



NEWSLETTER – 3rd October 2025

VALUE: Respect

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

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very excited to share that our eagerly awaited new playground equipment is nearly finished and ready to use! We are so grateful to our wonderful PTA, and to all parents and carers, for contributing to this fantastic addition for the children at Spellbrook.



Class Highlights

Ruby Class



Ruby Class has been learning all about different building materials and exploring why some are better suited for building than others. To support their thinking, the children revisited the story of *The Three Little Pigs*. This helped them reflect on how straw and sticks are not as strong as bricks when it comes to building a sturdy house. After this, the children enjoyed a lively discussion about the different types of homes people live in—flats, cottages, terraced houses, bungalows—and shared where they live with great enthusiasm.

The highlight of the week was their hands-on task: designing and building their own houses using a wide range of construction materials available in the classroom, such as Lego, wooden blocks, and recycled items. The children showed great creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving as they worked out how to make their structures stand tall. The results were fantastic, and the children were very proud of their creations. It was wonderful to see them applying what they had learned in such an imaginative way.



Sapphire Class



Sapphire Class had a joyful time this week with their parachute games. These activities not only brought lots of smiles and laughter but also encouraged the children to practise important social skills such as turn-taking, following instructions, and working together as a team.

The children reflected afterwards on why working together is so important, and it was lovely to hear their thoughtful comments about fairness, patience, and kindness. These skills will help them in so many areas of their learning and play.

Emerald Class

Emerald Class has been busy being scientists this week! Their focus has been on investigating different types of rocks and exploring how they react to various conditions. The children handled the rocks carefully, observed their textures and colours, and made thoughtful predictions about what might happen in simple tests.

It has been especially impressive to hear the children use scientific vocabulary confidently, such as “erosion,” “minerals,” and “hardness.” They have also been learning how to record their findings like real scientists, using tables and drawings to present their results. The discussions in class have been fantastic, with children building on each other’s ideas and showing real curiosity about the natural world.



Diamond Class



Diamond Class has shown lots of enthusiasm as they continue their journey in learning the ukulele. Picking up a new instrument is never easy, but the children have embraced the challenge with determination and perseverance. They have been practising how to hold the instrument correctly, strumming simple rhythms, and even starting to play a few chords.

In class, the children talked about how learning a musical instrument requires patience, resilience, and lots of practice. It has been inspiring to see them encourage one another and celebrate small achievements along the way. We are already beginning to hear some lovely sounds filling the classroom, and the children are excited to share their progress with you in the future.

Harvest Festival

We are very excited about our upcoming Harvest Festival! You are warmly invited to join us for our Harvest Festival service at **Great St Mary’s Church, Sawbridgeworth** on **Tuesday 7th October, 2:15–3:00 pm**.

The children will travel to the church by coach, but please note that all children must be collected from the church at 3:00 pm. **The Football Afterschool Club will run as usual**. Parents will need to collect children from the church and bring them back to school.

Thank you so much for the generous donations we have already received. We are still collecting items for both the church and Harlow Food Bank, as part of our recognition of how fortunate we are and to support those in need in Sawbridgeworth, Harlow, and Bishop’s Stortford. Your support is greatly appreciated.

A Polite Reminder

Please ensure children are supervised carefully when crossing the small road in the playground in the mornings, as it is a very busy time of day. We really appreciate your support with this matter.

It has been such a full and exciting week here at Spellbrook. We wish you all a lovely weekend!

Warm regards,

Carly Cousins

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Ruby
Eva

Diamond
Seb



STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ❖ Marshall for joining in more in a group.
- ❖ Eva for great improvement in confidence.

Sapphire

- ❖ Lily J for showing good resilience and not giving up when things get tricky.
- ❖ Grace for settling in really well to Spellbrook.

Emerald

- ❖ Eloise for speaking amazing artistic poems.
- ❖ Kaden for fantastic scientific knowledge.

Diamond

- ❖ Harry P for increased focus and determination in every lesson especially English and maths.
- ❖ Georgia for consistent focus and for improvements in maths.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School
Attendance – 92.76%**

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.



NOTICES

- ❖ **Harvest Service** is on **Tuesday 7th October** from **2.15 – 3.00 pm** at **Great St Mary's Church, Sawbridgeworth**. The children will be travelling to church by coach after lunch. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend. **Children should be collected from the church at 3pm. Football afterschool club will run as usual.**
- ❖ **Year 6 Online Health Questionnaire** will be taking place on **Monday 13th October** and administered by the school nursing team. If you **do not** want your child to participate, please contact the school nursing team on **0300 1237572** or at hct.shwbswh@nhs.net to opt out by **Wednesday 8th October**.
- ❖ **Year 6 Height/Weights** – the school nurse will be in school on **Wednesday 15th October** to weigh/measure the Year 6's. If you **do not** want your child to participate, please contact the school nursing team on **0300 1237572** or at hct.shwbswh@nhs.net to opt out by **Wednesday 8th October**.

MENU w/c 6th October 2025

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



**SCHOOL
DINNERS**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
07/10/25	Harvest Service
13/10/25	Year 6 Online Health Questionnaire
15/10/25	Year 6 Height/Weights (Sch. Nurse)
20/10/25	Individual Photos
23/10/25	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
24/10/25	Inset 2 (School Closed)
27/10/25 – 31/10/25	Autumn Half Term 2025
26/11/25	Emerald Class Last Swimming Lesson
27/11/25	Panto
28/11/25	Occasional Day (School Closed)
18/12/25	Christmas Service
19/12/25	Last Day of Term
05/01/26	Inset 3 (School Closed)
06/01/26	Inset 4 (School Closed)
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 (School Closed)
25/05/26 – 29/05/26	Summer Half Term 2026
01/06/26	First Day Back
23/07/26	Last Day of Term



GOOD TRAVEL PLAN 2025



24 March – 4 April 2025

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

Let's Go!

Footballers must bring trainers/astro turf trainers, shin pads, long socks, PE kit or sports wear, and goalie gloves if playing in goal.

£50.40 per club for 7 weeks

Starting week commencing 8th September

Keep fit, make friends and have fun!

Book online at: gjwsports.co.uk

www.gjwsports.co.uk



Spellbrook after school mindfulness club

Wednesdays 3.20-4.30

Mindful crafts, group games, yoga, breathwork and simple meditation- working on mindfulness, self esteem and emotional regulation.

Year 1-6

£7 per session, paid each half term

To book please email the address below!



hannah.rainbowrelaxation@gmail.com
[@rainbowrelaxation](https://www.instagram.com/rainbowrelaxation)



Spellbrook lunchtime mindful crafting club

Thursdays 12.15-12.45 in the library

Mindful crafts such as weaving, colouring, collages, drawing and much more- all working on mindfulness, self esteem and emotional regulation.

Year 1-6

£3.50 per session, paid each half term

To book please email the address below!



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Well Bean Gardening

Learning through growing
Growing through learning

Join our Wednesday After-School Gardening Club
3.20pm-4.30pm



- Spellbrook's Gardening Club meets on Wednesdays and is open to Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. Limited spaces available
- £31.25 for five sessions Sept 24 - Oct 22
- 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
 - Collecting and sowing seeds
 - Continuing to develop the Sensory garden

If you would like your child to attend, please return the slip below to the school office before Wednesday Sept 24 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

Children's woodland wellness holiday clubs

Yoga, crafts, meditation and sensory play, held in a beautiful National Trust site.

Tween/teen club

ages 8-13

Wednesday 29th
October 2025

10-2

£30

Hatfield Forest,
Bush End Road
Takeley, CM22 6NE

Children's club

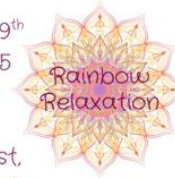
age 4-7

Thursday 30th
October 2025

10-2

£30

Hatfield Forest,
Bush End Road
Takeley, CM22 6NE



OCTOBER HALF TERM CAMPS



FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT



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East Herts Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan

Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) aim to make it easier, safer, and more enjoyable for people to walk, wheel, and/or cycle for work, school, everyday journeys, and leisure.

To offer feedback on the proposed East Herts LCWIP you can comment online from Thursday, 25 September, or chat to us in person at one of the events listed on our website. You can find out more information by scanning the QR code below or by visiting the URL linked. The deadline for feedback is Wednesday, 5 November.



Have your say in our public consultation by visiting our website before the deadline:
www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/EasthertsLCWIP

