Service at Great St Mary's. Children read bible verses and sang songs to tell the Easter story. Reverend Tim Weeks talked to us about hope; our own hopes and how we can share hope with others. Each class contributed with their own song or prayers. The children read well and sang beautifully, joining in with actions that were led confidently by a group of children. It was a lovely service to share with members of the church and many parents.



Diamond Class have recently been learning about mapping as part of their geography. They have had a go at using their skills to design our sensory garden. They have captured the idea of a sensory garden and what it may contain, then made their own maps. Some of these ideas will certainly be incorporated into our plans.



Emerald Class: This half-term Emerald Class have been designing Easter gift baskets and boxes to hold a chocolate egg. They investigated packaging and then planned their design on paper. Afterwards they used a computer programme to produce a final design and a net. Then we were able to print out the net and form it into the boxes. Emerald all showed great teamwork and resilience and the results look great!



Sapphire Class have produced some lovely artwork. They are getting very good at following instructions to build a picture using a range of techniques. These pots of flowers look superb.



Ruby Class. On Monday, PSCO Fallon joined us to walk into school. She also talked to Ruby Class about her role in the police and what she does in different emergencies. She showed her equipment and uniform. She discussed the different vehicles the police use on a daily basis. Then they had the opportunity to explore her police car and see the equipment she had stored within her car. Every child had a chance to sit within the police car, see the flashing lights and hear the different sirens.



Thank you so much to everyone who has taken part in the Big Walk and Wheel weeks. The weather has been kind and we have seen a good number walking together each morning



Have a lovely weekend and Easter Break.

Mr J Fisher

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Diamond
Stanley H



STARS OF THE TERM

Ruby

- ❖ Lucia for working hard in her play and lessons and for helping as part of a team.
- ❖ Joshua for working incredibly hard all term and for his great creativity and imagination.

Sapphire

- ❖ Esme for her positivity towards her learning, her caring nature towards her friends and always trying her best.
- ❖ Sam for super effort in his reading, writing and maths.

Emerald

- ❖ Donnie for great effort especially in maths and DT.
- ❖ Wren for working hard and giving great contributions to class.
- ❖ Lisa for always trying her best and being kind to others.

Diamond

- ❖ Poppy for her brilliant behaviour and her positive attitude to learning.
- ❖ Lorcan for the fantastic focus and effort he has put into improving his writing this term.



ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School
Attendance – 93.35%**

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.



MENU w/c 22nd April 2025

Day	Menu
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Quorn Burger in a Bun (V) (Red) ❖ Beany Seashell Pasta (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Roast Chicken (Red) ❖ Cheesy Spring Vegetable & Potato Bake (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Pork Sausages with Gravy (Red) ❖ Sweet & Sour Quorn (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Battered Fish Fillet (Red) ❖ Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)

NOTICES

- ❖ **School resumes on Tuesday 22nd April** at the usual time. Breakfast and afterschool clubs resume as normal.
- ❖ **Diamond Swimming** starts on **Wednesday 23rd April**.
- ❖ **Year 2-6 Parenting Workshop** is on **Thursday 1st May** from **7.30 – 9.00 pm, doors open at 7.00 pm**. Tickets cost **£5** and are available to buy via Arbor: **School Shop < Parenting Workshop May 2025**. Please see the flyer below for more information.
- ❖ **Nursery Places are Available for September 2025**. Please see the link to apply: <https://forms.office.com/e/OrLTXbRiMS>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
07/04/25 – 21/04/25	Easter Break
22/04/25	First Day Back
23/04/25	Diamond Swimming Starts
01/05/25	Parenting Workshop (Y2-6)
02/05/25	Emerald Trip to Fitzwilliam Museum
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
16/07/25	Diamond Class Swimming last lesson
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

Promoting a healthy and active lifestyle

Easter 2025 Holiday Camps

at Reedings Junior School **9am-4pm**

Sports + Activity Camp

- Mon 7th - Fri 11th & Mon 14th - Thurs 17th April
- Mondays + Friday: Years 1 - 7
- Tues - Thurs: Years 3 - 7



Mini Camp

- Tues 8th - Thurs 10th & Tues 15th - Thurs 17th April
- Reception, Year 1 + 2

Football Camp

- Tues 8th - Thurs 10th & Tues 15th - Thurs 17th April
- Years 1 - 7

Advance booking: £25 per day (VAT included)

Reedings Junior School,
Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth,
HERTS, CM21 9DD

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- Painting
- 3D work
- Working on wood
- Collage
- And more!

Date:

Tuesday 8th April 9-1pm
Wednesday 9th April 9-1pm **SOLD OUT**
Tuesday 15th April 9-1pm - NEW DATE

Book at:

www.carolineclarkartist.com
Any queries, contact Caroline Clark (Caz) 07847269734

Address

The Secret Art House
Behind Sheering Village Hall
The Street
Sheering
CM22 7LX

Ages 5-11 years

Easter Yoga and Mindfulness Club

Yoga, mindfulness and happy vibes!

Thursday 10th April
10.00-12.00

St Michael's Mead
Community Centre,
Bishop's Stortford,
CM23 4FZ

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

Suitable for age 5-11
£13 per child

Bookwhen.com/rainbowrelaxation

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hannah.rainbowrelaxation@gmail.com



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Easter 2025 Holiday Camps

Special Events at Reedings 9am-4pm

Easter Egg Hunt
Tues 8th + 15th April



Arts + Crafts
Weds 9th + 16th April



Bike + Scooter Skills
Thurs 10th + 17th April



Biscuit/Cupcake Decoration
Fri 11th April



Advance booking: £25 per day (VAT included)

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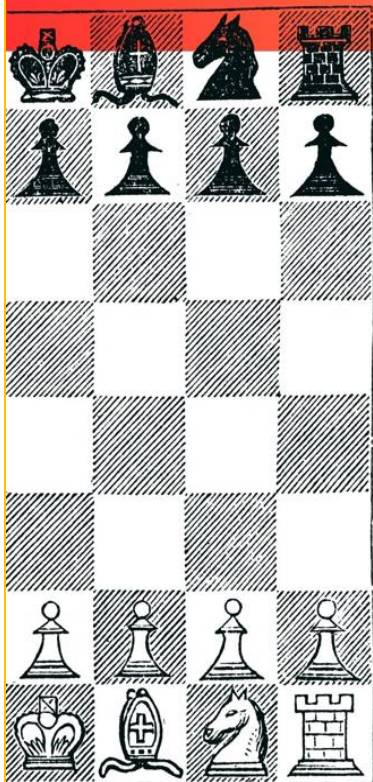
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CHESS CLUB

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.

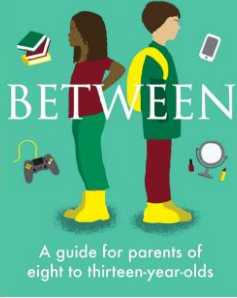
If you DO NOT want photos of your child to be used on social media please tick the box: (Please note that children are never named)

Email: wellbeangardening@gmail.com
Mobile: 07817 528652

facebook.com/wellbeangardening
Instagram: @wellbeangardening

SARAH OCKWELL-SMITH
Author of *The Gentle Sleep Book*
and *The Gentle Discipline Book*

Spellbrook Primary School is delighted to host Sarah Ockwell-Smith offering practical parenting advice



Raising Happy and Confident Kids

A guide for parents of eight to thirteen-year-olds

For parents of Yr2 -6



Speaker
Sarah Ockwell-Smith
Parenting expert and author

Date & Time
1st May, 2025
7.30-9PM
doors open from 7PM

Subsidised rate of just **£5 per ticket**

Book via Arbor
Refreshments included

<https://sarahockwell-smith.com/>

- Practical advice to manage tween years.
- What happens to children's brains and bodies from 8-13?
- How to navigate friendships.
- How to encourage good mental health and body image.
- Supporting transition to secondary school.

[Sarah Ockwell-Smith – Childcare Author and Parenting Expert](#)

THE GARDENS OF EASTON LODGE



Sunday 13 April Blossom Day & Easter trail

Enjoy the Gardens

- See & smell the blossom;
- Watch insect pollinators at work;

Easter trail and crafts for children

- Music from Karen and Tony; and
- Stalls

Delicious range of savoury snacks & homemade cakes

Gardens Open 11.00 am - 5.00pm

www.eastonlodge.co.uk/whats-on



Beezee FAMILIES

How can you get your family to get more steps in a day?



At Beezee Families, we work with hundreds of families who want to start moving more, but struggle to find the time or motivation! Sounds familiar?

Try our Beezee bingo nature card! It's a great way to discover the wonders of walking. Keep an eye out for each object and cross off as you go!

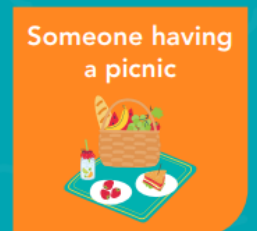
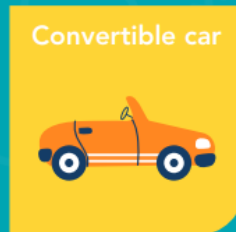
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Find out more about starting your early years career!

- Be your own boss
- Work from home
- Training and support to get you started
- Free ongoing business support
- Flexible working hours to suit your family



To contact us and find out more visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/childminding



Demand for early years childcare in Herts is increasing following the expansion of the childcare support entitlements for working families.

As a result Hertfordshire County Council would like to promote the opportunity for individuals wishing to start their own childminding business.

Our Early Years Development Officer Charlotte Marsden is available to provide guidance, advise and support.

Charlotte can be contacted on 01438 845136 charlotte.marsden@hertfordshire.gov.uk

We also have a wealth of information on our childminding webpage:

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/childminding

We would be grateful if this information could be shared with your parent/carers to promote childminding careers in Hertfordshire for all.

[Childminding - What you need to know | Hertfordshire County Council](#)

Essex Fire Museum Open Days

2025



Tuesday 15th & Sunday 27th April
10:30AM To 4:00PM
Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays
RM17 5QS

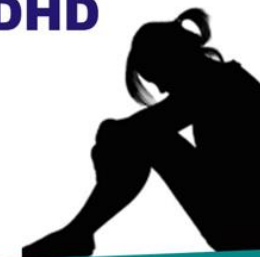
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TALKING ASD & ADHD WORKSHOP: ANXIETY & STRESS

Workshops are FREE to parents and carers living in Hertfordshire of children aged 2-25yrs with suspected or diagnosed Autistic Spectrum Disorder and/or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.



Wednesday
14th May 2025
9.30-11.15am



We will explore:

- The difference between stress and anxiety.
- Understanding anxiety related conditions in ASD and/or ADHD.
- Spot the signs of stress or anxiety.
- Common triggers amongst neurodivergent children.
- What an anxious child needs to feel safe and how to provide this.
- Strategies to engage an anxious or stressed child.
- The early warning signs of mental health problems.

"I have been on a few courses to help me with my son, this was by far the most helpful."

An online parent workshop delivered to your home via Zoom.

FREE for parents and carers living or with a child in school in Hertfordshire

Booking essential via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-asd-adhd-stress-anxiety-762-for-parents-carers-in-herts-registration-130706775449>



Or contact Supporting Links
QUOTING REFERENCE SL762

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TALKING ASD & ADHD WORKSHOP: COPING with CHANGE

Workshops are FREE to parents and carers living in Hertfordshire of children aged 2-25yrs with suspected or diagnosed Autistic Spectrum Disorder and/or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.



Wednesday
21st May 2025
7.30 - 9.15pm



We will explore:

- How children feel about and react to change.
- How to prepare children for big changes such as starting a new school or new class.
- Helping children cope with small day to day changes from walking a different route, to sitting on a different seat.
- Why neurodivergent children find changes so unsettling.
- Responding to children when they are struggling

"Tackled some complex areas really well. Helpful visuals, full of information to use in the real world. Can definitely use some of the concepts immediately."

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