



## NEWSLETTER – 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025

**VALUE: Thankfulness**  
**‘Always be thankful.’ 1 Thessalonians 5: 16**

### FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It has been a busy and exciting week as we continue our learning journey together! The children have shown such enthusiasm and curiosity across all year groups, and it has been wonderful to see their confidence and creativity grow through hands-on experiences and thoughtful discussion.



In **Ruby** this week, the children have been busy investigating magnets and magnetic materials. They began by learning what a magnet is and talking about where we might find magnets in our everyday lives — from fridge doors to toys and even in machines!

They used a variety of different objects and discovering which ones were magnetic and which were not. They were amazed to see how some objects, such as paper clips and coins, were attracted to the magnet, while others, like wooden blocks and plastic toys, were not. They explored the different ways magnets may attract or repel each other and had fun trying to connect magnets of the same pole and feeling the force pushing it away.

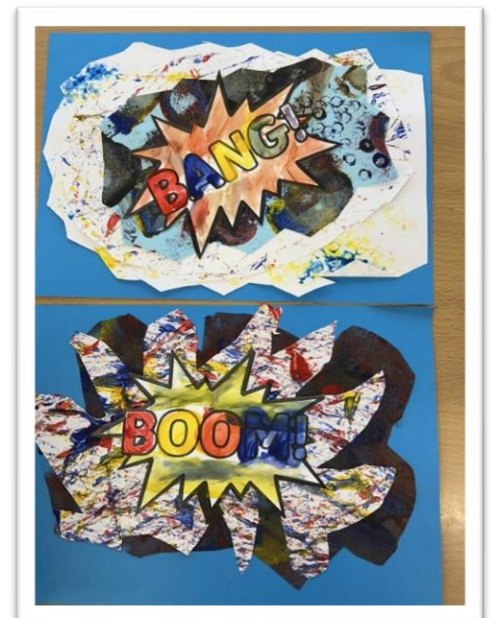
In **Sapphire Class**, the children have been developing their artistic skills through a vibrant and creative Pop Art project. They learnt that Pop Art is a style that became popular in the 1950s and 60s, using bold colours, everyday objects, and repeated patterns to make art that really stands out.

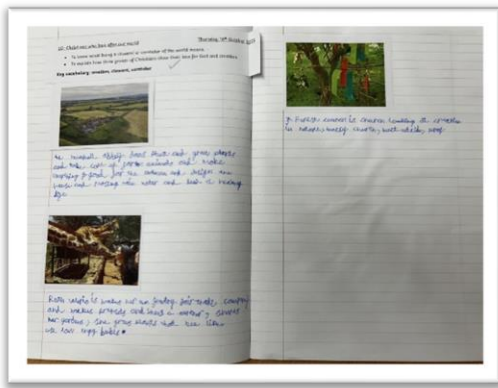
The children experimented with layering different colours and creating contrast to make their images “pop” from the page. They used techniques such as outlining shapes in black, adding bright backgrounds, and repeating patterns to create depth and energy.

It was wonderful to see how confidently they used their imagination and personal style. The classroom was full of colour and excitement as they shared their artwork and celebrated one another’s creativity.

In RE this week, **Emerald Class** explored the theme of stewardship — what it means to be a caretaker or guardian of the world.

The children learnt that stewardship involves looking after the environment, caring for animals and people, and using our resources wisely.





They read and discussed stories from the Bible that show how Christians believe they should care for the world God created.

The children then wrote about three different Christian groups and how each one shows their love of God and His creation.

Their reflections showed real thought and empathy, as they shared ideas about how everyone can play a part in looking after our planet.

In **Diamond Class** this week, Year 6 had a visit from the school nursing team, who delivered an informative session about oral hygiene and keeping teeth clean.

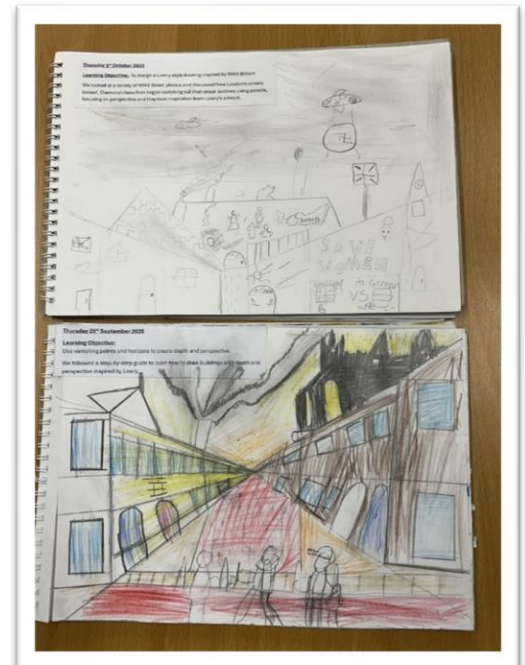
They also discussed how it is important to get enough sleep to help their bodies grow and stay strong. The children asked excellent questions and were enthusiastic to share what they already knew about personal health and wellbeing.

In Art, Diamond Class have been working over the last few weeks on understanding perspective and vanishing points — key techniques that artists use to create the illusion of depth and distance in their drawings.

They practised sketching buildings, roads, and figures that appear to disappear into the horizon.

They have also been creating a Lowry-style drawing inspired by WWII Britain. They studied the work of the famous artist L. S. Lowry, noticing his unique way of depicting industrial scenes and everyday life using muted colours and simple human figures.

The children have been designing their own pieces, combining perspective with Lowry's style to produce artwork that captures both history and emotion



A huge thank you to all the parents who put themselves forward for the role of Parent Governor. We truly appreciate your willingness to support our school community. We will share the results with you next week.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. The children's curiosity, kindness, and effort continue to make our school such a vibrant and inspiring place to learn.

Have a wonderful and restful weekend!

Kind regards,

Carly Cousins

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Ruby  
Shania



## STARS OF THE WEEK

### Ruby

- ❖ Grace for great focus and participation in activities.

### Sapphire

- ❖ Ava-Rose for being resilient in learning.
- ❖ Elle for super effort this week.

### Emerald

- ❖ George for great perseverance in Maths.
- ❖ Abel for fantastic assistance to those that need help.

### Diamond

- ❖ Reggie for effort and focus in every lesson this week.
- ❖ Tristan for hard work in maths and for always showing your workings.

## ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School  
Attendance – 93.85%**

**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

- ❖ **School Photos** – the school photographer will be in on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October** to take individual & sibling photos of the children. All children should be in full uniform including Sapphire class who have PE on the day.
- ❖ **Reception Class Photo** for the **Bishop's Stortford Independent** – on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**, Reception children will have their photo taken to feature in the newspaper alongside other schools in Bishop's Stortford and Sawbridgeworth. Please contact the office if you do not want your child's photo taken by **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October**.
- ❖ **Change of Menu on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** – due to popular demand and school being closed on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October, we will be replacing the Roasted Summer Veg Pasta option with Cheese & Tomato Pizza.
- ❖ **Nasal Flu Vaccinations** are on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**. Please follow the link to opt in or out: [Vaccination UK Bedfordshire Immunisation](#)
- ❖ **Inset Day** – this is a reminder that school is closed on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October**. School resumes at the normal time on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**.

## MENU w/c 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Bean &amp; Cheese Slice (V) (Red)</li> <li>❖ Macaroni Cheese (V) (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> <li>❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)</li> </ul>
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Chicken Pie with Gravy (Red)</li> <li>❖ Mild Mexican Bean Chilli (Ve) (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> <li>❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)</li> </ul>
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Roast Beef (Red)</li> <li>❖ Veggie Sausages with Gravy (Ve) (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> <li>❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)</li> </ul>
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Beef Burger (Red)</li> <li>❖ Cheese &amp; Tomato Pizza (V) (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> <li>❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)</li> </ul>
Friday	INSET 2 – SCHOOL CLOSED



**SCHOOL  
DINNERS**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
20/10/25	Individual & Sibling Photos
22/10/25	Reception Class Photo – Bishop's Stortford Independent
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
24/11/25	Diamond – Colour a Car Event at Suzuki Garage
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



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 3rd November

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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# LEARN KARATE

WITH  
**SENSEI SHAUNA CARROLL 4th DAN**

## SPELLBROOK C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

**MONDAY 3:20pm - 4:20pm**



SELF DEFENCE      CONFIDENCE      FLEXIBILITY  
DISCIPLINE      FITNESS

# FIRST LESSON FREE

RESGISTER NOW 07713 866964 shaunacarrolluka@hotmail.com

## Children's woodland wellness holiday clubs

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

<p><u>Tween/teen club</u> ages 8-13 Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2025 10-2 £30 Hatfield Forest, Bush End Road Takeley, CM22 6NE</p>		<p><u>Children's club</u> age 4-7 Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2025 10-2 £30 Hatfield Forest, Bush End Road Takeley, CM22 6NE</p>
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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      facebook.com/wellbeangardening  
Mobile: 07817 528652      Instagram: @wellbeangardening

## 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

# October Half Term

25 October - 2 November 2025

This October Half Term, join us for spooky science experiments, make your own modroc mummy, get creative with autumn art, and enjoy trick or treat fun! Plus discover our NEW 'I Grew Up 90s' exhibition opening for October Half Term.

Discover more at [discoverbucksmuseum.org](http://discoverbucksmuseum.org) or scan the QR code



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## Spooky Science

Monday 27 & Tuesday 28 October

Join us for some spooky science: make a bubbling witches brew, create ogre slime and more! 60 minute workshop. Timed slots available. Suitable for ages 5-11

## Modroc Mummies

Wednesday 29 October

Learn how to make your very own Egyptian mummy to take home! 60 minute workshop. Timed slots available. Suitable for ages 5-11

## Let's Get Creative: Autumn Art

Thursday 30 October

Experiment with clay and paint to create a piece of art to take home! 10am - 3pm, drop in. Suitable for ages 3-11

## Trick or Treat

Friday 31 October

Trick or Treat in one of the oldest buildings in Aylesbury this Halloween! Timed slots. Suitable for ages 3-11

## Creepy Doll Hunt

Friday 31 October

Visit the museum after dark this Halloween for our very first Creepy Doll Hunt: explore one of the oldest buildings in Aylesbury by torchlight and discover the haunted dolls hidden throughout the museum. From 6pm, timed slots. Suitable for ages 10+



## I Grew Up 90s

25 October 2025 - 22 February 2026

Take a trip back to the decade that defined a generation! Step into the 1990s with over 200 iconic objects and artworks celebrating the toys, films, TV, music, games and fashion that made the decade unforgettable.

Discover Bucks Museum  
 Aylesbury HP20 2QP  
[discoverbucksmuseum.org](http://discoverbucksmuseum.org)



Opens for  
 October  
 Half Term!



## THE GARDENS OF EASTON LODGE

OPEN DAY: 19 OCTOBER 2025

# HALLOWEEN FUN



Parade and Prizes for best Halloween costume at 2.30pm

Fun games  
 Childrens' crafts & trail

Live music from BSUS

11.00am - 5pm (last entry 4pm)

Adults £7.00 (£6.00 if bought in advance)

Children under 16 free



Or see website for details:  
[www.eastonlodge.co.uk](http://www.eastonlodge.co.uk)

# Essex Fire Museum Halloween Open Day

2025



26th and 28th Of October

10:30AM To 4:00PM

Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays  
 RM17 5QS



Book Now  
 Free Entry



Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk