



NEWSLETTER – 14th November 2025

VALUE: Trust

'My God is my strength in whom I trust.' Psalm 18: 2

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week it has been here at school! It was such a pleasure to see so many of you at our Parents' Evening. These meetings are an important part of your child's learning journey — an opportunity to celebrate progress, share next steps, and strengthen the partnership between home and school. Your time, encouragement, and dedication mean so much to us, and we are very grateful for your continued support.

New Governor

We would like to extend a warm welcome our new parent governor – Michelle Kempthorne. Michelle brings a wealth of experience and a strong commitment to enhancing our school.

Anti-Bullying Week – Monday 10th November

We began the week by marking **Anti-Bullying Week**, focusing on the themes of kindness, respect, and celebrating what makes us all unique. On Monday, everyone wore their **bright and colourful odd socks** to show that we are all different and that our differences should be celebrated.

Throughout the week, pupils took part in discussions, assemblies, and activities that encouraged them to think carefully about how their words and actions can make a difference to others. The children shared thoughtful ideas about how we can all work together to ensure our school is a safe, happy, and inclusive place for everyone.

It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm and positivity from all year groups. The children really embraced the message of standing up for kindness and showing respect for one another.

Remembrance Service – Tuesday 11th November

On Tuesday, we gathered together on the meadow for our **Remembrance Day Service**. Each year on **11th November**, we take time to pause and remember those who have served and continue to serve in the armed forces. This date marks **Armistice Day**, the day the First World War ended in 1918, and reminds us of the bravery and sacrifice made by so many.

Our service was led by **Reverend Robert** and was both reflective and moving. Some of our **Year 6 pupils** shared readings with great maturity and thoughtfulness. The whole school joined together in song before observing a **two-minute silence**, during which we laid our wreaths to honour those who gave — and continue to give — so much.

We would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to **Reverend Robert** for leading the service and to our Year 6 pupils for representing our school with such pride and respect.



World Diabetes Day and Children in Need – Friday 14th November

To end the week, our school came together in a sea of **blue** to mark **World Diabetes Day** and to support **Children in Need**. The children looked fantastic and showed great excitement for these special causes. Throughout the day, classes learned more about diabetes and the importance of understanding and supporting those who live with the condition. We also talked about how donations to Children in Need help children and families across the UK, and how small acts of kindness can make a big difference. Thank you to everyone who took part, donated, or simply joined in the spirit of the day. Your generosity, enthusiasm, and compassion truly reflect the caring nature of our school community.

A Final Word

We are so proud of our pupils this week — for their kindness during Anti-Bullying Week, their respect and reflection during our Remembrance Service, and their compassion while supporting World Diabetes Day and Children in Need. Thank you once again for your continued support and encouragement. Together, we make our school a caring, inclusive, and thriving community.

Wishing you all a peaceful and enjoyable weekend. We look forward to another exciting week of learning and discovery ahead.

Warm regards,
Carly Cousins

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Ruby
Wilfred
Emerald
Vogue
Diamond
Arthur



STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ❖ Joey for brilliant learning and engaging in activities.
- ❖ Ava for perfect perseverance during phonics and trying hard in her learning.

Sapphire

- ❖ Ralph for having an amazing attitude.
- ❖ Peter for a great effort in lessons.

Emerald

- ❖ Fleur for helping with our class assembly on diabetes.
- ❖ Vogue for being an excellent and helpful friend.

Diamond

- ❖ Amelie for always sharing ideas in every lesson.
- ❖ Sergiusz for never giving up in maths.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School
Attendance – 95.69%**

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

- ❖ **Diamond Class Residential Parent Meeting** is on **Monday 17th November** immediately after school.
- ❖ **Diamond Trip to the Imperial War Museum, Duxford** is on **Wednesday 19th November**. The deadline for payment is **Friday 7th November**.
- ❖ **Diamond Colour a Car** event is on **Monday 24th November** at the Suzuki Garage. If you have not already provided consent for your child to attend, please do so via Arbor by **Monday 17th November**.
- ❖ **Snow White Pantomime** is on **Thursday 27th November**. End of day collection is from **South Mill Arts Centre at 3.30 pm**. If you have not already made a payment, please do so via Arbor by **Friday 21st November**.
- ❖ **School is closed on Friday 28th November** for an occasional day. School resumes as normal on **Monday 1st December**.

MENU w/c 17th November 2025

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Beef Bolognese (Red) ❖ Plant-Based Grill (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato with Grated Cheese (V) (Yellow) ❖ Tuna Mayo Roll (Blue)
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Breaded Chicken Katsu Curry (Red) ❖ Cheese Pinwheel (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (V) (Blue)
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Roast Chicken (Red) ❖ Plant-Based Sausages & Gravy (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve) (Yellow) ❖ Ham Roll (Blue)
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Quorn Burger (V) (Red) ❖ Vegetarian Lasagne (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans (V) (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (V) (Blue)
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Battered Fish Fillet (Red) ❖ Margherita Pizza (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato with Grated Cheese (V) (Yellow) ❖ Egg Mayo Roll (V) (Blue)



**SCHOOL
DINNERS**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
17/11/25	Diamond Residential Meeting at 3.20 pm
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 – collect from South Mill Arts
28/11/25	Occasional Day (School Closed)
29/11/25	Sawbridgeworth Lights Switch On Event
01/12/25	Christmas Decoration Day Emerald & Diamond – 9.00 – 10.45 am Ruby & Sapphire – 1.15 – 3.10 pm
02/12/25	Y6 to Leventhorpe Musical - Grease
08/12/25	Nativity – Ruby & Sapphire
08/12/25	St Michael's Carol Concert - Diamond
09/12/25	Nativity – Ruby & Sapphire
10/12/25	Christmas Lunch
10/12/25	Christmas Jumper Day
18/12/25	Christmas Service at Great St Mary's
19/12/25	Last Day of Term. Finish at 1.30 pm
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

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

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



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

REGISTER NOW



07713 866964



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Well Bean Gardening

Learning through growing
Growing through learning

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



- Spellbrook's Gardening Club meets on Wednesdays and is open to Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. Limited spaces available
- £25.00 for four sessions Nov 5 - Nov 26
- 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 Nov 5 and make a payment of £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



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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Sunday 23rd November 3pm

Aleksandra Pykacz (Cello) & Shirley Wu (Piano)



including music by Fauré,
Rachmaninov and Shostakovich

St Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford

FREE admission with retiring collection
Tea and cake served afterwards

www.saintmichaelweb.org.uk



St Michael's Church Choir

Rehearses every Friday in church

Young people 6.30 - 8pm
(6pm every first Friday of the month
starting with pizza and games
in the Windhill Churches Centre)



Adults 7.30 - 8.30pm

For more information contact
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