



NEWSLETTER – 20th March 2026

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

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Another Busy and Sunny Week at Spellbrook!

It has been another wonderfully bright and busy week here at Spellbrook Primary School. The sunshine has made our field an even happier place to be, and it has been fantastic to see the children enjoying outdoor learning, playing games, and making the most of the spring weather. Alongside all the fun outside, our pupils have continued to work hard and dive deeper into their learning across the curriculum.



A Heartfelt Farewell to Our Ducklings

This week, we said a final goodbye to our much-loved visitors: **Sunny, Jeff, Quackers, Lily, and Percy**. These adorable ducklings have been a joyful part of school life recently, but it is now time for them to return to the *Incredible Eggs* farm.

Each class has had the opportunity to meet them, observe their growth, and even take part in caring for them. The ducklings have been stroked, sketched, studied and—much to everyone's delight—were even able to enjoy a dip in their very own paddling pool. They brought so many smiles to the children (and staff!), and I even managed to sneak in a little cuddle myself!



A huge **thank you** to all staff who helped with their daily care and to our pupils for showing such gentle, nurturing behaviour. The ducklings will be very much missed, but we are grateful for the time they spent with us.

Learning Across the School

Our classrooms have been buzzing this week with curiosity, creativity and new discoveries:

Growing Our Plants in Ruby

Ruby Class were keen to help me re-pot the beans into larger plant pots this week. We noticed that the roots were beginning to grow through the smaller pots, which meant the plants needed more space.





The children talked about what plants need to grow, explaining that the beans would need plenty of soil, water, and sunshine to stay healthy. They showed great curiosity and care throughout the activity!

Sapphire Class – A Felt-Tip Fiasco!

In English this half-term, Sapphire Class have been exploring *The Day the Crayons Quit*. However, things took an unexpected turn on Monday when their **felt-tip pens** decided to join the rebellion! When the class arrived, they discovered a letter on their desks from the pens themselves, explaining that they were tired of being mistreated and especially fed up with having their lids left off. They had therefore decided to quit until things improved!

The children are now busy using their **persuasive writing skills** to convince the pens to return to their pencil pots. They've been crafting arguments, promises, and appeals—so watch this space to see whether their writing is powerful enough to bring the pens back to work!

Emerald Class

Emerald Class have been exploring their topic with great enthusiasm. They have been practising hard for their upcoming assembly, and we are very excited to welcome families into the hall next week to see everything they have been learning. Their confidence and teamwork are shining through already.

Diamond Class

Diamond Class have continued to develop their understanding of non-fiction texts. They have been learning how information is organised, how to identify key facts, and how to use these skills to prepare for their independent writing. We are looking forward to seeing their completed work—it promises to be impressive!

Walk to School Week

Thank you to everyone who took part in Walk to School Week. It was wonderful to see so many children and parents embracing the challenge. A huge thank you as well to all the staff who supported in walking the children to school every morning.

Important Dates for Your Diary

Please see the **Notices** section below for more information.

A Polite Reminder

At the end of the school day, please ensure that children do not use the **play equipment** or the **MUGA**. This is important for maintaining a safe and calm dismissal for all pupils. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Thank You

A big **thank you to all the parents** who came along to the SATs and multiplication information meetings this week. We really appreciate your support, engagement, and partnership in helping the children feel confident and prepared.

Let's hope this lovely weather continues into the weekend! Wishing you all a restful break—we look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Ruby
Adam
Joey

Emerald
Lucas

Diamond
Martha



STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ❖ Winter for brilliant participation in activities.
- ❖ Louie for great concentration and effort in phonics.

Sapphire

- ❖ Ava-Rose for improved perseverance and trying again.
- ❖ Devon for fantastic work this week.

Emerald

- ❖ George for amazing confidence and helping the class with their words for our performance.
- ❖ Vogue for an amazing growth in confidence in reading and English.

Diamond

- ❖ Lisa for ensuring she is making the right choices and for always putting 100% in everything.
- ❖ Dylan for persevering in swimming and for making improvements every week.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School
Attendance – 96.48%**

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

- ❖ **Emerald Class Assembly** is on **Wednesday 25th March** at **2.15 pm**. The playground gates will be opened at **2 pm** and will shut by **2.20 pm** to secure the premises. If you need to leave early, please park in one of the bays. Entrance will be via the field and through Sapphire Class.
- ❖ **Diamond Class** will have their last swimming lesson on **Wednesday 25th March**.
- ❖ **Easter Service** is on **Thursday 26th March** at **2.15 pm** at **Great St Mary's Church, Sawbridgeworth**. Children will be travelling by coach to the church and will need to be collected from there at **3 pm**. Children should be in full **school uniform**. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend.
- ❖ **School finishes** at the earlier time of **1.30 pm** on **Friday 27th March** for the Easter break.
- ❖ **School resumes** on **Monday 13th April** at the usual time. All before and afterschool clubs resume as normal.

MENU w/c 23rd 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)



**SCHOOL
DINNERS**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
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



LEARN KARATE

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SPELLBROOK C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

MONDAY 3:20pm - 4:20pm



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!



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!



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



Spellbrook PTA

tuck shop Fridays after school

Sunday 22nd March 3pm Dominic Downs

including music
by Bach, Debussy
Kabelevsky and
Chaminade

St Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford
FREE admission with retiring collection
Tea and cake served afterwards

www.saintmichaelweb.org.uk



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EASTER CAMPS

Join us for 5 hours of Fab Science fun in the holidays! Camps run 10am to 3pm and are open to all children aged 5-11 years.

For more information visit the Fab Science website.

£38

per child

Sibling discount available



CHANGING STATES

Explore solids, liquids and gases with all kinds of hands on experiments. Make your own ice cream, hold a cloud and try to save a snowman!



Monday 30th March
Cambridge (Queen Edith)

Tuesday 7th April
Saffron Walden (RAB)

Wednesday 8th April
Bishop's Stortford (Thorn Grove)

Thursday 9th April
Hertford (St Andrew)

Friday 10th April
St Albans (Garden Fields)

BOOK NOW AT: FABSCIENCE.CLASSFORKIDS.IO

fabscience.co.uk

campcoordinator@fabscience.co.uk

01279 295669

Easter

South Mill Arts
What's On?

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The Very Hungry Caterpillar Show

Thu 19th Mar | 1pm & 4pm & Fri 20th Mar | 11am
£17 | £15 Conc | Ages 3-6

We invite you and your loved ones on an unforgettable journey that will delight anyone from ages 1 to 99, as The Very Hungry Caterpillar jumps off the page and onto the stage! It's truly one VERY magical hour.



The Cat in the Hat

Mon 30th Mar | 2pm & 4pm
£17 | £15 Concs. | Ages 3+

Experience mischief and mayhem in this acclaimed stage adaptation of Dr Seuss' The Cat In The Hat. A lively and engaging first theatre experience for children aged 3+, based on the best-selling book.



Kids Crafts - We're In a Spin

Tue 3rd Mar, Wed 1st, & Thu 2nd Apr - Tue 7th,
Wed 8th, & Thu 9th Apr | £2 per child | Ages 3 - 11

This Easter we are in a spin! Come and make different spinning stuff each week. Drop in between 10am-2pm - Let us know you're coming online. Please note that these events run on a first-come-first-served basis.



The Man Who Was Magic

Wed 1st Apr | 7.30pm
£26.50 | £39 M&G | Ages 12+

Dare to believe in magic as the UK's #1 magic show returns with a completely new and uplifting production for 2025. You're invited to a night of wonder, as secrets unravel and the impossible becomes possible.

Spring Term Online Workshops 2026 for parents in Hertfordshire



Sibling Rivalry - Online via MS Teams

This parenting workshop promotes cooperation and manages conflict between siblings.

Friday 13 March 9.30 to 11.30

Anxiety around ADHD - Online via MS Teams

This workshop helps parent/carers understand what ADHD is, why it makes sense for a child to be anxious if they have ADHD and provides strategies to help support you and your child.

**Wednesday 18 March 7pm to 9pm or
Thursday 26 March 9.30am to 11.30am**

Empowering Parenting - Online via MS Teams

A workshop to equip parents with practical tools, resources and strategies to enhance parenting skills and navigate parenting challenges effectively

Friday 20 March 9.30am to 11.30am

Its a Dads Life - Online via MS Teams

A workshop for dads to help build strong attachment and relationships with their child.

Tuesday 24 March 7pm to 9pm

For more information, you can scan our QR code to make a referral or call Louise and Lesley on **0204 522 8700/8701** or email services@familylives.org.uk.



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Its a Dads Life

Free Online Workshop for Dads

For many dads, managing their children's behaviour can prove a particularly challenging time when raising children. This workshop aims to empower dads with the knowledge and skills to develop deeper connections with their children and enhance their parenting journey.

When

Tuesday 24 March 2026

7.00pm to 9.00pm

Online via MS Teams



To book your place:

- Please scan our QR code to use our online referral form
- Or call Lesley on 020 4522 8701

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HARLOW BALLET ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

Cinderella

HARLOW PLAYHOUSE
CREATE • ENJOY • FOR ALL

10th April 2026: 7pm
11th April 2026: 2pm & 7pm

Essex Fire Museum Open Day 2026



29th and 31st Of March
10:30AM To 4:00PM

Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays RM17 5QS



Book Now
Free Entry



Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk