



NEWSLETTER – 30th January 2026

**VALUE: Perseverance
Doing the Right Thing**

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

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to share with you another very busy and successful week of learning across the school, with all classes engaging enthusiastically in a wide range of activities.



In Ruby Class, the children took part in an exciting drama workshop, which they thoroughly enjoyed. They demonstrated excellent listening skills and confidence while participating in drama-based activities.

In addition, the children worked together during a Commando Joe session, where they helped Incy Wincy Spider overcome challenges. This activity supported the development of teamwork, problem-solving skills and resilience.

In Sapphire Class, the children have been retelling the story The Magical Toy Shop. As part of this, they re-enacted their favourite toys coming to life in order to stop a businessman from buying the toy shop. The children showed great creativity and expression during their performances and were delighted when they successfully scared the businessman away, saving the toy shop.



Alongside this, Sapphire Class have continued to develop their artistic skills by creating seasonal artwork. Using collage techniques, they produced thoughtful and imaginative pictures inspired by trees and the changing seasons.



In Emerald Class, Science lessons focused on learning about human teeth. The children created detailed models of teeth using salt dough and explored the different types of teeth and their specific functions.

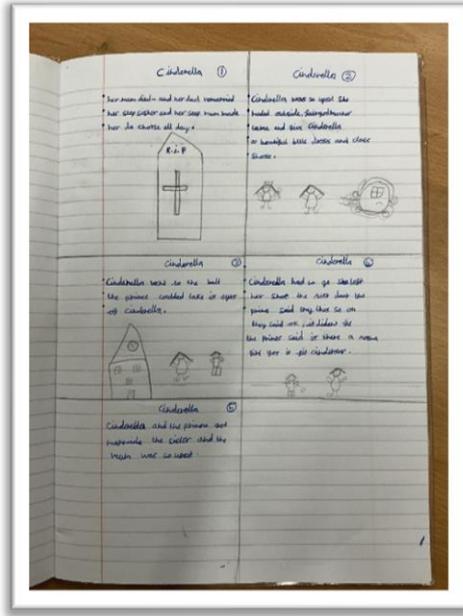
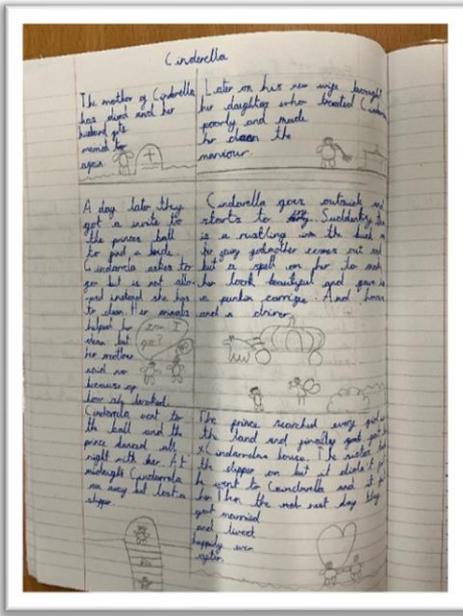
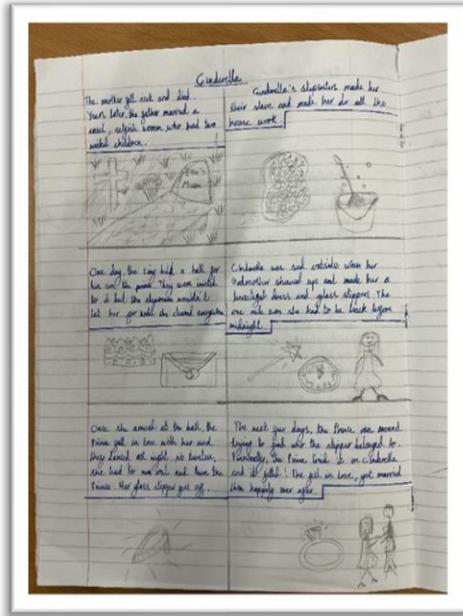
They also learned about the different parts of a tooth and discussed how teeth can be damaged by excessive sugar consumption. These lessons encouraged important conversations about oral health and making healthy choices.

Diamond Class have had a particularly full and exciting week. On Wednesday, the children enjoyed another excellent swimming session, and it has been wonderful to see their confidence and skills in the water continuing to grow each week.

In Science, they have been learning about how shadows are formed and investigating how light affects their size and shape.

In History, the children explored Henry VII and his influence on religion, which prompted thoughtful discussion and curiosity. In English, they have begun planning for their independent writing by interviewing Prince Charming

and Cinderella. This preparation will support them in writing their own newspaper articles based on the story of Cinderella.



It has been a fantastic week of learning throughout the school, and we are very proud of the children's enthusiasm, effort and achievements. We are very much looking forward to another exciting week ahead.

Finally, our wonderful PTA are currently arranging a Break the Uniform Rules Day, which will take place on Friday 13th February. Further information will be shared with you next week.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It is greatly appreciated and means so much to us all.

We wish you a lovely weekend.

Carly Cousins

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Sapphire
Tillie

Diamond
Charlie



STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ❖ Alessa for hard work in her first week.
- ❖ Lucia for kindness and looking after others.

Sapphire

- ❖ Sydney for wonderful art work.
- ❖ Maddison for super effort in writing.

Emerald

- ❖ Sam for becoming a more independent learner especially in English.
- ❖ Jessica for showing great perseverance in Maths.

Diamond

- ❖ Johnny for fabulous effort in every lesson.
- ❖ Nikita for pushing himself and helping others.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School
Attendance – 94.74%**

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

- ❖ **SEND Parent Meetings** will be taking place on **Monday 9th February** after school. Parents would have received an email inviting them to a meeting with details on how to book. Please contact the office if you have any difficulty with booking a meeting.
- ❖ **PTA Break the School Uniform Rules Day** is on **Friday 13th February**. More details to follow.
- ❖ **Sapphire Trip to the Polar Museum & Botanical Gardens** is on **Monday 23rd February**.

MENU w/c 2nd February 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
09/02/26	SEND Parent Meetings (Diamond, Emerald & Sapphire)
13/02/26	PTA Break the Rules Day
16/02/26 – 20/02/26	Spring Half Term 2026
23/02/26	First Day Back
23/02/26	Sapphire Trip to the Polar Museum
05/03/26	World Book Day
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



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



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

WORLD KARATE Championships
DUNDEE July 2023

SELF DEFENCE CONFIDENCE FLEXIBILITY
DISCIPLINE FITNESS

FIRST LESSON FREE

REGISTER NOW 07713 866964 shaunacarrolluka@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!



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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
[theseclarkhouse](https://www.instagram.com/theseclarkhouse)

Caroline Clark Artist



For school
years 2-6



Well Bean Gardening

Learning through growing
Growing through learning

Start Growing with
our After-School
Gardening Club in February



- Spellbrook's Gardening Club meets on Wednesdays and is open to Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. Limited spaces available
- £31.50 for five sessions Feb 25 - March 25
- 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
 - 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 Feb 25 and make a payment of £31.50 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](https://www.facebook.com/wellbeangardening)
Instagram: @wellbeangardening



Spellbrook PTA

tuck shop Fridays after school

Children's woodland wellness holiday clubs

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

Age 4-12
February 18th
2026
10-2
Hatfield
Forest,
Takeley, CM22
6NE

Scan to book!



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Essex County Council

essexoutdoors.com/school-holiday-activities

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HALF-TERM CAMPS 2026

16TH - 20TH FEBRUARY

Get ready for action-packed days filled with fun, laughter, new skills, and confidence-building — all in a safe and supportive environment where every child can thrive.



SPORTS & ACTIVITY CAMP

- 6-8 different games & activities every day
- Monday-Friday

OPEN TO
7-12
YEARS OF AGE

FOOTBALL CAMP

- Skills & Drills
- Game play & mini tournaments
- Tuesday-Thursday

OPEN TO
5-12
YEARS OF AGE

9AM-3PM

£25 PER DAY

MINI CAMP

- Fun games & activities tailored for the little ones to enjoy!
- Tuesday-Thursday

OPEN TO
5-7
YEARS OF AGE

BOOK ONLINE

www.gjwsports.co.uk

Reedings Junior School,
Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth,
HERTS, CM21 9DD

GJW SPORTS

Forest School

Saturday 7 February, 10.00 - 12.00

Free Workshop

BISHOP'S
STORTFORD
COLLEGE
ESTD 1844



Join us for a free, magical morning of outdoor exploration and discovery in our beautiful Forest School.

Designed especially for Year 1 and Year 2 pupils, this hands-on workshop invites children and their accompanying adult to experience the wonders of nature together.



From bug hunts and den building to storytelling around the fire circle, it's a chance to learn, play, and connect in the great outdoors.

Wrap up warm, bring your wellies, and get ready for a woodland adventure!



Book Here:



Invite and Inspire Yrs 1 and 2 at Bishop's Stortford College
[Tickets, Bishop's Stortford College Pre-Prep, Bishop's Stortford | TryBooking United Kingdom](#)