



NEWSLETTER – 13th February 2026

**VALUE: Perseverance
Doing the Right Thing**

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

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Wow—what a busy week at Spellbrook Primary School!

Firstly, I would like to start this newsletter by saying **thank you** to all our parents and carers for your support throughout this week. As you know, we welcomed **Ofsted Inspectors** into our wonderful school. Thank you to everyone who completed the questionnaires, offered kind words of support, and shared those knowing smiles. Your encouragement meant so much to all of us.

I would also like to express my deep appreciation to our entire staff team, whose dedication, professionalism, and commitment once again went above and beyond.

Most importantly, a **huge thank you to our incredible pupils**. They spoke confidently and articulately about their learning, proudly sharing what they do every day in school. Watching them shine was an absolute joy.

We are not yet able to share the inspection results with you, but the report will be published in the coming weeks, and we will then be able to share this with you.

Learning Highlights from This Week



Ruby Class – Exploring Germination

Ruby Class have been discovering how seeds grow through a process called **germination**—the stage when a seed begins to sprout into a new plant after being exposed to the right conditions: warmth, moisture, and air.

They have also begun an exciting seed experiment, and we can't wait to monitor the results over the next few weeks!



Sapphire Class – Team Building with Commando Joe



In Sapphire Class, pupils have been working hard on their **team building skills** during their Commando Joe sessions.

Team building helps children develop communication, cooperation, resilience, and problem-solving skills that are essential not just in school, but in life. They have shown brilliant collaboration and determination.



Emerald Class – Healthy Wraps

This week, Emerald Class created their own **healthy wraps**, learning about the importance of a balanced diet. They explored how choosing fruits, vegetables, lean proteins, and whole-grain ingredients helps keep our bodies strong, energised, and ready for learning.



Diamond Class – Light and Shadow



Diamond Class have been investigating how **light and shadow** work.

They experimented with different light sources, explored how shadows change size and learned that shadows form when an object blocks the light.



They also enjoyed a fantastic ukulele lesson, continuing to develop rhythm, coordination, and musical confidence.



Karate Club

We are very proud of the following children who took part in their first belt grading in Karate and successfully passed:

Jessica, Arlo, Lorenzo, Milana, Eloise, Jadon, Thea, Lisa, Joshua, Abel, Kaden and Niah.

Huge congratulations to all of them!

Wellbeing Week – Celebrating Our Unique Selves

Today we are looking forward to celebrating what makes each of us unique as part of **Wellbeing Week**. It's a lovely opportunity for the whole school community to reflect on kindness, individuality, and taking care of ourselves and each other.

Wishing you all a **wonderful weekend** and a very happy **half term next week**. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **23rd February**.

Carly Cousins

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK AND OVER THE HALF TERM



Ruby
Louie

Emerald
Samuel
Eloise

Diamond
Harry F
Dylan



STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ❖ Winter for doing her best.
- ❖ Grace for challenging herself with her writing.

Sapphire

- ❖ Petru for good progress in writing.
- ❖ Peter for great effort in lessons and showing our values.

Emerald

- ❖ Eloise for great enthusiasm when making our healthy wraps.
- ❖ Niah for a fantastic written explanation of our science experiment.

Diamond

- ❖ Amelie for fabulous focus in every lesson and for increasing confidence in swimming.
- ❖ Nicolas for an increasingly positive attitude and an amazing end of topic algebra score.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School
Attendance – 93.59%**

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 resumes** as usual on **Monday 23rd February**.
- ❖ **Sapphire Trip to the Polar Museum & Botanical Gardens** is on **Monday 23rd February**.
- ❖ **The Gardening Club resumes** on **Wednesday 25th February** for children in **Years 3 to 6**.
- ❖ **New Afterschool Club** – GJW Sports, our sports provider is introducing a new **Multi-Sports Afterschool Club** starting on **Friday 27th February**. The club is open to children from **Reception to Year 6**. Please see the link to book: [After School Clubs — GJW SPORTS](#)

MENU w/c 23rd February 2026

Day	Menu – Week 1
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"> ❖ Quorn Dipper Taco with Sweet Chilli Sauce (Ve) (Red) ❖ Mac 'n' Cheese (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve) (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (V) (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
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
25/02/26	Gardening Club resumes
27/02/26	Multi-Sports Afterschool Club Starts
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
11/05/26 – 14/05/26	Year 6 SATs
18/05/26 – 20/05/26	PGL Residential – Diamond Class
21/05/26	Year 6 Crucial Crew
22/05/26	Inset 5 (School Closed)
25/05/26 – 29/05/26	Summer Half Term 2026
01/06/26	First Day Back
09/06/26	Class Photos
09/07/26	Transition Day
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

Multi-Sports



Fridays

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.

£.36 per club for 5 weeks
Starting week commencing 23rd February

Keep fit, make friends and have fun!

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gjwsports.co.uk

www.gjwsports.co.uk

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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

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Instagram: @wellbeangardening



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SPELLBROOK C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

MONDAY 3:20pm - 4:20pm



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CONFIDENCE

FLEXIBILITY

DISCIPLINE

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FIRST LESSON FREE

RESGISTER NOW



07713 866964



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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



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!



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

 Caroline Clark Artist



For school
years 2-6



THE SECRET ART HOUSE HALF TERM ART CLUBS

Art Camps
£30

Early bird booking price

With Artist Caroline Clark (Caz)

Dates:

Tuesday 17th February, 9am-
1pm Art Camp £30
(Monday 16th Feb is sold out
- waiting list only)

Activities such
as:

- Painting
- 3D work
- Working on wood
- Collage
- And more!



Book on at
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

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Age 4-12
February 18th
2026

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Hatfield
Forest,
Takeley, CM22
6NE

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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

MINI CAMP

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

OPEN TO
5-7
YEARS OF AGE

9AM-3PM

£25
PER DAY

BOOK ONLINE

www.gjwsports.co.uk

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

GJW
SPORTS

THE GARDENS OF EASTON LODGE

Snowdrop Open Days 2026

Sunday 15 February
Thursday 19 February
Sunday 22 February



Gate opens: 11.00am

Last entry: 3pm Sundays, 2pm Thursdays
Gate closes: 4pm Sundays, 3pm Thursdays
Adults £7.50, £6.00 if booked in advance.
Children free, dogs on leads welcome.
Refreshments available.

Warwick House Gardens not open on Thursdays.

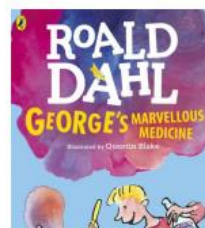
Tickets for both Sundays and Thursdays will be limited and bookable in advance: www.eastonlodge.co.uk or direct through www.Trybooking.com.

Little Easton, Great Dunmow, Essex CM6 2BB
Enquiries: 01371 876979; enquiries@eastonlodge.co.uk

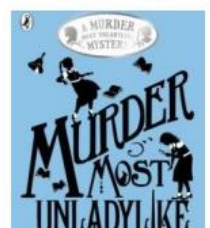
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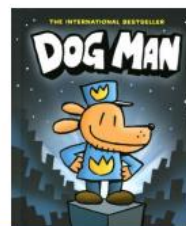
Join us for activities and crafts inspired by your favourite books and authors.



25th February



4th March



11th March



18th March

Wednesdays 4:15pm – 5:15pm

£2.75 per session – please book in the library

For children aged 7-11 years.
(Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult)

Bishop's Stortford Library

Hertfordshire



February Half Term

14 - 22 February 2026

This February half term, dive into hands-on fun with Sand Art, Dragon Puppets for Chinese New Year, Superhero Capes and Masks, plus dazzling Rainbow Science. Make a day of it and explore the Roald Dahl Children's Gallery, discover the I Grew Up 90's exhibition, family trail and sensory room for a week packed with imagination and discovery.

For more event details, charges and to book please scan the QR code or visit discoverbucksmuseum.org



Play, Discover, Learn!
 this Feb Half Term in
 the Roald Dahl
 Children's Gallery

For more event
 details, charges and
 to book please scan
 the QR code
 or visit
discoverbucksmuseum.org

Enjoy our Trail
 and Sensory
 Room every day
 14 - 22 Feb

Monday 16 February – Dragon Puppets
 Celebrate the Year of the Horse by making a Chinese dragon puppet and a paper lantern to take home!
 10am - 2.30pm, drop in. Suitable for ages 5-10

Tuesday 17 February – Superhero Capes & Masks
 Transform into a superhero by decorating your own superhero cape and mask to take home!
 10am – 2.30pm, drop in. Suitable for ages 5-10

Wednesday 18 February – Sand Art
 Learn how to make beautiful sand art in a bottle to take home!
 10am – 3pm, drop in. Suitable for ages 5-11

Thursday 19 & Friday 20 February – Rainbow Science
 Learn all about the science of colour with our rainbow-themed workshop: make a rainbow in a jar to take home, experiment with how we can split light and how rain clouds are formed and more!
 60 minute workshop. 10.30am, 12.15pm & 2.15pm
 Suitable for ages 5-10

Sunday 22 February - Author Event - Simon Smith Schoolboy Spy with Mark Creasy
 Join us for a special event with new author Mark Creasy, who will be reading from his exciting children's book. Enjoy interactive crafts inspired by the story, followed by a book signing.
 12.30pm - 1.30pm. Suitable for ages 7-11



Closes Sunday 22 February

I Grew Up 90s – last chance to see!

'I Grew Up 90s' dives into the decade seen through the eyes of youth, showcasing over 200 nostalgic objects and artworks from collector Matt Fox. From Britpop and Cool Britannia to Lara Croft, the Spice Girls, Trainspotting, and Power Rangers – this is your LAST chance to revisit the fashion, toys, and music that defined the '90s.

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