



NEWSLETTER - 17th April 2026

VALUE: Service
Focus: Looking at the heart
'Serve one another in love' Galatians 5:13

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Welcome Back to the Summer Term

Welcome back to the summer term! We hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and were able to enjoy some quality time together over the last two weeks, hopefully with a bit of sunshine too.

We have an exciting and busy summer term ahead, and we have already had a fantastic start back. This week we introduced and celebrated our new school value, **Service**, during assembly. The children shared thoughtful ideas about helping others and contributing positively to our school and community.



Ruby Class

This term in Science, Ruby Class have begun learning about **healthy eating**. They are exploring different food groups and discussing which foods help to keep our bodies healthy and strong.

The children have enjoyed talking about their favourite healthy foods and why they are important for our wellbeing.

Sapphire Class

In RE this week, Sapphire Class learned about **Sukkot** by creating their own **Sukkahs** using a range of materials found inside and outside the classroom. The children learned that a Sukkah must have **three sides and a natural roof**, allowing the sky and stars to be seen.



They enjoyed decorating their Sukkahs with fruits and vegetables and, through group discussions, reflected on how the Sukkah reminds Jewish families to be thankful for their homes, food and friendships, as well as for God who provides what they need and encourages generosity and kindness to others.

Emerald Class



Emerald Class have been exploring **all things Vikings and Saxons** this week. In PE, the children began their mission following in the footsteps of Viking explorer **Leif Eriksson**.

Using teamwork and communication skills, they travelled across the ocean in their Viking longboats, navigating icebergs, storms and shark-infested waters.

In History, the children ordered timelines of the **Viking invasions of Britain** and learned, through whole-class reading, that some of our days of the week are named after Viking gods and goddesses. A very exciting start to the topic!



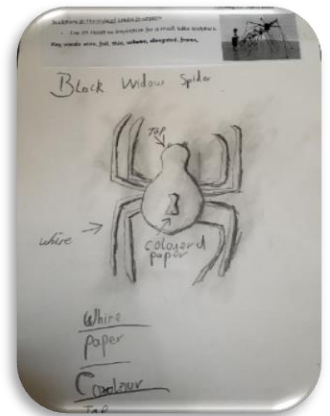
Diamond Class



Diamond Class have been working hard on their **independent writing**, producing biographies about **Steve Irwin**.

In Art, the children have been designing **insect sculptures** inspired by the artist **Louise Bourgeois**.

These will be brought to life next week using wire and tin foil, which the children are very much looking forward to.



Important Reminders

Fidget Toys

If it has been agreed that your child requires a fidget to support their learning, please ensure that they bring **only one** into school. We have noticed that multiple fidgets are being brought in, which has led to items going missing and, in some cases, becoming a distraction rather than a help. Please remember that fidgets should only be brought in if this has been agreed with the class teacher. Thank you for your support with this.

Healthy Snacks

We would like to gently remind families about **healthy snacks**. We encourage children to bring **fruit** for snack time where possible. While cereal bars, rice cakes and breadsticks are acceptable, we have noticed an increasing number of crisps and other less healthy snacks being brought in.

We kindly ask that these are replaced with healthier options to support the children's wellbeing and learning. We are very grateful for your cooperation and support in helping us promote healthy habits.

We look forward to another exciting week ahead. Thank you, as always, for your continued support, and we hope you all have a **restful and enjoyable weekend**.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

No Birthdays this Week



STARS OF THE TERM

Ruby

- ❖ Marshall for joining in more with challenges.
- ❖ Jesse for fabulous writing and effort in lessons.

Sapphire

- ❖ Axl for a super start to the term.
- ❖ Luca for trying hard and listening well.

Emerald

- ❖ Niveth for excellent effort and confidence in Maths.
- ❖ Jessica for excellent effort with subtracting and adding fractions.

Diamond

- ❖ Henry for completing five paragraphs in English.
- ❖ Harry B for focus and hard work with SATS revision.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School
Attendance – 93.46%**

Class Weekly Attendance

Diamond – 97.78%

Emerald – 90.42%

Sapphire – 94.03%

Ruby – 90.59%

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

- ❖ **NEW Sports Provider – Kitteridge All Sports Ltd (KAS)** – Please see the link to book: [KAS 'Get Active' | Kitteridge All Sports](#)

**Tuesday's – 3.20 – 4.20 pm – Football (Rec-Y6)
Thursday's – 3.20 – 4.20 pm – Cricket (Rec-Y6)
Friday's – 3.20 – 4.20 pm - Dodgeball (Rec-Y6)**

If you have any queries, please contact the club directly by emailing:
kitteridgeallsports@gmail.com

- ❖ **Art Club resumes on Friday 24th April.**

MENU w/c 20th April 2026

Day	Menu – Week 2
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Chicken Curry (Red) ❖ Plant-Based Sausages & Gravy (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Baguette (v) (Blue)
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Plant-Based Meatballs with Tomato Sauce (Ve) (Red) ❖ Mac 'n' Cheese (v) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato with Grated Cheese (v) (Yellow) ❖ Egg Mayo Baguette (v) (Blue)
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Roast Beef (Red) ❖ Quorn Fillet (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato with Beans & Cheese (v) (Yellow) ❖ Chicken Mayo Baguette (Blue)
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Chicken Pie & Gravy (Red) ❖ Mild Bean Chilli (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve) (Yellow) ❖ Ham Baguette (Blue)
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Battered Fish (Red) ❖ Margherita Pizza (v) Green ❖ Jacket Potato with Beans & Cheese (v) (Yellow) ❖ Salmon Mayo Baguette (Blue)



**SCHOOL
DINNERS**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
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
20/06/26	PTA Summer Fair
24/06/26	Sapphire Class – Last Swimming Lesson
25/06/26	Sports Day
30/06/26	Outdoor Learning Day
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



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

REGISTER NOW



07713 866964



shaunacarrolluka@hotmail.com



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)



Well Bean Gardening

Learning through growing
Growing through learning

Start Growing With Our After-School Gardening Club in April



- Spellbrook's Gardening Club meets on Wednesdays and is open to Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. Limited spaces available
- £37.80 for six sessions April 15 - May 20
- 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 April 15 and make a payment of £37.80 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



THE SECRET ART CLUB

With Artist Caroline Clark

Club Fee £8 a week

Activities:

- Painting
- Printing
- Drawing
- 3D
- Collage
- And more!

Date:

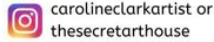
Weekly, starting on Friday 16th January 2026, 3.20 - 4.30 pm

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



For school years 2-6



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



KAS & 5DS DODGEBALL SCHOOL CLUBS

SUMMER TERM

(W/C - 20.04.26 *UNLESS STATED)

SESSIONS INCLUDE:

- Warm-up Activities
- Skill practises
- Team building exercises
- Match play scenarios

WHO CAN JOIN?

Boys and girls
Age range will depend on the club provided
All skill levels welcome

PLEASE SEE REVERSE FOR ALL CLUB DETAILS

www.kitteridgeallsportsltd.com
www.5dsdodgeballclub.com

Day	Timing	School	Club & Year Groups	Club provider
Monday *Starting 13.04.26	Before-School 7.45am-8.45am	Northgate	Get-Active (Rec-Y6)	Kitteridge All Sports
Monday *Starting 20.04.26	After-school 3.45pm-4.30pm	Howe Green	Cricket (Y3-4)	Kitteridge All Sports
Monday	After-school 3.15pm-4.15pm	Summerville	Outdoor Dodgeball (Y2-Y6)	5Ds Dodgeball Club
Tuesday *Starting 14.04.26	Before-School 7.45am-8.45am	Northgate	Get-Active (Rec-Y6)	Kitteridge All Sports
Tuesday	After-school 3.20pm-4.20pm	St Josephs	Dodgeball (Y3-Y6)	5D's Dodgeball Club
Tuesday	After-school 3.20pm-4.20pm	Spellbrook	Football (Rec-6)	Kitteridge All Sports
Wednesday *Starting 15.04.26	Before-School 7.45am-8.45am	Northgate	Get-Active (Rec-Y6)	Kitteridge All Sports
Wednesday *Starting 15.04.26	Before-School 7.45am-8.45am	St Josephs	Gymnastics (Rec-Y6)	Kitteridge All Sports
Wednesday	After-school 3.20pm-4.20pm	Northgate	Rounders (Y3-6)	Kitteridge All Sports
Wednesday	After-school 3.20pm-4.20pm	St Josephs	Rounders (Y3-6)	Kitteridge All Sports
Thursday *Starting 16.04.26	Before-School 7.45am-8.45am	St Michaels	Dodgeball (Y1-Y6)	5D's Dodgeball Club
Thursday	Before-School 7.45am-8.30am	Howe Green	Darts (Y3-Y6)	Kitteridge All Sports
Thursday	After-school 3.20pm-4.20pm	Spellbrook	Cricket (Rec-6)	Kitteridge All Sports
Friday *Starting 17.04.26	Before-School 7.45am-8.45am	St Thomas Canterbury	Athletics (Y1-Y6)	Kitteridge All Sports
Friday	After-school 3.45pm-4.30pm	Howe Green	Cricket (Y3-4)	Kitteridge All Sports
Friday	After-school 3.15pm-4.15pm	St Thomas Canterbury	Cricket (Y3-6)	Kitteridge All Sports
Friday	After-school 3.20pm-4.20pm	Spellbrook	Dodgeball (Rec-6)	5D's Dodgeball Club
Friday	After-school 3.25pm-4.25pm	Thorn Grove	Dodgeball (Y3-Y6)	5D's Dodgeball Club

To complete a booking for our Summer Term clubs in 2026 please head to our websites (Front of flyer)

Parenting when separated for parents of SEN children - online programme

Come along to our six-session programme, specifically tailored to help separated parents navigate the complexities of co-parenting and provide the best possible support for their SEND child. This is a valuable opportunity to enhance co-parenting skills, support children's development and build a strong foundation for the future.

The programme includes:

- Understanding SEN and its impact on children and family dynamics
- Effective communication skills
- Managing emotions and stress
- Collaborative problem solving
- Building a supportive network
- Creating a unified parenting approach

Dates and times

Date: Wednesday 22nd and 29th April, 6th, 13th and 20th May and 3rd June 2026
Time: 9.30am to 11.30am

Date: Thursday 23rd and 30th April, 7th, 14th, 21st May and 4th June 2026
Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm

This will be delivered online via MS TEAMS

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Perform classes help boost children's **confidence, concentration, coordination** and **communication** skills, as well as being lots of fun.

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What does Perform offer?

- Performing arts-based games and exercises
- Focus on a different social skill each week
- Small classes and feedback on your child's progress
- Specially created scripts, videos and apps
- End of term presentation for family and friends

Ready to try for free?

Your child's first class is free, so why not give it a go? Classes take place all over, have a look online or call us:



perform.org.uk/try 020 7255 9120

“Perform helps develop all key areas of a child in a fun, supportive and engaging way. It gives my daughter a brilliant sense of fun, community, purpose and pride in her achievements.”
 Begum Bari

Design a new logo and tagline for Bishop's Stortford!

THE COMPETITION WILL RUN BETWEEN: 06/3/2026 - 1/6/2026

What Is The Competition?

Bishop's Stortford Town Council is launching a competition for school children and college students to design a new logo and tagline for the Town Council.

What Will Be Created?

Your design can reflect Bishop's Stortford using landmarks, green spaces, or community symbols.

It can be hand-drawn, digital, or a combination of both.

The winning logo will replace the Town Council's current Historic Market Town logo.

Who Can Enter?

The competition is open exclusively to students at primary school, secondary school, and college in Bishop's Stortford. Entrants are encouraged to reflect the town's heritage, community spirit, and forward looking vision in their designs.

How Do I Enter?

Enter by emailing your artwork directly to: shannon.ollinger@bishopsstortfordtc.gov.uk

All information can be found on our website: [What's-on-Logo & Tagline competition](http://What's-on-Logo-&Tagline.competition)

There is no cost of entry. The winner will receive a Discover Stortford Gift Card worth £250

For more information please scan the QR code



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Essex Fire Museum Open Days 2026



Sunday 26th Of April

10:30AM To 4:00PM

Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays RM17 5QS



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Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk