



NEWSLETTER - 18th July 2025

VALUE: Respect

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

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Celebration Afternoon and Picnic: Earlier this week, we had a celebration event to mark the end of the year and recognise some of the work we have been doing. Parents came in to join the children for a range of activities that relate to our recent work on spirituality and then join the children for brief picnic outside. All schools are expected to include spiritual, moral, social and cultural development within the curriculum. We have focused on Spirituality and developed this definition.

"Spirituality is the asking and answering of questions about the meaning of life, how people are connected to each other, truths about the universe, and other mysteries of human existence."

We think about four different relationships. Relationship to God, self, others and the world. On Monday, we had activities linking to four areas.



| Aspect of Spirituality | Symbol | Activity |
|---------------------------|--------|--|
| Relationship to God | | Reflection and stillness in the new Sensory Garden and looking at artefacts that link to the time in the past when part of the school was a chapel linked to Great St Mary's Church. |
| Relationship to self | | Self portraits and icing heart-shaped biscuits to enjoy during the picnic. |
| Relationship to others | | Making greetings cards to give to some of the older members of the local community at Falcon House. |
| Relationship to the world | | Nature collage pictures. |



Children also made heart badges. It was a lovely community event and a very pleasant addition to our summer calendar.

Diamond Class have been thinking about the legacy of the Ancient Greeks on food and learning about some of the foods that are still eaten today. They made flatbread, measuring out their ingredients then rolling out the dough, ready for cooking. They have put a range of items with the bread such as feta, tzatziki, olives and hummus and evaluated each by tasting them, then recording the appearance, texture, smell and taste. There was certainly a range of responses with some children enjoying tasting everything and others, maybe not so much.



Diamond Class have also been painting. Many of you will recognise the original masterpiece that the children have studied and used as inspiration for these excellent pieces of work.



Ruby Class have been extending their teamwork skills in this Commando Joe's activity. The aim was to work together, move water from one big container to another with the rule that everyone had to take an active part. They did really well.



Shiksha Rath. As you know we support children from this charity and have received this update:

Dear Spellbrook School,

Hello and greetings from all of us here at Shiksha Rath! Hope you are doing fine too!

This new academic year, we have taken 16 new children, and now we have a total of 100 children in Shiksha Rath. Eight of our students have passed 12th grade and will start college from September this year. We are so excited to see our children slowly gearing up and stepping into the world to navigate their life towards their dreams and break free from their cycle of life in the slum. This is all possible because of your help and support. Thank you very much.

The Eco Team successfully applied for a Local School Nature Grant. They have just received a whole range of resources including animal puppets, animal homes that can be put outside and special foods to put out for them and equipment for looking after our grounds.



Final Newsletter

This is the last full week of the term and the school year and what a busy one it has been.



We do still have a lot to do during the three days that we will be in school next week and that will include some goodbyes. As well as saying goodbye to the Year 6 children, who are moving on to various local secondary schools, there are a number of staff also saying goodbye.

As you know, Mrs Todd is leaving to work in another local school, and we are so grateful for the excellent teaching that she has provided and all of her hard work across the school. Her leadership in art has made a very visual impact on the school and helped many children to develop their love of art and creativity.

In addition, Miss Cognata will be leaving to explore new opportunities in her career. She has worked tirelessly and very patiently, ensuring one of our pupils with an EHC has had the individual support needed in order to thrive in school and she has also worked with lots of others helping them with the parts of learning that they have found tricky. We wish her all the best in her new endeavours.

Mrs Wellington is moving away from the area and will be missed, most especially by Sapphire class and her phonics groups, who have benefitted from her hard work and super support. We wish her the best of luck and know that in the future another school will benefit from her kindness and dedication.

Dr Lawson will also be moving on to other roles and we are so grateful for his teaching of maths across the school and for his help with phonics and other lessons. We wish him all the best wherever the future takes him.

And me.

I have extremely mixed feelings as I look towards my last few days here. The last five years, which started when I joined the school during the first lockdown have provided many ups and downs and many memories. I have seen lots of staff changes, and I am so proud of how we have developed an ethos where everyone uses their own strengths and abilities to collaboratively provide the best we can for all of the children. It has been a real pleasure to work with these great people, and I am confident they will continue to ensure the school continues to thrive. I have got to know every child, and value each and every one for who they are, whilst at the same time trying to help them get the best out of their strengths and areas of challenge so they can flourish and face the future with confidence and a whole range of abilities.

I have loved working with those from the wider community such as those involved with Great St Mary's Church and others who have come in to enhance what we offer in terms of wellbeing, sports and the wider curriculum. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know you, the parents and carers who have worked so well with us and thank you for your trust in us and the partnerships we have developed. This has been a very special time in my career that I will always look back on with pleasure.



Alongside this newsletter is a letter from the Chair of Governors about the recruitment for the new headteacher and I am so pleased with how it has gone and that I will have the chance to handover key information in the next few days.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr J Fisher

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK AND OVER THE SUMMER BREAK

Ruby

Joshua

Jesse

Sidney

Lily

Sapphire

Emilia

Arthur

Jadon

Vinnie

Emerald

Johnny

Donnie

Abel

Kaden

Niah

Jessica

Scarlett

Diamond

Poppy

Zainab

Alden

Stanley T

Harry B

Jacob



STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ❖ Ellie for great participation and helpful behaviour.
- ❖ Riaan for fantastic effort and creativity.

Sapphire

- ❖ Lily for increased confidence throughout the day.
- ❖ Scarlett for always being an excellent role model.

Emerald

- ❖ Caitlyn for progress in her writing.
- ❖ Harvey for recognising all the amazing things you have done in Emerald Class.

Diamond

- ❖ Poppy for a super independent write.
- ❖ Daryna for fantastic progress with reading.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School
Attendance – 91.29%**

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.

Attendance Ladder



NOTICES

- ❖ **The Leavers Service** is on **Tuesday 22nd July** at **Great St Mary's Church, Sawbridgeworth, starting at 2.15**. The children will be travelling to the church by coach. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend. **End of day collection is from the church at 3.00 pm.**
- ❖ **Change in Menu on Wednesday 23rd July** – as it is the last day of term and due to popular demand, please see the menu below:
- ❖ **The Last Day of Term** is **Wednesday 23rd July**. School finishes at the earlier time of **1.30 pm**.
- ❖ **School Dinner Debts** – as we approach the end of the school year, could we kindly ask that all outstanding debts are cleared please.
- ❖ **School resumes on Thursday 4th September** at the usual time for children in **Year 1 to 6**. Children moving up from Nursery to Reception have a separate transition timetable.

MENU w/c 21st July 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"> ❖ Quorn Hot Dog (V) (Red) ❖ Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue) |



**SCHOOL
DINNERS**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| Date | Event |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 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 |
| 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



Parent & child yoga and sensory forest summer class!

Yoga, mindfulness and happy vibes!

July 29th, August 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th

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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SUMMER CAMPS 2025

24 JULY - 29 AUGUST

Get ready for action-packed days filled with fun, laughter, new skills, and confidence-building – all in a safe and supportive environment where every child can thrive.



SPORTS & ACTIVITY CAMP

- 6-8 different games & activities every day
- Monday-Friday

OPEN TO
7-12
YEARS OF AGE

FOOTBALL CAMP

- Skills & Drills
- Game play & mini tournaments
- Tuesday-Thursday

OPEN TO
5-12
YEARS OF AGE

MINI CAMP

- Fun games & activities tailored for the little ones to enjoy!
- Tuesday-Thursday

OPEN TO
5-7
YEARS OF AGE

9AM-3PM

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PER DAY

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12TH & 19TH AUGUST

WATER SPLASH
29TH JULY & 5TH AUGUST

SPRINKLE SWIRL
1ST & 8TH AUGUST

ARTS & CRAFTS CAMP
14TH & 21ST AUGUST

INFLATABLES
13TH & 27TH AUGUST

THE SECRET ART HOUSE SUMMER ART CAMPS AND CRAFT CLUBS

With Artist Caroline Clark

Art Camps £30
Craft Clubs £20

Early bird booking price

Dates:

- 24th July, 9am-1pm Art Camp £30
- 7th August, 9-11am Child-led craft session £20
- 19th August, 9am-1pm Art Camp £30
- 27th August, 9am-1pm Art Camp £30
- 28th August, 9-11am Child-led craft session £20

Activities such as:

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

Plus New Ground Cafe, (Newhall, Harlow) sessions on 24th July, 20th and 28th August, 2.30-3.30pm

Book on at
www.carolineclarkartist.com

Contact Caz Clark (Caroline) 07847 269 734
The Secret Art House, Behind Sheering Village Hall
The Street, Sheering, CM22 7LX

For
5-11
years



Children's yoga and mindfulness forest summer club!

Yoga, mindfulness and
happy vibes!

July 30th, August 6th, 13th, 20th
& 27th

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,
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BEAM
Stage Screen Social

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Herts Inclusive Theatre

**BEAM, The Wash,
Hertford SG14
1PS**

**5th and 6th August 2025
10am-3pm**

Your

Build Children's Summer World Workshops

Ages 5-12

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Herts Inclusive Theatre

Join the fun with us and create a world of your own using drama, movement and arts and crafts!

admin@hit-theatre.org.uk

NATIONAL PLAY DAY EVENT 2025

**WEDNESDAY
6 AUGUST 2025**

12noon - 3pm
SOUTH OXHEY
PLAYING FIELDS,
WD19 4LT
meet by the playing
fields car park.

**Families and children
of all ages welcome.**

Health & Wellbeing Advice
Family support services
Zumba with Flo
Frankie's Face Paint
Play Rangers
Healthy Living & Nutrition
Children's games and lots
more outdoor fun!

**Bring a
picnic and
have some
fun!**

For more information
scan the QR code

**THREE RIVERS
DISTRICT COUNCIL**

SUMMER CRICKET CAMPS

7TH JULY - 29TH AUGUST

Time: 10am-4pm

8 WEEKS OF CAMPS

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Summer holidays 2025

11:00 - 13:00

Parent & Carer Support Autumn Term 2025



FREE to parents and carers living in Hertfordshire

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.



Tuesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm

16th Sep – 21st Oct

Online Course: ID 778

Thursdays 7.45 - 9.15pm

6th Nov – 11th Dec

Online Course: ID 777

TALKING ANGER in TEENS

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged **11-19**, supporting you to:

- Understand why children & adults get angry.
- Develop strategies to handle anger in yourself and others within your family.
- Recognise the early signs of anger.
- Reduce conflict and arguments.
- Encourage positive behaviour.



Tuesdays 7.45 - 9.30pm

4th Nov – 9th Dec

Online Course: ID 775

TALKING ADDITIONAL NEEDS

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

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



Wednesdays 7pm - 9pm

5th Nov – 10th Dec

Course ID 771

Reddings Family Centre, Bushey, WD23 3PE

Wednesdays 9.45 - 11.15am

17th Sep – 22nd Oct

Course ID 770

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.



Wednesdays 8.00 - 9.30pm

17th Sep – 22nd Oct

Online Course ID 774

Thursdays 9.45 - 11.15am

18th Sep – 23rd Oct

Online Course ID 772

Tuesdays 8.00 - 9.30pm

4th Nov – 9th Dec

Online Course ID 773

TALKING ANXIETY in TEENS

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children **11-19**, supporting you to:

- Understand why young people and adults get anxious.
- Develop strategies to handle anxiety in yourself and others within your family.
- Recognise the early signs of anxiety.
- Reduce stress and tension.
- Encourage resilient behaviour.



Tuesdays 7.45 - 9.30pm

16th Sep – 21st Oct

Online Course ID 776

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

17th Sep – 22nd Oct

Online Course: ID 779

Wednesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm

5th Nov – 10th Dec

Online Course: ID 780

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**

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