



NEWSLETTER – 27th February 2026

VALUE: Justice
'Learn to do right. Seek justice'. Isaiah 1:17

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Families,

It was wonderful to see you all back after a lovely half term. We have had a busy and productive start to this second half of our spring term.

We began the week with a thoughtful assembly from Reverend Sara, who spoke to us about Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent. We have also introduced our new value of **Justice**, and children have begun learning the songs for our Easter Service, which will take place on **Thursday 26th March**.

Ruby Class

As part of our RE learning this week, the children explored the theme of *bridges*. We listened to the story *The Three Billy Goats Gruff* and talked about the importance of the bridge in helping the goats reach the delicious green grass.

In the hall, the children worked in teams to create their own bridges over a "river" and acted out the story together. They then wondered whether they could make *human* bridges—experimenting with different ways to use their bodies creatively.



Back in the classroom, they continued building a variety of bridges using Stickle Bricks, Duplo and paper, and some children enjoyed retelling the story using different animals.

What imaginative learning!

Sapphire Class

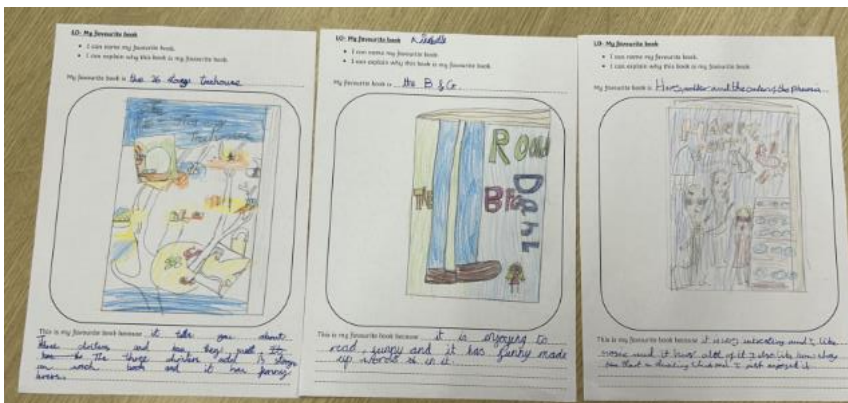
Sapphire Class began their week with an exciting visit to **The Scott Polar Research Museum**. The children explored fascinating artefacts from historical polar expeditions and learned about the challenges faced by explorers such as Scott and Shackleton. They were especially captivated by the equipment used in extreme cold and the stories of bravery and endurance.



They also visited the **Botanical Gardens**, where they investigated different plant species and discovered how plants adapt to a wide range of climates—from rainforests to deserts. It was a wonderfully enriching start to their week!



Emerald Class



Emerald Class have been investigating **digestion**. They have explored how our bodies break down food, the journey food takes through the digestive system, and why digestion is essential for keeping us healthy.

Understanding digestion helps children make informed choices about what they eat and appreciate how their bodies use energy and nutrients.

The children have been enthusiastic scientists throughout! Also, this week we have started a new text in English. The Incredible Book Eating Boy. We have enjoyed discussing our favourite books and the ones we have really enjoyed reading.

Diamond Class



The pupils in Diamond Class have been designing and beginning to make their own **inclusive utility bags**. Their confidence in threading needles and joining materials with a range of stitches has grown tremendously.

It has been wonderful to see their focus, creativity and increasing independence in textile work.

Breakfast Club Reminder

A gentle reminder about our Breakfast Club, which runs every morning from **8:00am**. It's a fantastic way for your child to start the day with a delicious meal and a calm, positive beginning. The Breakfast Club is open to children from **Nursery to Year 6**.

We offer cereals, yoghurt, toast, bagels, eggs and, on occasions, special treats such as bacon or sausage. The cost remains **£4.50 per session**, and childcare vouchers are accepted.

However, our numbers have been quite low recently. If this continues, we may need to consider reducing the number of days Breakfast Club runs. We would love to keep this valuable service going, so your support would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

This year, children are invited to dress up as:

- **Their favourite book character**, or
- **An adjective**, to celebrate vocabulary and creativity.

Ideas include:

- **Colourful:** wearing bright, vibrant clothing
- **Fragile:** bubble wrap, “fragile” tape, or creative cardboard props

We would also love to welcome parents into the school at **2:45pm** to share stories with the children. We will provide a selection of books in each classroom, but you are welcome to bring a favourite from home. Pick a cosy corner, bring a blanket or teddy, snuggle up and enjoy the magic of reading together.

We also have an **author visiting the school** for a special assembly. If your child has questions for him, please come prepared!

Have a wonderful week, and we look forward to seeing you next Monday!

Warm regards,
Carly Cousins

Message from Shiksha Rath Charity

Dear Spellbrook Primary School,

Hello and greetings from all of us here at Shiksha Rath. Here is another story that is testimony to your silent contribution to the lives of our children.

You are impacting and building the lives of these children by helping and supporting Shiksha Rath. Hope you enjoy reading the story of Anjali. Thank you for your care for our children and for supporting them.

Blessings!

Atula Walling
Director - Shiksha Rath
Executive Director - Touch India Trust

My name is Anjali, and I am 14 years old. I was born in Delhi, and I am currently studying in class 9. My childhood has not been easy. My father struggled with alcohol, which often made life painful and frightening for my family. My mother became mentally ill due to constant abuse by my father and ran away from home. Rumour has it that she has taken refuge in a temple, and she is not mentally well. My father stays alone in the village and is still battling with his demons. I was raised by my grandmother.

Today I live with my grandmother and my uncle's family in a very small room, where seven of us share the same space. Life is crowded and often difficult. My grandmother and my uncle work hard every day to keep the family going.

Growing up in such circumstances has been painful, and most of the time, I face ridicule and abuse due to the stigma of my parents, but I try to focus on what I can do rather than what I cannot change. I am a below-average student, but I keep trying hard in my studies and do not give up. I am especially thankful to Shiksha Rath, where I am patiently guided and encouraged to believe in myself, and I receive love here that I have not gotten anywhere. Knowing that Shiksha Rath will help me navigate my life journey and support me to achieve a better future is a blessing and relief.

I am still discovering who I am, but I know that I want to learn, grow, and build a better life. My dream is to become a makeup artist because I like creativity and the idea of helping people feel confident and happy. Life has given me many challenges, but it has also taught me strength. I believe that if I keep moving forward, even small steps will lead me toward a brighter tomorrow.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Ruby
Luli

Sapphire
Cara
Lily W

Emerald
Arlo
Connor



STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ❖ Marshall for super listening and participation in PE.
- ❖ Ava for great resilience whilst constructing a bridge.

Sapphire

- ❖ Ava-Rose for really good subject knowledge on the school trip.
- ❖ Grace for making good connections in Maths.

Emerald

- ❖ Sam for improved confidence in whole class reading.
- ❖ Annabelle for showing great perseverance in Maths.

Diamond

- ❖ Harvey for the biggest improvement in his handwriting presentation.
- ❖ Harry F for persevering in every lesson and for increased confidence.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School
Attendance – 93.83%**

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.

MENU w/c 2nd March 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)

NOTICES

- ❖ **PTA World Day Competition** – the PTA are selling chocolate bars and a handful of them will have a golden ticket wrapped inside! Chocolate bars cost £2 each and you can order as many as you like via the link: [Golden Ticket Chocolate Bar](#) Please place your orders by **Monday 2nd March**. Chocolate bars will be sent home on **Thursday 5th March**.

- ❖ **KS2 BMX Day** is on **Monday 9th March**. If you would like your child to participate, please provide consent via Arbor by clicking on **Trips<KS2 BMX Day 2026 – CONSENT ONLY**. The deadline to provide consent is **Wednesday 4th March**.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
05/03/26	World Book Day
09/03/26	BMX Scooter Day (Year 3-6)
09/03/26 – 10/03/26	PTA Mother's Day Gift Shop
16/03/26	Ruby Parents Evening – (1-5 pm)
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!

Book online at:
gjwsports.co.uk

www.gjwsports.co.uk



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
Instagram: @wellbeangardening



LEARN KARATE

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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

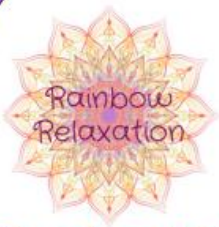
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07713 866964



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!



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

 Caroline Clark Artist



For school
years 2-6

Spellbrook PTA

tuck shop Fridays after school





[Golden Ticket Chocolate Bar](#)

Parent & Carer Support

Summer Term 2026



FREE COURSES for parents and carers in Hertfordshire

TALKING TEENS

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged **12-19**, covering:



- The Teen Brain: physical and emotional changes taking place and why behaviour changes.
- The link between behaviour and communicating difficult feelings.
- How to maintain your relationship with good communication.
- Understand risk taking behaviour around drugs, alcohol and gang culture.
- How to negotiate and reduce conflict.

Tuesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm
14th Apr to 19th May
Online Course: ID 834

Wednesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm
3rd Jun to 8th Jul
Online Course: ID 835

TALKING FAMILIES

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged **0-12** sharing tips on:



- Managing challenging behaviour with consistency.
- Encouraging positive behaviour.
- Building your child's self-esteem.
- Setting and maintaining boundaries.
- Responding to tantrums and difficult feelings in children.
- Developing a strong parent/child relationship now and for the future.

Wednesdays 9.45 - 11.15am
6th May to 17th Jun Not half term 27/5
Online Course ID 832

Mondays 8.00 - 9.30pm
1st Jun to 6th Jul
Online Course ID 833

Courses will be delivered on zoom



TALKING DADS

6, weekly sessions for dads & male carers of children **0-19**, sharing information on:



- Improved listening and communication skills.
- A healthy dad-child relationship now and for the future.
- Effective strategies for dealing with anger and conflict.
- How to enforce boundaries.
- Being the dad, you want to be.

Wednesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm
6th May to 17th Jun Not half term 27/5
Online Course: ID 836

TALKING ADDITIONAL NEEDS

A 6-week group for parents and carers of children **2-19**, with any additional need. Your child does not need a diagnosis.



- Understand your child's behaviour.
- Develop strategies that really work.
- Reduce conflict.
- Improve emotional regulation.
- Explore sensory needs.
- Increase your child's resilience.
- Manage different needs in your family.

Tuesdays 8.00 - 9.30pm
14th Apr to 19th May
Online Course ID 831

Booking essential. Please Quote the Course ID

To check eligibility and book a place, please contact Supporting Links on: **07512 709556** or bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk

These courses are provided free to parents by Hertfordshire County Council's Targeted Parenting Fund. Information taken on booking will be used to process your booking, check your eligibility, identify any access needs and will be stored in accordance with our GDPR policy which is available on request