



## NEWSLETTER – 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025

**VALUE: Respect**

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

### FROM THE HEADTEACHER

#### A Wonderful Week Celebrating Harvest

What a truly lovely week we have had together at Spellbrook School celebrating Harvest! This is always such a special time of year in our school calendar — a chance to pause, reflect, and give thanks for the food we enjoy and the people who work so hard to grow and provide it. Harvest reminds us of the importance of kindness, generosity, and community, and it was wonderful to see these values shining through in all our children's learning and celebrations this week.



During our Harvest Festival, the children shared everything they have been learning about this special season. They performed joyful Harvest songs and poems, showed off their colourful fruit printing, and told us all about the activities and stories they have explored in class. The church was filled with smiles, singing, and a real sense of gratitude. We were also delighted to join Reverend Sara for a beautiful Harvest celebration, where we reflected on how we can all help others and show appreciation for the world around us.



A huge thank you goes to all the staff at Spellbrook School for their hard work, creativity, and dedication in preparing for this week's celebrations. From classroom displays to rehearsing performances, everyone played a part in making the event such a success. We also want to say a very big thank you to our parents, carers, and friends for joining us, supporting the children, and contributing so generously. Your encouragement and participation make such a difference, and it truly means a lot to us.

We are also very grateful to Great St Mary's Church in Sawbridgeworth for welcoming us and sharing in this important celebration.

The church has such a rich history and remains a cornerstone of our local community. It is always so special for our children to visit and feel part of that tradition, learning about the values of thankfulness, care, and compassion that Harvest represents.

Across the school, our classrooms have been full of creativity and discovery this week!



**In Ruby Class**, the children had an exciting afternoon creating bubble art dinosaur pictures. Using a mixture of paint, water, and washing-up liquid, they blew colourful bubbles that burst onto their dinosaur outlines to create a fantastic scaly effect.

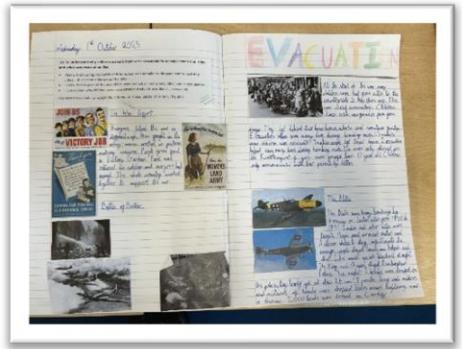
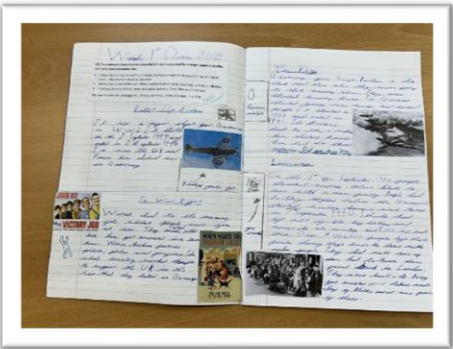
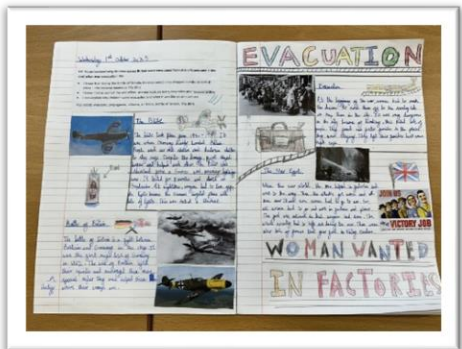
The results were bright, textured, and full of imagination – a fun way to explore colour, pattern, and texture while linking to their dinosaur topic.

**In Sapphire**, pupils have been completing brilliant work in maths, exploring the part-part-whole model. They have been using conkers as practical resources to help them understand how numbers can be partitioned and recombined. It has been wonderful to see such strong use of mathematical language and confident reasoning as they shared their ideas. Their enthusiasm for learning really shines through!



Over in **Emerald Class**, the children have been developing their artistic skills by sketching Stonehenge. Using pencils and pastels, they have been learning about proportion, scale, and placement to create atmospheric images of this ancient monument. Their focus and attention to detail have been outstanding, and the finished pieces are truly impressive.

Meanwhile, **Diamond Class** have been immersed in their history topic on World War II. They have been researching the idea of evacuation and finding out what it was like for children and families during that time. Through stories, discussions, and photographs, they have been developing a deep understanding of the challenges and emotions people faced. The children have shown great empathy and curiosity, asking thoughtful questions and producing some excellent work.



It's been a busy and heartwarming week at Spellbrook School, filled with creativity, learning, and community spirit.

Thank you once again to everyone who helped make our Harvest celebrations such a success. We are so proud of all our pupils for their enthusiasm and hard work. We wish you all a wonderful, restful weekend and look forward to another exciting week of learning ahead!

With warm wishes,  
Carly Cousins

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Sapphire  
Luca

Emerald  
Issy

Diamond  
Georgia



## STARS OF THE WEEK

### Ruby

- ❖ Joey for fantastic following of instructions.
- ❖ Milo for great improvement with joining in.

### Sapphire

- ❖ Petru for super participation in phonics.
- ❖ Arthur for being a positive role model in the classroom.

### Emerald

- ❖ Thea for great reflections in RE.
- ❖ Annabelle for amazing progress in Maths.

### Diamond

- ❖ Lisa for always focusing and for her fabulous history knowledge.
- ❖ Flora for her beautiful history work and for pushing herself in every lesson.

## ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School  
Attendance – 93.95%**

**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

- ❖ **Year 6 Online Health Questionnaire** will be taking place on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:hct.shwbswh@nhs.net) to opt out.
- ❖ **Year 6 Height/Weights** – the school nurse will be in school on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:hct.shwbswh@nhs.net) to opt out.
- ❖ **Parents Evening** is on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November** from **1-6 pm**. Please save the date, more information to follow.

## MENU w/c 13<sup>th</sup> October 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 with Gravy (V) (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> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> <li>❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)</li> </ul>



**SCHOOL  
DINNERS**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
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
11/11/25	Parents Evening (1-6pm)
19/11/25	Diamond Trip to Duxford
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
08/01/26	Emerald Trip to St Alban's Cathedral
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



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

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



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## 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](mailto: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 29<sup>th</sup>  
October 2025

10-2  
£30

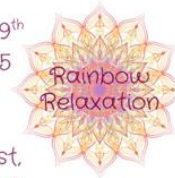
Hatfield Forest,  
Bush End Road  
Takeley, CM22 6NE

Children's club  
age 4-7

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>  
October 2025

10-2  
£30

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## THE SECRET ART HOUSE HALF TERM ART CLUBS

Art Camps  
£30

Early bird booking price

With Artist Caroline Clark (Caz)

Dates:

27th, 28th 29th October,  
9am-1pm Art Camp £30

Activities such as:

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



Book on at  
[www.carolineclarkartist.com](http://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

# Sing, Make, Play

Eligible for  
Ensemble  
Membership

- Engaging, fun and musically inspiring start for 4 to 8 year olds to establish the fundamentals of playing and creating music.
- Cultivating curiosity of sound, rhythm and pitch by introducing a variety of instruments to play and make music.
- Introduction to reading musical notation to help sing or play the musical art they create.



Saturdays term time only—  
parents to accompany their child for the entire session



9.00am - 9.40pm



Bishop's Stortford Music Centre based at Birchwood  
High School, CM23 5BD  
E-mail: [bstortfordmusicenquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:bstortfordmusicenquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk)



£62 per student, per term - scan QR code to register  
(eligible for ensemble membership)



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