



## NEWSLETTER - 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

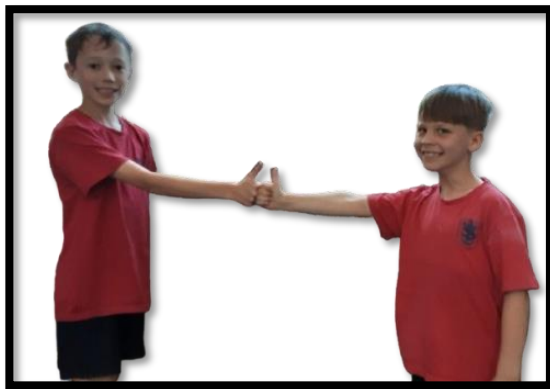
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**Focus:** Build each other up.

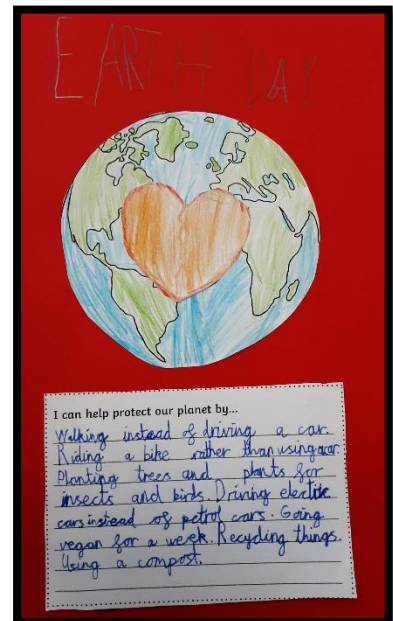
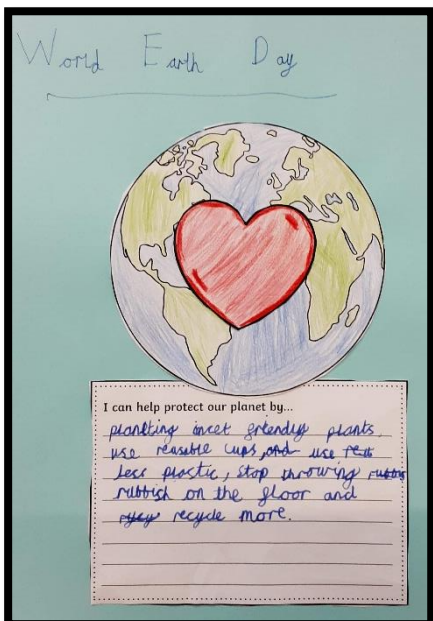
**'Encourage one another and build each other up.'** 1 Thessalonians 5.11

### FROM THE HEADTEACHER

**Friendship:** The children have been exploring the value of friendship and have been working with their teachers to create images. These include the ideas of building your friends up with encouragement and supporting your friends.



**Diamond Class** have been making Earth Day Pledges. They have considered personal actions that they can commit to that will be good for the planet.

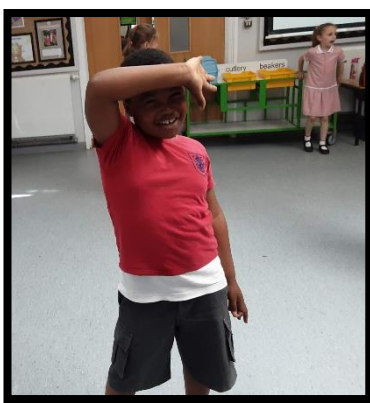


**Sensory Garden:** Our sensory garden is coming on beautifully. The Gardening Club have been adding plants and now our School Council and Eco Council have planted some more flowers.



**Sapphire Class** reenacted the Great Fire of London. The children took part in a BBC Teach: School Radio, virtual reality drama in role as museum visitors testing out a new exhibition.

They were people of that time trying to escape the fire, join a water chain, pulling down houses to create a fire break and eventually being escorted from the city to safety.



**Internet Safety:** More Concerns with Roblox.

I have just received this article about one of the most popular games for children.

As one of the more popular games with all age groups, particularly younger children, Roblox is getting its fair share of negative press lately.



Most recently (13th April) Revealing Reality have released results of their investigation called 'A Digital Playground - The Real Guide to Roblox'. As part of this investigation the researchers created multiple account pretending to be persons aged 5, 9, 10, 13 and 40+ in order to explore the safety settings and the user experience which included:

- Adults and children can easily interact.
- Easy access to highly suggestive environments, including participation in adult-themed conversations.

You can read the full report [HERE](#), which was then followed up by two articles in The Guardian [HERE](#) and [HERE](#), the latter of which is the experience of some parents and their own child's use of Roblox.

**New Books:** Thank you to all who attended and contributed to the book fair. We were able to buy some new books for school to add to our class libraries as well as books about feelings and emotions. Thank you all!



**Au revoir to Mrs Newman.** This week we are saying goodbye to Mrs Newman as she embarks on a new role in a neighbouring school. She is going to work in the office at Furneux Pelham, where her previous administration skills as well as her extensive experience of working in a school will be a real asset to the team.

She has worked here for eight years, supporting teachers and children and recently as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant, leading maths lessons for year groups and has taught class lessons for a number of subjects, especially Art, PSHE and French. We wish her all the very best.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend.

Mr J Fisher

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Ruby  
Lucia

Sapphire  
Fleur

Diamond  
Nicolas



### STARS OF THE WEEK

#### Ruby

- ❖ Isabella for trying hard and for good conversations with the adults in class.
- ❖ Rowan for great questioning and reading in lessons.

#### Sapphire

- ❖ Esme for trying really hard in all her lessons.
- ❖ George for being a super role model.

#### Diamond

- ❖ Waris for fantastic progress in English.
- ❖ Jacob for his positive attitude and hard work.



## ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School  
Attendance – 94.88%**

**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 6th May 2025

| Day       | Menu   |
|-----------|--|
| Monday    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Chicken &amp; Sweetcorn Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce (Red)</li> <li>❖ Breaded Bean &amp; Vegetable Grill (Ve) Green</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> <li>❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)</li> </ul> |
| Tuesday   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Beef Bolognese (Red)</li> <li>❖ Mild Sweet Potato &amp; Chickpea Curry (Ve) (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> <li>❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)</li> </ul>                                |
| Wednesday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Roast Pork (Red)</li> <li>❖ Creamy Quorn &amp; Sweetcorn Pasta Bake (V) (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> <li>❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)</li> </ul>                                    |
| Thursday  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Quorn Hot Dog (V) (Red)</li> <li>❖ Roasted Veg Lasagne (V) (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> <li>❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)</li> </ul>   |
| Friday    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Fish Fillet Fingers (Red)</li> <li>❖ Cheese &amp; Tomato Pizza (V) (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> <li>❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)</li> </ul>   |

## NOTICES

- ❖ **Walk to School Week** is from **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>**. More information to follow.
- ❖ **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                              |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| 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                |
| 19/05/25            | Year 6 Crucial Crew                |
| 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            | PTA Summer Fair                    |
| 19/06/25            | Clean Air Day                      |
| 20/06/25            | Reception Trip to Audley End       |
| 24/06/25            | Class Photos                       |
| 03/07/25            | Diamond Class Production           |
| 08/07/25            | Parent Consultations               |
| 09/07/25            | Bouncy Day                         |
| 10/07/25            | Transition Day                     |
| 16/07/25            | Diamond Class Swimming last lesson |
| 22/07/25            | Leavers Service                    |
| 23/07/25            | Last Day of Term                   |
| 03/09/25            | Inset 1                            |
| 04/09/25            | First Day Back                     |

# 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](http://gjwsports.co.uk)

[www.gjwsports.co.uk](http://www.gjwsports.co.uk)

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FITNESS

**GJW**  
**SPORTS**

PRESENTING



DANCE ★ ACT ★ SHINE



## SPELLBROOK DANCE AND ACTING CLASS!

Join our exciting Fusion Class, where dance and acting come together! Explore a variety of dance styles while developing acting skills like script reading, character work, and stage presence.

Build confidence, creativity, and technique in both movement and performance. Each child progresses at their own pace—no experience needed! Enjoy fun term projects, showcased to family and friends.

[SIGN UP | StageSteps](#)

Unique content taught by an industry professional!

For Years 1-6

Every Monday  
3:20-4:20pm

Join our StageSteps family! Visit  
[WWW.STAGESTEPS.CO.UK](http://WWW.STAGESTEPS.CO.UK)  
and head to our Sign Up page to join today!

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**Rainbow Relaxation**

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](mailto:hannah.rainbowrelaxation@gmail.com)

£7 per session, paid each half term

[@rainbowrelaxation](#)  
[hannah.rainbowrelaxation@gmail.com](mailto:hannah.rainbowrelaxation@gmail.com)






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

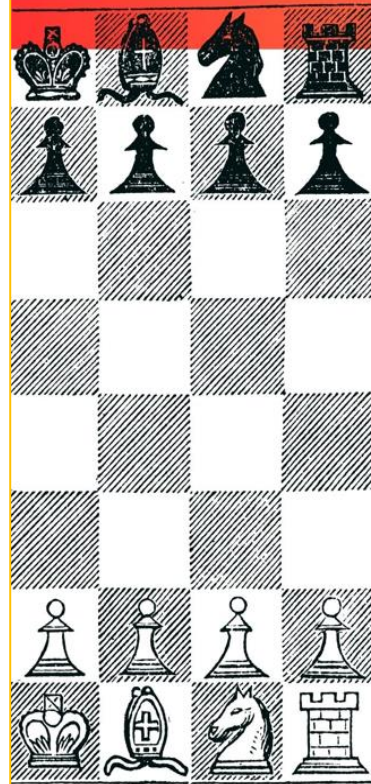
KS2 (YEARS 3-6)

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

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  
Mobile: 07817 528652

facebook.com/wellbeangardening  
Instagram: @wellbeangardening

BISHOP'S STORTFORD  
SINFONIA

A FREE CONCERT FOR YOUNG MUSIC-LOVERS  
AGED 4 AND ABOVE, AND THEIR FAMILIES

**TUBBY THE TUBA**  
DANNY KAYE TUBA: WILF DRISCOLL



CARMEN OVERTURE  
GEORGES BIZET

BERCEUSE FROM 'DOLLY SUITE'  
GABRIEL FAURE

**SATURDAY 10 MAY, 4PM - 4.30PM**

MEMORIAL HALL, BISHOP'S STORTFORD COLLEGE

PERFORMED BY THE BISHOP'S STORTFORD SINFONIA  
ALONGSIDE LOCAL YOUNG MUSICIANS

BOOK TICKETS HERE: [HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/UK/EREI](https://www.trybooking.com/UK/EREI)  
OR SCAN BELOW



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

[WWW.BISHOPSSORTFORDSINFONIA.COM](http://WWW.BISHOPSSORTFORDSINFONIA.COM)

# Breaktime Snacks

Snacks welcomed  
in school



Please leave  
these at home



## Healthy Snacks and Packed Lunches

Please take a look at the information above as part of our commitment to making sure the children at Spellbrook make healthy habits for the future.

Children can bring in one healthy snack for breaktime (Ruby and Sapphire also have a free fruit snack on offer).

For packed lunches, we ask that your child has a balanced meal, this may include a small packet of crisps, but we ask that chocolate bars are kept for home. As always, we are a nut free school.

Stuck for ideas? This NHS app will scan products and suggest alternatives.

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/food-facts/healthier-snacks/#fs-app>

If your child has medical reasons for requiring something different, please speak to the class teacher and ask them to help complete an individual health care plan for your child. Thank you.