



NEWSLETTER - 9th May 2025

VALUE: Friendship

Focus: Valuing each other's interests.

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



Emerald Class Visit to the Fitzwilliam Museum

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Emerald Class History Visit: Last Friday, Emerald Class went to Cambridge to the Fitzwilliam Museum to find out more about ancient Egypt and see many original artefacts. They were introduced to the galleries by a member of staff who told them about one of the statues, explaining a little about its history, how it came to be at the museum and how it had been repaired and restored. They spent time in small groups looking at the artefacts and then were told more about Ancient Egypt, particularly about burial practices. They compared to different sarcophagi realising that the artwork and decoration on the two was of a very different standard and even in those days, wealth made a difference to the choices people made. Each pair of children had a camera, so they could take pictures of the different artefacts. They also looked for certain artefacts and drew some of them.



In the afternoon, the children enjoyed an art activity led by one of the resident artists. They painted Egyptian designs on papyrus. They were shown a range of techniques, given gouache paint and papyrus to work with and then using their own drawings from the morning as well as additional pictures of the artefacts, they set to work. They produced some super artwork, then ended the session by having the opportunity to share their work with the rest of the class. This was a great day out and I thoroughly enjoyed sharing it with them. Even getting stuck in traffic in Sawbridgeworth did not dampen the day and thank you to the Emerald Class parents for your patience.



These are just a few of the lovely pieces of artwork that they produced. We will be putting more of these pictures, including some more of the photographs taken by the children on the school website.



Ambulance Service Visitor: This week we had a visit from a member of the ambulance service, a community first responder. She led an assembly, teaching the children what to do in case of a "BIG" emergency. She shared the equipment she carries and demonstrated carrying out some health checks on a member of staff.

The children all learned how to call for an ambulance and what they might need to say on the phone, specifically whether the patient is awake or breathing and how to check for this. She reminded the children the importance of knowing their address and phone number and suggested they have it written in a safe place in their home i.e on the fridge where it is always accessible.

She then worked with Sapphire Class (Y1,Y2) and Ruby Class (EYFS) sharing some first aid skills. Even the Reception children learned how to perform CPR on dummies, put someone in the recovery position and how to tie a bandage. All of the children thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and we hope that if they ever need to use this knowledge, they will be able to do so and make a positive contribution in an emergency. They may even be inspired to have a career in the ambulance service when they grow up.



VE Day 80th: We had a whole school assembly and period of silence on Thursday to recognise the 80th Anniversary of VE Day. The children found out more about how the war had affected people and how they would have felt when it ended. Each class has become involved in different ways. Sapphire, Emerald and Diamond produced artwork. These are just a few from Diamond Class.



Ruby Class had a tea party and invited family members to enjoy the strawberries, scones, peppers, cucumber and sandwiches that they had very carefully prepared during the day.



We hope that the children will continue to reflect on the sacrifice that people made and do their best to promote peace as they grow up.

Letter from the Chair of Governors: As you will note from the attached letter, I will be leaving Spellbrook at the end of this school year. I have absolutely loved my role here. In fact, in my career of over thirty years, this has certainly been my favourite, I have truly felt part of the Spellbrook Community and have loved working with every child and every family. However, after being here for just over five years, a time that seems to have passed very quickly, I will now be moving on to take on a new challenge. I will be the headteacher of a school in Hertford. Parents can rest assured that I will do everything I can over the next months to prepare for a smooth transition of leadership and will be working with the Governors, Herts for Learning and the Diocese to ensure that Spellbrook has the support it needs to continue to flourish.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr J Fisher

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Ruby
Rowan

Diamond
Ewan



STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ❖ Jesse for good group work.
- ❖ Jacob for sensible food preparation and super writing.

Sapphire

- ❖ Beatrice for having good teamwork and participation in her phonics lessons.
- ❖ Kenzy for a fantastic first week at Spellbrook.

Emerald

- ❖ Jesse for great effort in writing lessons and being a good friend to others.
- ❖ Lilly for great class contributions and lovely writing.

Diamond

- ❖ Nicolas for working so hard on his Independent Write.
- ❖ Daryna for settling in so well.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School
Attendance – 94.22%**

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 12th May 2025

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Chicken Curry (Red) ❖ All Day Breakfast (Omelette, Grilled Tomato, Beans) (V) Green ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
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

- ❖ **Diamond Swimming** – there will be no swimming on **Wednesday 14th and Wednesday 21st May** due to the KS2 SATs tests and the Activity Week respectively. Swimming will resume as usual on **Wednesday 4th June**.
- ❖ **Walk to School Week** is from **Monday 19th to Friday 23rd**. 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
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.

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- 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



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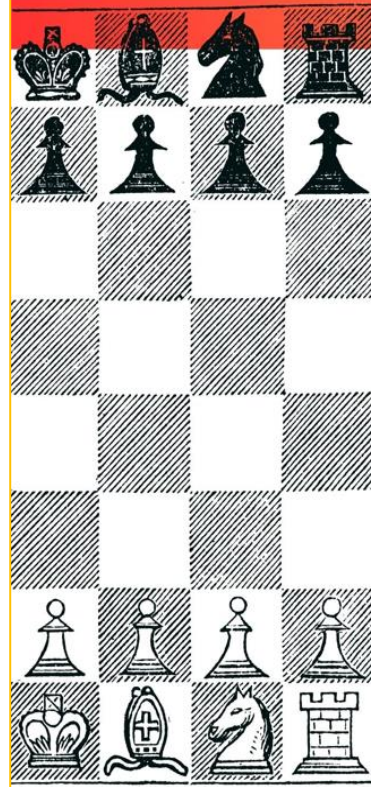
KS2 (YEARS 3-6)

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)

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GIVE TENNIS A GO

Sunday 11 May 2025
09:00 - 16:00

Sawbridgeworth Tennis Club
Springhall Road CM21 9ET

Book your free place

BARCLAYS BIG TENNIS WEEKEND IS COMING TO SAWBRIDGEWORTH TENNIS CLUB!

Don't miss your chance to pick up a racket and play tennis at our Barclays Big Tennis Weekend on Sunday 11 May 2025 from 09:00 – 16:00.

It is all about having fun, with coaching, cardio tennis, social play and family play, so you can guarantee a great day with friends and family. We can provide rackets and tennis balls, so anyone can play.

Participants can sign up for sessions in advance such as:

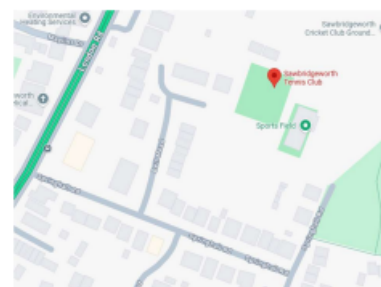
LTA Youth sessions – For kids aged 4-11 years who are new to tennis. We'll help teach kids new life skills, developing them as both players and people.

Social Play – Join in with members and non-members for some friendly doubles social play

Cardio Tennis – A fun, sociable group fitness class set on a tennis court and open to people of all ages and abilities. Supported by motivating music and qualified instructors, you'll get to hit lots of tennis balls during your class and have a great cardio workout at the same time.

Family sessions – Get on court with your family and have some fun. We'll provide modified balls and rackets for the younger ones and coaches will be on hand to give you some pointers if you want them.

Free play – If you don't fancy a coaching session why not just try out our facilities. You can book a slot on one of the courts for free!



Scan to book your sessions!

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