



NEWSLETTER - 21st November 2025

VALUE: Trust

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

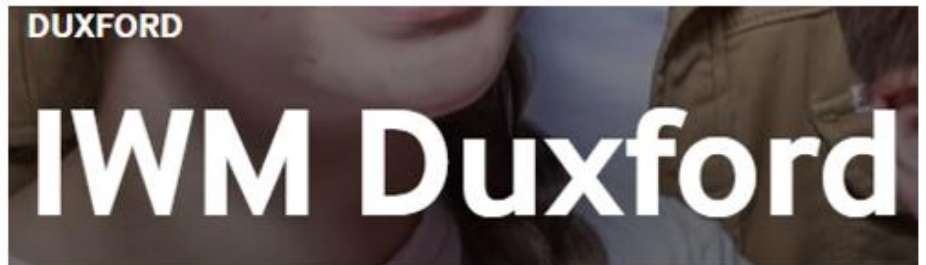
Diamond Trip

to the

Imperial War

Museum Duxford

19th November 2025



FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Another exciting week of learning has taken place at Spellbrook C of E Primary School!

As the colder months settle in, we kindly remind all families to ensure children come to school with warm coats, gloves, hats and scarves. Your support in helping the children stay warm and comfortable during the school day is greatly appreciated.

Ruby Class



Ruby Class had a fantastic morning during their science session as they took part in their much-loved annual bonfire activity.

The children learned about fire as a source of light and discussed the importance of staying safe around bonfires and sparklers. Each child was offered the chance to hold a sparkler, safely attached to a pear handle, and they delighted in making shapes and attempting to form the letters of their names.



As part of their learning, the children explored their senses and talked about the things they could hear, smell and see throughout the activity.

The morning ended with the joyful tradition of toasting marshmallows while singing *"10 Fat Sausages Sizzling in the Pan."* It was a truly memorable session, full of excitement and wonder, and the children thoroughly enjoyed every moment.



Sapphire Class

In Sapphire Class, the children continued their science learning by exploring bacteria and germs, with a focus on how easily they can be transferred. They took part in a hands-on experiment using glitter to represent germs. The children observed how the glitter spread across the floor, onto their hands and onto their clothing simply through touch.

After washing their hands, they were surprised to see how much glitter remained, reinforcing the importance of careful and thorough handwashing. This activity was both enjoyable and highly effective in helping the children understand real-life hygiene.

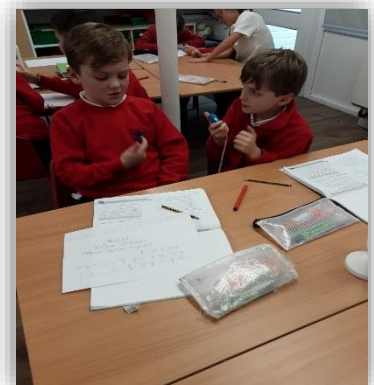


Emerald Class



Emerald Class have been busy investigating temperature changes as part of their science topic.

The children learned how to use a thermometer accurately and tested the temperature of water at 15-minute intervals to see how it changed over time.



This experiment encouraged the children to develop their observation skills and to make predictions based on what they already knew about heating and cooling. They showed great curiosity and enthusiasm while working scientifically and recording their results.

Diamond Class

Diamond Class began the week with a special visit from the police on Monday. The children were fascinated to see how speed guns work and enjoyed the opportunity to use them to measure how fast cars were travelling

along the busy road outside our school. It was a valuable experience that linked well to their wider learning about safety and community helpers.



On Wednesday, the class went on a trip to Duxford (please see the photos above). This visit was a wonderful way to celebrate and consolidate their learning about World War II. The children behaved impeccably throughout the trip and represented our school with pride. They returned full of excitement and eager to share what they had seen and discovered.

Reminders

Please remember to send children to school with welly boots so they are able to access and enjoy the school field in all weather conditions.

Next week promises to be another wonderfully busy week of learning.

On **Thursday 27th November**, the children will be attending the pantomime, and we ask that parents please collect them from **South Mill Arts Theatre at 3:30pm**.

School will be **closed on Friday 28th November** for our Occasional Day.

On **Friday 1st December**, we will be holding our annual School Decoration and Craft Day. We warmly invite parents to join us. **Emerald** and **Diamond** parents are welcome from **9:00–10:45am**, and **Ruby** and **Sapphire** parents are invited from **1:15–3:00pm**.

We also still have spaces available in our **Breakfast Club**, which runs from **8:00am** until the start of the school day. Please speak to the office if you would like more information or wish to book a place.

Class Dojo

It is so wonderful at Spellbrook we have the 'Dojo' communication system. Could we please allow our teachers and staff up to **three working days** to respond to (non-urgent) questions or messages you send through to Dojo.

Teachers will check their accounts during their **working hours only**. If you have information that needs to be shared urgently, we will of course reply to these, and you can also speak with a member of staff at drop-off or speak directly with the teachers at the end of the school day. Thank you so much for your understanding and cooperation.

Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to more exciting things in the week ahead.

Carly Cousins

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Sapphire
Jacob

Emerald
Scarlett

Diamond
Sabiha



STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ❖ Sandasi for fantastic creative play.
- ❖ Harry for great learning and some good choices.

Sapphire

- ❖ Lily J for working extremely well on her writing.
- ❖ Evie for always trying her best.

Emerald

- ❖ Eliza for fantastic growth in confidence.
- ❖ Lorenzo for excellent sharing of his ideas in class.

Diamond

- ❖ Seb for continuous focus and for ensuring every piece of work is completed fully.
- ❖ Nicolas for improved focus in English and Maths.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School
Attendance – 92.72%**

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 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**.
- ❖ **Change to Menu on Thursday 27th November** – as school is closed on Friday and due to popular demand, we will be serving Friday’s menu. Please see below.
- ❖ **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 clicking on **Trips < Snow White Pantomime 2025**. Payment is due by **Friday 21st November**.
- ❖ **School is closed on Friday 28th November** for an occasional day. School resumes as normal on **Monday 1st December**.
- ❖ **Christmas Crackers Donations** – we are kindly asking for donations of Christmas crackers for the children’s Christmas lunch. Could all donations be dropped off at the office by **Friday 5th December** please.

MENU w/c 24th November 2025

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Beef Burger (Red) ❖ Potato Frittata (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans (V) (Yellow) ❖ Tuna Mayo Roll (Blue)
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Chicken Pie & Gravy (Red) ❖ Swedish Style Plant-Based Meatballs (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (V) (Blue)
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Roast Chicken (Red) ❖ Plant-Based Shepherd's Pie (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato with Grated Cheese (V) (Yellow) ❖ Ham Roll (Blue)
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Fish Fillet Fingers (Red) ❖ Margherita Pizza (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans (V) (Yellow) ❖ Egg Mayo Roll (V) (Blue)
Friday	❖ Occasional Day – SCHOOL CLOSED



**SCHOOL
DINNERS**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
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



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)



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SPELLBROOK C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

MONDAY 3:20pm - 4:20pm



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FLEXIBILITY

DISCIPLINE

FITNESS

FIRST LESSON FREE

REGISTER NOW



07713 866964



shaunacarrolluka@hotmail.com



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:
 - o Working to improve the school gardens
 - o Collecting and sowing seeds
 - o 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!



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



CHRISTMAS LUNCH DEC 10th

MAIN MENU

Sliced Turkey Breast
with Chipolata Sausage
& Sage & Onion Stuffing
& Gravy

or

Roast Quorn Fillet
with Plant Sausage
& Sage & Onion Stuffing
& Gravy (Ve)

or

Plant Sausage & Gravy (Free From*) (Ve)

SERVED WITH

Roast Potatoes
with a Choice of Seasonal Vegetables

DESSERT

Choice of Christmas Dessert



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Menus are subject to change due to supplier stock availability. * Free from the key 14 allergens and plant based/vegan

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2025



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RM17 5QS**



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Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

**SANTA'S
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DECEMBER 19TH
Herts and Essex Sports Centre: 5:30 PM – 6:45 PM

DECEMBER 20TH
Passmores Academy: 5:45 PM – 7:00 PM
Roding Valley High School: 6:00 PM – 7:15 PM

DECEMBER 21ST
Goffs Oak Academy: 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Tickets online - www.wheelierollerdisco.co.uk

CHRISTMAS JUMPERS ENCOURAGED! | PRIZE FOR BEST JUMPER!

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Saturday 29 November, 9.15 - 12.00

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