



NEWSLETTER - 1st May 2026

VALUE: Service

Focus: Looking at the heart

'Serve one another in love' Galatians 5:13

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Ruby Class - Science: Healthy Bodies



Ruby Class has been learning about keeping our bodies healthy by exploring different types of food and discussing why a balanced diet is important. The children made a healthy snack called a "cucumber boat," carefully hollowing out cucumbers and filling them with grated apple, carrot, beetroot and cream cheese, before finishing with a topping of raisins. This practical activity helped children to learn about healthy food choices while developing fine motor skills through grating, mixing and assembling ingredients. A strong focus was placed on good food hygiene. Children washed their hands, wore aprons, and prepared their food responsibly,

supporting independence, self-care and an understanding of safety rules.



In Science, the children have also been investigating shadows. They worked together to draw around each other's shadows every two hours and measured their length across the day. The children were amazed to see how the shadows changed in size and position, which led to thoughtful discussions about sunlight and the movement of the sun. This activity supported observational skills, early measuring, and scientific discussion.

Sapphire Class - Art

Sapphire Class children have been developing their observational drawing and painting skills by closely studying real flowers. They carefully looked at shapes, patterns, and small details before deciding what to include in their artwork. The children thoughtfully selected colours and shades to best match what they could see, encouraging careful observation and creativity. Painting supported fine motor control and concentration, and the children showed real pride in their finished work, producing some beautiful individual pieces.



Emerald Class – History



Emerald Class explored King Ethelred ‘the Unready’ and the Danelaw agreement with the Vikings. The children learned why the agreement was made and what happened as a result. To help them remember key facts, they created actions to perform alongside a poem about the deal.

This supported teamwork, communication and listening skills, as well as helping children to engage

actively with history. They also discussed whether paying the Vikings was a good idea and explained their thinking, developing confidence in sharing opinions and reasoning.



Diamond Class – Art and Design

Diamond Class children have been working hard on creating wire insect sculptures. This challenging activity required careful planning, patience and creativity as children shaped and twisted wire to form realistic insect features.



The process strengthened fine motor skills and problem-solving, as children adjusted their designs and made improvements when needed. The finished sculptures are very effective and reflect the children’s perseverance, attention to detail and pride in their achievements.

Eco Club and School Council



Members of the Eco Club and School Council have been doing a fantastic job supporting our outdoor environment. They have been helping to dig, sort, and tidy the pond area, showing great teamwork and care for nature.

During their work, the children were excited to spot a newt in the pond, which sparked lots of discussion about habitats and wildlife. This hands-on experience has helped the children develop a stronger understanding of caring for the environment and protecting living things.

We hope you have a pleasant weekend and encourage you to take the time to read our Ofsted report, which we are extremely proud to share.

Carly Cousins

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Ruby Emerald Diamond
Lucia Fleur Nicolas



STARS OF THE TERM

Ruby

- ❖ Sandasi for brilliant work during her play.
- ❖ Isabella for fantastic effort in all lessons.
- ❖ Joshua for working really hard on his phonics.
- ❖ Maddison for persevering and doing well in our Art lesson.

Sapphire

Emerald

- ❖ Emilia for being able to explain her learning in Science.
- ❖ Lorenzo for fantastic enthusiasm and attitude.

Diamond

- ❖ Johnny for greater independence in reading and English.
- ❖ Georgia for fabulous effort in every lesson especially with SATs revision.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School
Attendance – 95.02%**

Class Weekly Attendance

Diamond – 95.93%

Emerald – 90.84%

Sapphire – 96.7%

Ruby – 97.71%

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

- ❖ Our new after school sports clubs are up and running and going well. If you wish to book on there are 2 different links depending on the sport: As always the more the clubs are used the more we are able to run.

Club Schedule (3.20–4.20 pm)

To book:

- Tuesdays: Football
- Thursdays: Cricket

<https://www.kitteridgeallsportsltd.com/schoolclubs>

Due to very low numbers, Dodgeball has been cancelled.

If you have any queries, please contact the club directly by emailing:

kitteridgeallsports@gmail.com

- ❖ **Art Club** – next week **Friday 8th May** will be the last session.
- ❖ **School resumes** at the normal time on **Tuesday 5th May**.

MENU w/c 5th May 2026

Day	Menu – Week 1
Monday	❖ Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday	❖ Beef Lasagne (Red) ❖ Plant-Based Grill (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato with Grated Cheese (V) (Yellow) ❖ Chicken Mayo Baguette (Blue)
Wednesday	❖ Roast Chicken (Red) ❖ Cheese & Tomato Puff Pastry Tart (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo (Yellow) ❖ Ham Baguette (Blue)
Thursday	❖ Quorn Burger (v) (Red) ❖ Butternut & Chickpea Biryani (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato with Beans & Cheese (v) (Yellow) ❖ Egg Mayo Baguette (Blue)
Friday	❖ Fish Fillet Fingers (Red) ❖ Margherita Pizza (v) Green ❖ Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve) (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Baguette (v) (Blue)



**SCHOOL
DINNERS**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
04/05/26	Early May Bank Holiday
08/05/26	Art Club – Last Session
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
01/06/26 – 05/06/26	Year 4 Multiplication Check
03/06/26	The Little Recyclers (Donations)
08/06/26 – 12/06/26	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
09/06/26	Class Photos
24/06/26	Sapphire Class – Last Swimming Lesson
25/06/26	Sports Day
29/06/26	SEND Parent Meetings – 3.30 – 5.30 pm
30/06/26	Outdoor Learning Day
03/07/26	Sports Day (back up date)
07/07/26	Parents Evening – 1.00 – 5.30 pm
09/07/26	Transition Day
10/07/26	KAS Afterschool Clubs last day
13/07/26	Diamond Production Dress Rehearsal
14/07/26	Diamond Production (tbc)
21/07/26	Bouncy Day (tbc)
22/07/26	Leaver Church Service – 2.15 – 3.00 pm
23/07/26	Last Day of Term – 1.30 pm finish



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



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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



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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:

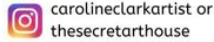
Weekly, starting on Friday 16th January 2026, 3.20 - 4.30 pm

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)



SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

More clothes - more funds for your organisation.
1 kg = £0.45

YOUR COLLECTION IS ARRANGED ON:

3 JUNE
WEDNESDAY

FILL ANY BAGS WITH CLOTHING AND BRING THEM TO SCHOOL/ORGANISATION WE WILL COLLECT AND WEIGH THEM

WE ACCEPT

- Good quality clean clothing (adult's, children's, baby)
- Shoes (paired)
- Bags
- Hats & scarves
- Belts
- Fashion accessories
- Swimwear, lingerie
- Jewellery
- Perfumes

WE DON'T ACCEPT

- Uniforms
- Dirty, wet, ripped, damaged clothing
- Traditional clothing
- Duvets & pillows
- Single shoes
- Toys, stationery
- Bric-a-brac & electrical items
- Books, CDs, DVDs
- Workwear
- Carpets, rugs, mats, curtains
- Hygiene items, diapers
- Linen & towels

PLEASE NO UNIFORMS & DUVETS!

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FUN FOCUSED FOOTBALL

ROYDON FC GIRLS FOOTBALL

Roydon FC are starting weekly football sessions exclusively for girls.

These sessions are known as wildcats and aimed at girls 5-11 years of age who are looking to play football on a casual basis.

Fun and inclusive weekly sessions, all abilities welcome - including first time footballers.



INFORMATION

- ✓ Opening session on Saturday 9th May - 10am
- ✓ Free of charge - weekly 1 hour sessions
- ✓ Roydon Playing Fields, Roydon, CM19 5HL

GET IN TOUCH TODAY if interested to attend.



Email: roydonfc@hotmail.co.uk
07767075919 (Danny)



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31
2026



Contact for entries:
Hazel Mead - hazelmead404@btinternet.com
OR Sawbridgeworth Library, The Forebury

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2nd - 4th May

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[Buy Magical May Bank Holiday Weekend, 2nd - 4th May 2026](#)
[Tickets online - Audley End Enchanted Railway](#)

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STORTFORD
COLLEGE

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SATURDAY 13 JUNE
9.00-12.00

Join us on Saturday 13 June for creative workshops in:
watercolour painting, comic book design, car design or
nagomi art.

Limited places are free to book for all local pupils in
Years 5 and 6. One booking per child.

[Invite and Inspire Yrs 5 and 6 at Bishop's
Stortford College Tickets, Bishop's
Stortford College, School House,
Bishop's Stortford | TryBooking United](#)



Sunday
10 May

Nature activities

- Pond dipping
- Owl pellet dissection
- How honey bees work
- A close look at bats

Children's trail & crafts



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NATURE DAY



Enjoy the Gardens

- Blossom and fresh leaves
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www.eastonlodge.co.uk/whats-on



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