



NEWSLETTER – 9th January 2026

VALUE: Perseverance

Doing the Right Thing

‘I can do all things through him who strengthens me’ Philippians 4:13

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Happy New Year to all of our wonderful families and wider community from everyone at Spellbrook Primary School!

We hope you all enjoyed a restful, happy and healthy holiday break and were able to spend some special time together. It has been lovely to welcome everyone back into school and to see the pupils return with such positivity and enthusiasm for the new year ahead.

We would like to say a very heartfelt thank you to everyone who took the time to send cards, kind messages and gifts to staff at the end of last term. Your generosity and thoughtfulness are truly appreciated, and it means so much to our whole team.

We are very excited about the term ahead. The week began with some excellent staff training, giving us the opportunity to reflect, plan and further develop our teaching and learning. It was then wonderful to welcome our pupils back on Wednesday, where we came together in assembly to celebrate the start of our new term. During the assembly, we talked about New Year’s resolutions, thinking about small goals we might set ourselves, and introduced our new school value of Perseverance, discussing what it means and how we can show it every day in school.

The first few days back have already been very busy, with classes settling quickly into routines, starting exciting new topics and recapping previous learning. Emerald Class also enjoyed a fabulous trip to St Albans Cathedral, which linked beautifully with their learning and was a memorable experience for the children.

Looking ahead, we have a busy and exciting term planned. Our RE Day will take place on 19th January, and we also have events such as World Book Day, Lent, Easter, along with other activities and opportunities. More information about these events will be shared with you soon.

We would also like to say a big well done to all of our pupils for trying so hard to walk to their classrooms independently. It has been wonderful to see their confidence growing. Thank you to parents and carers for supporting this — it really makes a difference.

We are very much looking forward to sharing all of our learning, experiences and achievements with you over the coming weeks. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

We hope you have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday.

Warm wishes,

Carly Cousins

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Ruby
Milo

Sapphire
Axl

Emerald
Jessie
Rosa



STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ❖ Winter for a fantastic start in Ruby Class.
- ❖ Toby for brilliant engagement in tasks.

Sapphire

- ❖ Ava-Rose for being a super star in Maths.
- ❖ Beatrice for having a great start to the term.

Emerald

- ❖ Herbert for displaying great curiosity on our Roman trip.
- ❖ Viaan for a good attitude and good behaviour on our Roman trip.

Diamond

- ❖ Harvey for increased focus in English.
- ❖ Louis for increased focus in every lesson.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School
Attendance – 92.82%**

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 swimming** starts on **Wednesday 14th January.**
- ❖ **Reception September 2026 Admissions Deadline** – the deadline to apply for a Reception place is **Thursday 15th January.**
- ❖ **The Secret Art Club** resumes on **Friday 16th January.**
- ❖ **Reception Screening (vision, hearing, heights & weights)** – the school nurse will be in on **Wednesday 21st January.** If you do not want your child to be screened, please contact the school nursing team on **0300 123 7572** or email: HCT.SHWBSWH@nhs.net

MENU w/c 12th January 2026

Day	Menu – Week 2
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Quorn Hot Dog (V) (Red) ❖ Margherita Wrap (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve) (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Pork Sausages & Gravy (Red) ❖ Roasted Butternut Squash Curry (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato with Grated Cheese (V) (Yellow) ❖ Salmon Mayo Roll (Blue)
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Roast Beef (Red) ❖ Roast Quorn Fillet (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve) (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Chicken Curry (Red) ❖ Breaded Bean & Vegetable Grill (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo (Yellow) ❖ Ham Roll (Blue)
Friday	<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)



**SCHOOL
DINNERS**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
14/01/26	Diamond Class Swimming Starts
15/01/26	Reception Application Deadline
19/01/26	World Religion Day
21/01/26	Reception Screening (vision, hearing, heights & weights)
16/02/26 – 20/02/26	Spring Half Term 2026
23/02/26	First Day Back
25/03/26	Diamond Class - Last Swimming Lesson
26/03/26	Easter Service
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

Promoting a healthy and active lifestyle

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.

£ 43.20 per club for 6 weeks

Starting 8th Jan

(Tuesday Football 5 weeks £36)

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

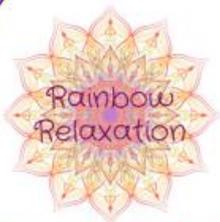
RESGISTER NOW



07713 866964



shaunacarrolyka@hotmail.com



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)



Club Fee £8
a week

THE SECRET ART CLUB

With Artist Caroline Clark

Activities:

- Painting
- Printing
- Drawing
- 3D
- Collage
- And more!

Date:

Weekly, starting on Friday 16th
January 2026, 3.20 - 4.30 pm

TO BOOK

www.carolineclarkartist.com or
via the QR code. Any queries,
contact Caroline Clark (Caz)
07847269734

Address

Spellbrook C of E
Primary School,
Spellbrook

[carolineclarkartist](https://www.instagram.com/carolineclarkartist) or
[theseclarthouse](https://www.instagram.com/theseclarthouse)

Caroline Clark Artist



For school
years 2-6

THE DANGERS OF FROZEN WATER

Every year children are at risk when they are tempted to play on the ice formed on open waters and adults find themselves at risk as they attempt to save them. Over 50% of ice related drowning involved an attempted rescue of another person or a dog.

Areas with frozen waters can be beautiful to look at but they are also extremely dangerous. Here are some useful tips to help you enjoy these areas safely.

TOP TIPS TO STAY SAFE

NEVER GO ON THE ICE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES

This includes attempting to rescue another person or animal who may have fallen through the ice.

ONLY USE WELL LIT AREAS

Try to take walks in the daylight but if you must walk in the evening, only use well lit areas and avoid anywhere with water.

KEEP AWAY FROM THE EDGE OF THE WATER

Never go close to the edge or lean over to touch the ice. You may overbalance or trip and fall in.

ALWAYS WALK WITH AN ADULT OR A GROUP OF FRIENDS

Look out for each other and if someone does fall through the ice there will be others around to raise the alarm and get help.



WHAT TO DO IF YOU FALL THROUGH THE ICE

Keep calm and shout 'help'

Spread your arms across the surface of the ice in front of you

Try to kick your legs and pull yourself out of the water and on to the ice

Lie flat, spreading your weight across the surface and pull yourself to the bank, you may find it easier to roll.

If you cannot climb out, wait for help and keep as still as possible. Keep your head above the water, press your arms by your side and keep your legs together

Once you are safe, it is important that you go to hospital immediately for a check up

WHAT TO DO IF YOU SEE SOMEONE FALL THROUGH THE ICE

Shout for 'HELP' and dial 999 or 112 if you can

DO NOT walk on to the ice to attempt a rescue

Shout to the person to 'KEEP STILL' and offer reassurance.

If they are close enough, LIE DOWN TO AVOID OVERBALANCING and falling onto the ice, and try to reach them with a tree branch clothing tied together or anything else which can extend your reach.

If you cannot reach them, SLIDE SOMETHING which floats across the ice, such as a plastic bottle or a football, so that they can hold on to it to stay afloat whilst help is on the way.

If they are too far away, WAIT FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES and reassure the casualty from the safety of the bank.



Spellbrook PTA

tuck shop
Fridays
after school