



## NEWSLETTER - 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025

**VALUE:** Respect

Focus: Treat Others as you would like to be treated

'Do to others as you would have them do to you.' Matthew 7:12



**Outdoor Learning and Science Day**

### FROM THE HEADTEACHER

At the start of this week, we had a whole school outdoor learning and science day. The children were in mixed age groups with each group having children from Nursery to Year 6. There were five different activities that focused on science or the outdoors or indeed both at the same time and during the day each group had a turn at each one.

The activities were:

**Minibeast Hunting:** Looking for minibeasts, taking photos and recording where they were located. The children also carried out a mini survey by placing a hoop and counting all the minibeasts they found within that area.



**Orienteering:** An orienteering course was set up so that children could use a map and identify ten different stations on the map. Each station had a punch, and each child punched their card to complete the full set. Most groups did really well staying together and helping each other.



**Slime Making:** this proved to be a fantastic way to explore how materials can change from a liquid into a semi-solid and the addition of glitter meant that each child went home with their own shiny slime in a pot. This was a definite success.



**Making Minibeasts:** Using clay and found materials, the children made their own minibeast. They thought about the different types and some of their features. There were some super snails, centipedes, worms and caterpillars.



**Stained Glass Windows:** exploring light and colour was the scientific theme behind this activity. The children painted and coloured designs for stained glass windows. They also worked together to stick coloured plastic pieces onto a clear background to create some artwork themed on the logos of our school Values. This also has a super link to the stained-glass window in Diamond Class that we have recently (with support from the church) had restored to its former glory. When completed, these works of art will be displayed in or near our new sensory garden.



Once again, our whole school days have proved to be a great addition to our curriculum, in terms of different learning experiences, social development and enjoyment.

Have a great weekend.

Mr J Fisher

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Emerald  
Lorenzo  
Lisa

Diamond  
Grace



### STARS OF THE WEEK

#### Ruby

- ❖ Lucia for trying different challenges.
- ❖ Sidney for great participation in activities.

#### Sapphire

- ❖ Peter for trying really hard with his writing.
- ❖ Jadon for amazing improvement in reading.

#### Emerald

- ❖ Niah for a good attitude to learning.
- ❖ Lyra for super work with homework and reading.

#### Diamond

- ❖ Tristan for super progress with writing.
- ❖ Zainab for fantastic resilience.

## ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School  
Attendance – 93.74%**

**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 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Chicken Curry (Red)</li> <li>❖ All Day Breakfast (Omelette, Grilled Tomato, Beans) (V) (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> <li>❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)</li> </ul>
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Quorn Burger in a Bun (V) (Red)</li> <li>❖ Beany Seashell Pasta (Ve) (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> <li>❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)</li> </ul>
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Roast Chicken (Red)</li> <li>❖ Cheesy Spring Vegetable &amp; Potato Bake (V) (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> <li>❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)</li> </ul>
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Pork Sausages (Red)</li> <li>❖ Sweet &amp; Sour Quorn (V) (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> <li>❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)</li> </ul>
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Battered Fish Fillet (Red)</li> <li>❖ Cheese &amp; Tomato Pizza (V) (Green)</li> </ul>

## NOTICES

- ❖ **Diamond Production** is on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** from **2.15-3.00 pm**. Diamond parents are cordially invited to attend. Tickets are available to book in Arbor by clicking on the **School Shop < Diamond End of Year Production Tickets**. **Booking close on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June**. Tickets are FREE.
- ❖ **Parents Evening** for children in **Diamond, Emerald & Sapphire** is on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July** from **1-6.30 pm**. Bookings can be made in Arbor via **Guardian Consultations**. If you have any difficulty in booking, please contact the office.
- ❖ **School Dinner Debts** – as we approach the end of the school year, could we kindly ask that all outstanding debts are cleared please.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
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 – finish at 1.30 pm
03/09/25	Inset 1
04/09/25	First Day Back
20/10/25	Individual Photos
23/10/25	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
24/10/25	Inset 2
27/10/25 – 31/10/25	Autumn Half Term 2025
27/11/25	Panto
28/11/25	Occasional Day (School Closed)
19/12/25	Last Day of Term
05/01/26	Inset 3
06/01/26	Inset 4
07/01/26	First Day Back
16/02/26 – 20/02/26	Spring Half Term 2026
23/02/26	First Day Back

- ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)
- ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)

27/03/26	Last Day of Term
30/03/26 – 10/04/26	Easter Break
13/04/26	First Day Back
04/05/26	Early May Bank Holiday 2026
22/05/26	Inset 5
25/05/26 – 29/05/26	Summer Half Term 2026
01/06/26	First Day Back
23/07/26	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.

£36 for 5 weeks (VAT included)

Starting week commencing 13th January

Keep fit, make friends and have fun!

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

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PRESENTING



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## 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 activities with your family and friends.

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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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**Parent & child yoga and sensory forest summer class!**

Rainbow Relaxation

Yoga, mindfulness and happy vibes!

July 29<sup>th</sup>, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>  
10-11.30am  
Age 0-5

Yoga stories and games, mindful sensory activities and crafts, all based in a gorgeous National Trust setting.

Running at Hatfield Forest, Takeley, CM22 6NE.  
Booking via the National Trust website - Hatfield forest events page




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# 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
- £37.50 for six sessions June 4 - July 9
- 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 June 4 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\*: .....

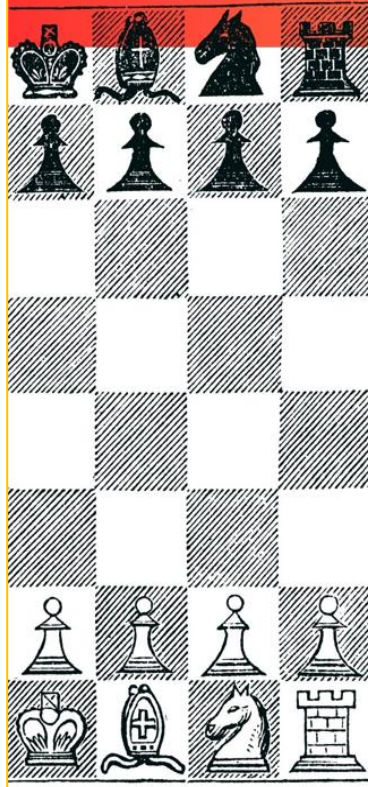
\*Your child's safety is a priority, but we can only put measures into place if you let us know.

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](mailto:wellbeangardening@gmail.com)  
Mobile: 07817 528652

[facebook.com/wellbeangardening](https://facebook.com/wellbeangardening)  
Instagram: @wellbeangardening



# 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



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](http://www.carolineclarkartist.com) or  
Caroline Clark (Caz) on  
07847269734

### Address

Spellbrook C of E  
Primary School,  
Spellbrook

For school  
years 1-6





## Children's yoga and mindfulness forest summer club!

Yoga, mindfulness and happy vibes!

**July 30<sup>th</sup>, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>**

**10am-3pm**

Drop off session, suitable primary age children

Yoga stories and games, meditation, mindful activities and crafts, all based in a gorgeous National Trust setting.

Running at Hatfield Forest, Takeley, CM22 6NE.

Booking via the National Trust website - Hatfield forest events page

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**Can you help?**

Over the next few weeks we are looking to improve our Sapphire outdoor area and are looking for donations:

- Lengths of wood eg. decking boards, off cuts
- Kitchen utensils, jugs, pots and pans for mud kitchens
- Small figures and play sets
- Toy vehicles
- Construction resources such as magnetic tiles, duplo, lego, wooden blocks
- Plastic storage boxes or drawers
- Greenhouse shelving



If you have any links with business' who could provide crates, cable reels or other resources we would love to hear from you.

Please speak to Mrs McDonald or Mrs Rutt if you have something suitable.

Thank you



## Save money on student bus travel

If you're a student getting the bus to school, college or university make big savings on your travel and spread the cost of the ticket over affordable monthly payments when you pay by direct debit.

- £ **Reduced price** bus travel for the academic year
- ∞ **Unlimited** bus travel in your chosen Arriva Zone, **7 days a week**
- ☑ **Convenient** monthly **direct debit**
- 📄 **No minimum contract** - cancel anytime



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[ASD & ADHD: Responding to Anger \(781\) For parents/carers in Herts. Registration, Tue 23 Sep 2025 at 09:30 | Eventbrite](#)

[Talking ASD & ADHD: The Teenage Years \(782\) For parents/carers in Herts. Registration, Mon 13 Oct 2025 at 19:30 | Eventbrite](#)

[Talking ASD & ADHD: School Avoidance\(783\) For parents/carers in Herts. Registration, Mon 10 Nov 2025 at 19:30 | Eventbrite](#)

[Talking ASD & ADHD: Tech Use \(784\) For parents/carers in Herts. Registration, Mon 24 Nov 2025 at 19:30 | Eventbrite](#)

## Parent & Carer Support TALKING ASD & ADHD Workshops Autumn 2025



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.

[Eventbrite Page](#)

### RESPONDING to ANGER



- Healthy & unhealthy anger.
- How to spot the signs early.
- Our own and our children's triggers.
- Techniques that stop angry and aggressive behaviour escalating and when to use them.
- How to respond to our child in meltdown, keeping ourselves, our child and siblings safe.

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 9.30-11.15am**

Workshop SL781 book via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/asd-adhd-responding-to-anger-781-for-parentscarers-in-herts-registration-1413258727899?aff=oddtcreator>

### THE TEENAGE YEARS



- Teenage brain development and how it affects a child with ASD/ADHD.
- Reducing conflict by learning how to respond effectively to difficult situations.
- How to agree appropriate boundaries and teach risk assessment.
- Help teens develop independence skills.

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30-9.15pm**

Workshop SL782 book via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-asd-adhd-the-teenage-years-782-for-parentscarers-in-herts-registration-1417376895449?aff=oddtcreator>

### SCHOOL AVOIDANCE



- What is Emotionally Based School Avoidance and is this what your child is experiencing?
- Common causes and triggers of school avoidance.
- How EBSA is affecting you and your family.
- Practical steps you can take to support your child and look after yourself.
- How to work with your school in your child's best interests.

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30-9.15pm**

Workshop SL783 book via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-asd-adhd-school-avoidance783-for-parentscarers-in-herts-registration-1417463965879?aff=oddtcreator>

### TECH USE



- Keep your child safe online.
- Help your child to switch their device off.
- Support behaviour difficulties when playing.
- The effect of using devices as a reward or consequence.
- Teach children to develop their own methods of regulating device use and staying safe.

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30-9.15pm**

Workshop SL784 book via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-asd-adhd-tech-use-784-for-parentscarers-in-herts-registration-1417436894909?aff=oddtcreator>

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