



NEWSLETTER - 15th May 2026

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

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Ruby Class

In their Maths challenge this week, Ruby Class have been using rekenreks to develop counting and number skills. The children practised using one finger to move groups of beads in a single push while counting accurately.



They then used the rekenreks to explore and represent *one more* and *one less* for numbers within 5, with some children challenging themselves to work with numbers up to 10.

To finish the challenge, the children practised recalling number bonds to 5, using their fingers to support their understanding. These activities have helped to build confidence with counting, number relationships, and early mental maths skills.

Sapphire Class

In History, Sapphire Class are learning all about the history of communication. This week, they explored the telegram and how it was used during wartime to send messages quickly.

The children learnt how dots and dashes (Morse code) represented letters, and how these needed to be translated to reveal messages. The class enjoyed writing their own secret messages and then deciphering clues to complete hidden tasks around the classroom, demonstrating excellent problem-solving skills.

Emerald Class

Emerald Class experienced a wonderful street dance lesson this week. Every child was fully involved, showing enthusiasm and confidence as they learned new



moves and routines. The energy in the room was fantastic, and it was lovely to see the children expressing themselves creatively while staying active.

Diamond Class

Diamond Class have had a wonderful week supporting one another, particularly the Year 6 pupils during their SATs. Year 6 showed great determination and resilience, and the whole school is incredibly proud of their efforts.

They are now looking forward to an exciting week ahead, with their residential trip taking place from Monday to Wednesday.

Looking Ahead

The school is looking forward to the final week before half term.

Feel Good Thursday

Next week, the school will be holding a *"Feel Good Thursday"* event, packed with activities focused on health and wellbeing.

- A walking bus will run from The Three Horseshoes pub, leaving at approximately **8:40am**.
- Children may attend school in sportswear (either their usual PE kit or sports kit for an out-of-school club).
- All children should be dressed appropriately for the weather.
- Football boots are not permitted.

Additional Information:

- Ruby and Sapphire Classes will continue to have PE in the afternoon as normal.
- Year 6 will need to bring or wear their school PE kit for their *Crucial Crew* session in the afternoon and may choose to change if needed.

The school is sure that this will be a fun and active day for everyone.

Important Date

- **Inset Day: Friday 22nd May**

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. The school hopes all families have a lovely weekend.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

No Birthdays this Week



STARS OF THE TERM

Ruby

- ❖ Winter for always giving everything her best.
- ❖ Eva for amazing writing all of the time.

Sapphire

- ❖ Sidney for a great attitude to learning.
- ❖ Evie for always working hard.

Emerald

- ❖ Fleur for becoming a more independent writer in English.
- ❖ Issy for excellent effort in our Street Dance Workshop.

Diamond

- ❖ Ronnie for increasing effort and confidence especially in Maths.
- ❖ All of Year 6 for fabulous focus and hard work with SATs.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School
Attendance – 96.23%**

Class Weekly Attendance

Diamond – 97.04%

Emerald – 96.17%

Sapphire – 92.61%

Ruby – 99.41%

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

- ❖ **Diamond Class Residential to PGL Marchant Hill** is from **Monday 18th to Wednesday 20th May**. Please contact Mrs Rutt or Mrs Hoy for any last-minute queries.
- ❖ **'Feel Good Thursday'** on **Thursday 21st May**. Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform with the theme **sportswear (no football boots please)**.
- ❖ **Change to the Menu on Thursday 21st May**. Due to school being closed on Friday 22nd May for Inset, the children will be having Friday's menu. If you have already pre-ordered your meals, this will be amended in class on the day.
- ❖ **Inset Day** – this is a reminder that **Friday 22nd May** is an inset day and school will be closed. School resumes at the normal time on **Monday 1st June**. Have a lovely half term break.
- ❖ **NEW Street Dance Club** starts on **Friday 5th June** from **3.20 – 4.20 pm**. The club is open to children from **Reception to Year 6**. Please see the flyer below with the link for more information and booking.

MENU w/c 18th May 2026

| Day | Menu – Week 3 |
|-----------|---|
| Monday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Pulled Paprika Chicken Flatbread (Red) ❖ Breaded Bean & Vegetable Grill (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato with Salmon Mayo (Yellow) ❖ Tuna Mayo Baguette (Blue) |
| Tuesday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Beef Burger (Red) ❖ BBQ Bean Loaded Hash Browns (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato with Grated Cheese (v) (Yellow) ❖ Chicken Mayo Baguette (Blue) |
| Wednesday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Roast Chicken (Red) ❖ Roasted Summer Veg Quiche (v) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve) (Yellow) ❖ Ham Baguette (Blue) |
| Thursday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Fish Fillet Fingers (Red) ❖ Margherita Pizza (v) Green ❖ Jacket Potato with Beans & Cheese (v) (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Baguette (v) (Blue) |
| Friday | ❖ INSET Day – School Closed |



**SCHOOL
DINNERS**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| Date | Event |
|---------------------|--|
| 18/05/26 – 20/05/26 | PGL Residential – Diamond Class |
| 21/05/26 | Feel Good Thursday – Non-Uniform |
| 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) |
| 17/07/26 | PTA Summer Fair |
| 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



shaunacarrolluka@hotmail.com



Dear Parents/Guardian,

I, Christina Marks will be offering the students of Spellbrook C OF E Primary School Street dance every Friday after school.

Class times will run from 3:20-4:20

STREET DANCE PROGRAMMES

High-energy, confidence-boosting classes your child will LOVE!

Our exciting street dance programmes combine fun choreography, great music and performance skills in a supportive and inclusive environment. Perfect for children of all abilities — whether they're full of confidence already or looking to come out of their shell.

Led by experienced performing arts specialists, our sessions are designed to inspire children, develop self-expression and most importantly — have FUN!

To register and secure please follow the link below.

<https://christina-marks-sopa.class4kids.co.uk>

If there are any problems, you will need to contact me on my email address or phone number.

Yours Sincerely,

Christina Marks.

Email: Christinamarksschoolofperformingarts@hotmail.com

Tel- 07525 850 232



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:
 - o Working to improve the school gardens
 - o Sowing seeds
 - o 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



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)



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!



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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!

RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR SCHOOL BY GIVING AWAY YOUR UNWANTED CLOTHES

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FEEL GOOD THURSDAY!

THURS
21

MAY, 2026

A day full of fitness, fun and first aid



Dance at lunchtime

Wear sports kit or active wear

Assembly from herts boat rescue

First Aid with British Red Cross

Crucial Crew (Yr 6)

Walk to school day

Sunday 17th May 3pm

Titika Maragoula (Soprano)

Richard Carr (Piano)

including music by Mozart, Handel, Debussy, Massenet, and Ginastera

St Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford

FREE admission with retiring collection

Tea and cake served afterwards

www.saintmichaelweb.org.uk



Thinking about getting a child friendly phone but not sure which one?

Drop in at one of our local events to look at our selection of 9 alternative child friendly phones and talk about anything on your mind smartphone wise and kids!

Includes:
Karri, XploraOne, Nokia 105, The Phone, Doro 6820, Balance Phone, Pinwheel, The Other Phone, TCL

May

16th | Jackson Sq | 10-4

Jun

5th | Costa, Sainsbury's 12-2.30

6th | Northgate School*

8th | St Joseph's School**

19th | Much Hadham School*

28th | Summercroft School*

Jul

3rd | Little Hadham School**

8th | St Mary's School**

*Summer event open to families - afternoon
** Restricted to parents of the school



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Not The Only One



YOUR SCHOOL HAS BEEN ADOPTED

by your local Everyone Active Centre

WHAT IS THE ADOPT A SCHOOL PROGRAMME?

Everyone Active's Adopt a School programme is a brilliant opportunity for both Everyone Active and local Schools to work together in an effort to get the local community more active.

WHAT IS AVAILABLE TO YOU?*

During the 2 week period that your school is adopted, a variety of perks will be available to **parents/guardians, school pupils & school employees**, these will include the following:

FREE Swimming for School Pupils (Aged 10 & under)

FREE Junior Gym & Swimming for Pupils (Aged 11-15)

FREE Membership for Parent/Guardians (Aged 16+)

FREE Membership for School Employees (Aged 16+)

*Please note, the offers may vary by centre depending on the facilities available at your local centre.

Your adopting centre:

Grange Paddocks

Scan here for more information on the programme:



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Lessons are available up to 50 weeks of the year and up to 7 days a week, with a break over the Christmas period.

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Let us find the right lessons for you or your child.

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Rye Street,
Bishop's Stortford CM23 2HH
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This 6-week group helps you change the way you communicate with your child, respond better and feel more in control. The sessions will cover:

- Exploring what helpful discipline is.
- Recognising the triggers and responding more effectively.
- Learning new parenting tools to challenge children's behaviour
- How to negotiate and implement effective boundaries and family agreements
- How to hold boundaries and gain co-operation

Monday 1st June to 6th July 2026

9.30am to 11.30am

Online via MS Teams

To book your place, call Louise on **0204 522 8700**, email services@familylives.org.uk or scan our QR code to use our online referral form



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Getting on with your pre-teen or teen

Sign up to our 6-week online group

Is your teen feeling anxious or isolated? Are you concerned about their mental health and struggling to know how best to support them?

Learn how parents can best emotionally support their teen and feel confident and prepared for whatever challenges might arise.

Date, time and venue

Friday 5th June to 10th July 2026

9.30am to 11.30am

This course will be delivered online via MS Teams

To book your place, call Louise on **0204 522 8700**, email services@familylives.org.uk or scan our QR code to use our online referral form



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