



NEWSLETTER – 6th March 2026

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

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

What a Wonderful Week!



We have had the most wonderful week! One of the most exciting days was **World Book Day** – what a day it was! All the pupils looked absolutely **incredible** in their costumes, and the sense of excitement across the school was fantastic.

We began with an assembly and a visit from a real author, **Jonathan Underwood**. The pupils listened with awe and wonder as he shared how he became a writer and his journey to publishing *The Dinner Monster*. We were even treated to a special **Spellbrook-only preview** of his brand-new story! Each class now has a copy of *The Dinner Monster*, and I will pop the link below in case anyone would

like their own copy to read at home.

[The Dinner Monster: Amazon.co.uk: Underwood \(Junder\), Jonathan: 9781838758882: Books](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Underwood-(Junder)-Jonathan-9781838758882-Books)

Throughout the day, the pupils took part in a range of **live lessons with different authors**, gaining inspiration, insight, and a deeper love of reading. We also enjoyed a **character hunt** around the school, a fun **Golden Ticket event** from the PTA, and—at the end of the day—many of our wonderful parents joined us in school to share books together.

Wow! What an exciting day to remember. Thank you to everyone who took part, planned events, and helped make the day such a wonderful success!

Ruby Class



This week in Ruby Class, the children have been carefully observing the beans they began germinating just before half-term. They were fascinated to see how many had begun to sprout and enjoyed identifying the different parts of the young plants, including the delicate **roots** and tiny **leaves** pushing their way out.

After learning more about the **lifecycle of a bean plant**, the children decided it was time to pot their seedlings into soil so they could continue to grow. They worked so gently and thoughtfully, making small holes in the soil to tuck the roots safely underground while

making sure the leaves were free to find the sunlight. It was lovely to see how proud they were of plants!



Sapphire Class

This week we explored a wonderful retelling of the **Goldilocks** story. In this version, Goldilocks was tired of being labelled as a porridge stealer or a chair breaker! She didn't even have golden hair—she had a **golden smile** instead. She was simply trying out the three possible roles for a girl in Fairytale Land: **witch, evil queen, or princess**. But which one was best for a creative, go-getting girl?

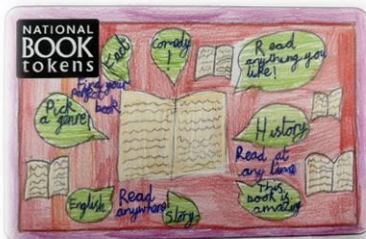
The story was told from Goldilocks' perspective in bouncing rhyme, this picture book gave us a fresh and lively twist on a well-known tale. The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring this new version, joining in with the repeated refrains, and discussing the gentle message about **being true to yourself**. We especially enjoyed discovering the recipe for Grandad's cornmeal porridge at the end!

Emerald Class

Emerald Class took part in a live lesson: **World Exclusive – Introducing *Bone Head***, a new graphic novel by Jamie Gregory. The pupils learned all about the book, which is due to be published in June, and had great fun drawing some of the characters who appear in the story. We also heard directly from the author and illustrator and even learned how to draw the bear from the book.

Alongside this, Emerald Class have begun working on our school production, **Rockin' Romans**. Everyone now has their part, and we have started learning the songs ready for our performance at the end of term. The enthusiasm in rehearsals has been brilliant!

Diamond Class



Printing in bulk for your class? Fill in your details below before printing off copies!

In Diamond Class this week, the children have been working incredibly hard on their **designing and sewing projects**. Their focus, creativity, and perseverance have been wonderful to see.

After half term

They also loved designing their own **book tokens**—the perfect activity for World Book Day—bringing together imagination, colour, and careful planning. The class thoroughly enjoyed all the World Book Day events and activities, which helped to spark curiosity, creativity, and a deeper joy of reading throughout the week.



I wanted to inform you that, after careful consideration, we have decided to make a change to our sports coaching provision. We are grateful for the time, commitment, and support our current coaches have given to Spellbrook, and we wish them well for the future.

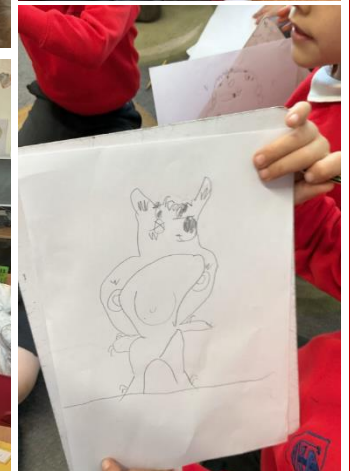
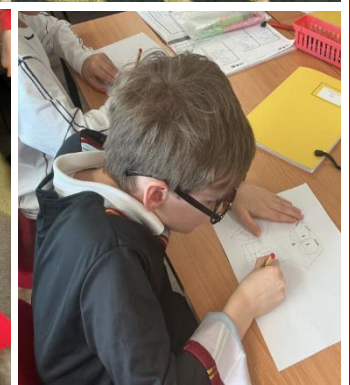
As a school, we feel it is the right to move forward with a new provider who can support the next stage of our sporting development. After half term, we are pleased to share that we will be working with a new sports company, and we are very excited about the opportunities this will bring for our pupils.

Alongside our PE curriculum, we will also be introducing some new after-school clubs. Further details, including how to sign up, will be shared with you over the next few weeks. This marks an exciting new chapter for the school, and we look forward to the positive experiences it will offer our children.

A Message from Our Office

As we approach the end of our financial year, may we kindly ask that any outstanding debts are paid by the end of this month. If for any reason you are unable to do this, please contact **Ms Freeborn** in the school office. Thank you.

World Book Day Gallery



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Diamond
Henry



STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ❖ Joey for brilliant ideas.
- ❖ Harry for brilliant joining in.
Sapphire
- ❖ Lilly J for increasing confidence and independence.
- ❖ Tillie for great effort at taking new challenges.

Emerald

- ❖ Samuel for excellent effort with fractions in Maths.
- ❖ Connor for fantastic creations in art and our WBD live lesson.

Diamond

- ❖ Seb for always making the right choice and for being ready and also for reading his speech clearly.
- ❖ Flora for eloquently reading her speech to our MP and for getting her point across.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School
Attendance – 93.78%**

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

- ❖ **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 **Sunday 8th March**.
- ❖ **Ruby Class Parents Evening** takes place on **Monday 16th March** from **1.00 – 5.00 pm**. If you have not yet booked a meeting, you can do so via Arbor by clicking on **Guardian Consultations < Ruby Parents Eve – Mon 16th Mar 2026**. If you have any difficulty with booking, please contact the office.

MENU w/c 9th March 2026

Day	Menu – Week 3
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Beef Bolognese (Red) ❖ Plant-Based Grill (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato with Grated Cheese (V) (Yellow) ❖ Tuna Mayo Roll (Blue)
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Breaded Chicken Katsu Curry (Red) ❖ Cheese Pinwheel (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (V) (Blue)
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Roast Chicken (Red) ❖ Plant-Based Sausages & Gravy (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve) (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Quorn Burger (V) (Red) ❖ Vegetarian Lasagne (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans (V) (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (V) (Blue)
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Battered Fish Fillet (Red) ❖ Margherita Pizza (V) Green ❖ Jacket Potato with Grated Cheese (V) (Yellow) ❖ Egg Mayo Roll (V) (Blue)



**SCHOOL
DINNERS**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
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)
16/03/26 – 20/03/26	Big Walk & Wheel Week (walking bus leaving Three Horseshoes at 8.40 am)
18/03/26	Y6 Parents Meeting (SATs)
19/03/26	Emerald Parents Meeting (Multiplication Check)
20/03/26	Red Nose Day – Non-Uniform
25/03/26	Emerald Class Showcase (2.15 pm)
25/03/26	Diamond Class - Last Swimming Lesson
26/03/26	Easter Service
27/03/26	Last Day of Term. 1.30 pm finish.
30/03/26 – 10/04/26	Easter Break
13/04/26	First Day Back
15/04/26	Sapphire Class – 1 st Swimming Lesson
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
01/06/26	First Day Back
09/06/26	Class Photos
24/06/26	Sapphire Class – Last Swimming Lesson
09/07/26	Transition Day
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



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

★★ GJW SPORTS ★★

Action packed Easter fun, building skills and confidence in a safe and supportive space.

Activities include:

- 🍷 Take part in fantastic sports
- 🍴 Enjoy tasty food
- 🎨 Create and craft
- 🥚 Easter Egg Hunt
- 👋 Meet new people and make great memories

Wednesday 1st April 2026
Thursday 2nd April 2026
09:00-15:00
For ages 5-12 years

HAPpy Camps are free for children attending schools in Hertfordshire and receive means tested free

www.gjwsports.co.uk

Book online at
or call 07519 722135
Location: Reedings Junior School,
Sawbridgeworth, Herts, CM21 9DD



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SPELLBROOK C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

MONDAY 3:20pm - 4:20pm



SELF DEFENCE

CONFIDENCE

FLEXIBILITY

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FITNESS

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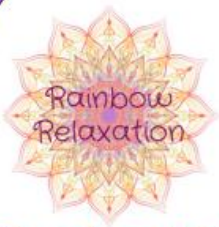
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Spellbrook lunchtime mindful crafting club

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](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



St Michael's Church Choir

Rehearses every Friday in church

Young people 6.30 - 8pm
(6pm every first Friday of the month starting with pizza and games in the Windhill Churches Centre)



Adults 7.30 - 8.30pm

For more information contact stmichaelsbdom@gmail.com

www.saintmichaelweb.org.uk



easter at church farm

28th March - 12th April

Visit Church Farm Ardeley
A real working farm!

Easter Farm Day Pass
Includes:
Easter Themed Activity Book
Woodland Play Area
Easter Bunny Riddle Trail
Farm Bingo & spot the Easter Bunny
See the Lambs, Rabbits & Farm animals
Walk around the farm

Additional Activities
Meet the Easter Bunny
Easter Egg Hunt
Lamb Bottle Feeding
Goat Walking
Tractor & Trailer Rides
Fairy Trail

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EASTER 2026

Next Thing Education

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INFLATABLES

STREET DANCE

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HAF PLACES AVAILABLE

EASTER CAMPS 2026

Tech-powered camps, packed with **WOW** experiences!

Example camp activities
Camps run 9 am - 4 pm

ROBOT LAB	LEGO ENGINEERING	ELECTRIC INVENTIONS	3D CREATIONS	ANIMATION
COOL CIRCUITS	CRAZY CODING	MOVIE MAKING	MINECRAFT REDSTONE	VIRTUAL REALITY

NEW FOR EASTER - WOW EXPERIENCES

INFLATABLES	ANIMALS	STREET DANCE	SCIENCE	LASER TAG
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Activities vary by location. Please visit our website to see what's running at your venue.

WHAT TO EXPECT:
Blending hands-on tech exploration with unforgettable WOW experiences, we inspire children to invent, create, and discover. Led by DBS-checked, friendly and supportive instructors, kids build confidence while diving into exciting activities, challenges, and real skill-building adventures.

AGES 5-11, £45 PER DAY OR £162 FOR 4 DAYS

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