



NEWSLETTER - 25th April 2025

VALUE: Friendship
Focus: Being a Friend

'Encourage one another and build each other up.' 1 Thessalonians 5.11

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Friendship: Having had a great Easter Break, I am delighted that we are back in school to start the Summer Term. We have just started to focus on a new value, Friendship, and we began by exploring the children's experiences of famous friends from stories and films. These are just a few that came to mind.

- Buzz and Woody
- Frodo and Sam
- Winnie the Pooh and Piglet
- Hans Solo and Chewbacca
- Moana and Maui
- Harry, Ron and Hermione



We reflected on the words of the song, "You've got a friend in me", from Toy Story and reflected on the important messages, such as sticking together and seeing things through and that nothing matters more than the way we care for our friends. Over the next few weeks, we will be learning more about sticking together, encouraging and supporting one another, making time for each other and learning to listen. Our main bible verse for this Value is 1 Thessalonians 5.11, "Encourage one another and build each other up." I am sure we have lots to learn and share about this important value.

Ruby Class Outdoor Area. Over the Easter, more work has been done on the Ruby Area. There is now a new area for construction with a hard surface for the construction toys and ride-ons. It has a new fence to increase the separation from the school playground. The children were very excited to get out there and have been doing very well taking turns. We will be expanding the resources for more building and creative constructions activities.



Sapphire Class have started their history topic with an invitation to explore a mystery box in the woods.



They went to the woods and found a partly buried box.



In the box, they discovered a portrait a bottle of wine, some bakers hats, a diary and lastly a book. The book was about the Great Fire of London and Mrs McDonald read the book to the children.

The children now know who the portrait showed, Samuel Pepys and are looking forwards to finding out the relevance of the other objects.



The sensory garden project is now underway and some benches using logs from the tress that had to be cut down with plank tops have been added. We are trying to keep the focus on sustainability and re-purposing as part of our environmental awareness. The gardening club have been planting and as these plants establish, we will enjoy different colours, textures and scents.

Please look out for an invite from the gardening club on the Facebook page as I am aware they are planning an event where members of the school community will come in to help. This is part of gaining our RHS School Gardening Award Level 5, so we would greatly appreciate your help.

Mrs Newman's Last Day. Next Friday is Mrs Newman's last day and if you wish to pass on any messages to her, please do so via the school office.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr J Fisher

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Sapphire
Rowan

Diamond
Lorcan



STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ❖ Milo for making some good choices and helping the class.
- ❖ Petru for fantastic perseverance in class using his left arm in some activities.

Sapphire

- ❖ Devon for her hard work and enthusiasm in maths.
- ❖ Fleur for a positive attitude towards learning and for being a great role model.

Emerald

- ❖ Connor for good listening and challenging himself.
- ❖ Henry for a great start to a new term.

Diamond

- ❖ Sabiha for great participation in lessons this week.
- ❖ Alden for always working hard and wanting to challenge himself.



ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School
Attendance – 97.01%**

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 28th April 2025

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Bean & Cheese Slice (V) (Red) ❖ Macaroni Cheese (V) Green ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Chicken Pie with Gravy (Red) ❖ Mild Mexican Bean Chilli (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Roast Beef (Red) ❖ Veggie Sausages with Gravy (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Beef Burger in a Bun (Red) ❖ Roasted Summer Veg Pasta (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)

NOTICES

- ❖ **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.

- ❖ **Emerald Trip to The Fitzwilliam Museum** is on **Friday 2nd May**. The children will be leaving shortly after registration and will be arriving back at school around 3.30 pm. Children should be in full uniform.

- ❖ **Nursery Places are Available for September 2025**. Please see the link to apply: <https://forms.office.com/e/QRlTXbRiMS>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
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
19/05/25 – 23/05/25	Walk to School 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
19/06/25	Clean Air Day
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

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.

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For Years 1-6

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3:20-4:20pm

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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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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 25th April 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



CHESS CLUB

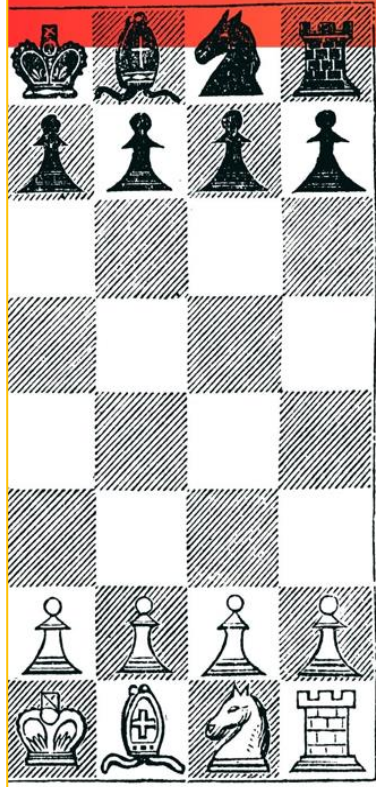
KS2 (YEARS 3-6)

THURSDAY'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

Join our Wednesday after-school Gardening Club as we grow together



- Spellbrook's Gardening Club meets on Wednesdays and is open to Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. Limited spaces available
- £31.25 for five sessions April 23-May 21
- All equipment supplied but pupils must bring appropriate clothing as we will be outside in all weathers
- This half-term we'll be:
 - o Working to improve the school gardens
 - o 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 April 23 and make a payment of £31.25 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

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

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

- 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.

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

Book via Arbor
Refreshments included

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

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

Have a Go! Family Windband

WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

No experience necessary — everyone is welcome.

This one hour session is a fantastic introduction to learning an instrument in a windband setting. Open to primary aged children and their families, we will be playing woodwind and brass instruments together. We will supply all the instruments and the workshop will be lead by one of our friendly and experienced tutors.

Advance booking is strongly advised to ensure that we have enough instruments for everybody but you can still turn up on the day.



Saturday 10th May 2025



11am to 12pm



Bishop's Stortford Music Centre, CM23 5BD



To book a space scan the QR code and complete the form. For queries email HMSEast@hertfordshire.gov.uk



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Parent & Carer Support Summer Term 2025



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TALKING TEENS

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged **12-19**, covering:



- The Teen Brain: physical and emotional changes taking place and why behaviour changes.
- The link between behaviour and communicating difficult feelings.
- How to maintain your relationship with good communication.
- Understand risk taking behaviour around drugs, alcohol and gang culture.
- How to negotiate and reduce conflict.

Wednesdays

7.45 - 9.15pm

7th May to 18th Jun

Online Course: ID 759

Tuesdays

7.45 - 9.15pm

3rd Jun to 8th Jul

Online Course: ID 760

TALKING ADDITIONAL NEEDS

A 6-week group for parents and carers of children with any additional need aged **2-19**. Your child does not need a diagnosis.



Tuesdays

9.30 - 11.30am

3rd Jun to 8th Jul

Face to Face: ID 755

Gade Community Room

Oakleaf Primary School,

Hemel Hempstead

Tuesdays

8.00 - 9.30pm

6th May to 17th Jun

Online Course ID 756

- Understand your child's behaviour.
- Develop strategies that really work.
- Reduce conflict and increase co-operation.
- Improve emotional regulation.
- Explore sensory needs.
- Increase your child's resilience.
- Manage different needs in your family.

Summer Term 2025

TALKING FAMILIES

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged **0-12** sharing tips on:

- Managing challenging behaviour with consistency.
- Encouraging positive behaviour.
- Building your child's self-esteem.
- Setting and maintaining boundaries.
- Responding to tantrums and difficult feelings in children.
- Developing a strong parent/child relationship now and for the future.



Thursdays

9.45 - 11.15am

8th May to 19th Jun

Online Course ID 757

Tuesdays

8.00 - 9.30pm

6th May to 17th Jun

Online Course ID 758

TALKING DADS

6, weekly sessions for dads & male carers of children **0-19** sharing information on:

- Improved listening and communication skills.
- A healthy dad-child relationship now and for the future.
- Effective strategies for dealing with anger and conflict.
- How to enforce boundaries.
- Being the dad, you want to be.



Wednesdays

7.45 - 9.15pm

4th Jun to 9th Jul

Online Course: ID 761

All courses are 6 weeks with a break for half term 26th-30th May

Booking essential. Please Quote the Course ID

To check eligibility and book a place, please contact Supporting Links on **07512 709556** or bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk

These courses are provided free to parents by Hertfordshire County Council's Targeted Parenting Fund. Information taken on booking will be used to process your booking, check your eligibility, identify any access needs and will be stored in accordance with our GDPR policy which is available on request



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