



NEWSLETTER – 18th September 2026

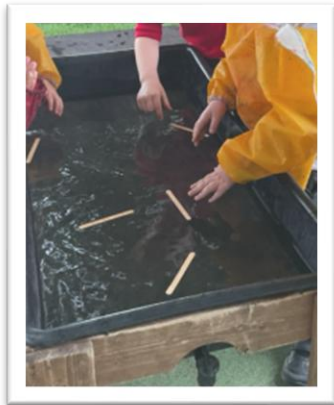
VALUE: Generosity

Focus: Giving Sacrificially

‘God loves a cheerful giver’. 2 Corinthians 9:7

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Ruby Class



During our science lesson, we began our new topic on materials by exploring which objects float and which sink. The children made predictions about whether different objects would float or sink before testing their ideas using a range of items, including coins, cotton wool, sticks, crayons, lollipop sticks and shells.

Working in groups, the children carefully observed what happened and recorded their results. They discussed their findings and considered whether their predictions had been correct. This helped to

develop their scientific skills of predicting, observing and explaining what they had discovered.



Sapphire Class

In Maths, Sapphire Class have been working really hard with number lines, completing number sequences and identifying numbers that come before and after.

They have demonstrated fantastic counting skills and excellent number matching. The children have also been working hard on their number formation, showing great care and determination in their learning.

Emerald Class

This week in Science, Emerald Class have been learning about the functions of the skeleton. We discovered which bones help to support, protect and enable movement in our bodies.



To help us remember the bones we have been learning about, we went outside onto the playground, drew around each other and labelled the different bones.

In RE, we have been learning about the story of Noah and how he followed God.



The children listened carefully to the story before working in pairs to create actions and freeze frames to represent different parts of Noah's journey.

Swimming started this week and the class were fantastic. Their attitude, listening skills and enthusiasm were excellent, and they represented the school brilliantly.

Diamond Class



Diamond Class have been working extremely hard on place value, exploring large numbers and developing their understanding of how to order and compare numbers in the tens of thousands.

They have shown great perseverance and confidence when tackling challenging mathematical concepts.

The children have also been busy writing their own generosity poems, thinking carefully about how they can use language creatively to express their ideas.

Giving to those with less
Everyone equal
Never selfish
Everyone kind in their own way
Really trying to make a change
Old toys given away
Use things with care
Sharing with others

Looking Ahead

We have another exciting week of learning planned for next week and look forward to sharing more of the children's achievements with you.

End of Day Reminder

A gentle reminder that at the end of the school day, all children should wait with their parents or carers and not play on the playground equipment or MUGA.

Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us keep all children safe.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Sapphire
Ralph

Emerald
Esme



STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ❖ Hunter for being helpful and kind.
- ❖ Mila for fantastic hard work and being helpful.

Sapphire

- ❖ Arthur for being a super role model.
- ❖ Lily for perseverance in writing.

Emerald

- ❖ Grace for showing resilience and courage in swimming.
- ❖ Sam for fantastic word choices in his writing.

Diamond

- ❖ Issy for fantastic writing.
- ❖ Henry for making an excellent start to Year 6.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Whole School
Attendance – 96.27%

Class Weekly Attendance

Diamond – 96.83%

Emerald – 92.72%

Sapphire – 99.11%

Ruby – 97.28%

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

✚ There are still spaces available in the **Dodgeball Afterschool Club** which runs on a **Tuesday** from **3.20 – 4.20 pm** and the **Football Afterschool Club** which runs on a **Thursday** from **3.20 – 4.20 pm**. For booking, please follow the link: [Kitteridge All Sports | Childrens Sports Clubs Bishop's Stortford | Bishop's Stortford](#) Please note, the club is open to children from **Year 1 to Year 6**.

✚ **Gardening Club (Years 3 – 6)** resumes on **Wednesday 23rd September**. Please see the flyer below for booking details. Forms are also available in the office.

✚ **Nasal Flu Vaccinations (Rec-Y6)** – the school nurse will be in school on **Friday 25th September**, in the afternoon to administer vaccinations to children who have signed up. Emails have been sent directly to parents by the school nursing team. **Please note, only children that parents have provided consent for, will be vaccinated.**

MENU w/c 21st September 2026

Day	Menu – Week 1
Monday	❖ Pork Sausages & Gravy (Red) ❖ Lentil Bolognese Pasta Shells (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato with Beans & Cheese (v) (Yellow) - Tuna Mayo Baguette (Blue)
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
23/09/26	Gardening Club resumes
25/09/26	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
21/10/26	Sapphire Trip to Stansted Aerozone
21/10/26	Year 6 Online Health Questionnaire
21/10/26	Emerald Swimming – Last Lesson
26/10/26 – 30/10/26	Half Term
20/11/26	Nasal Flu Vaccinations – 2 nd Visit
27/11/26	Occasional Day – School Closed
30/11/26	Christmas Decoration Day
04/12/26	PTA Christmas Carols & Hot Chocolate
08/12/26	Nativity (TBC)
09/12/26	Nativity (TBC)
14/12/26	Pantomime
15/12/26	Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day
16/12/26	Christmas Church Service
18/12/26	Last Day of Term. Finish at 1.30 pm
04/01/27	Inset 3
05/01/27	School Resumes
15/02/27 – 19/02/27	Half Term
22/02/27	Inset 4
23/02/27	School Resumes
01/03/27	Secondary School Allocation Day
25/03/27	Last Day of Term. Finish at 1.30 pm
26/03/27 – 09/04/27	Easter Break
12/04/27	School Resumes
22/04/27	BMX Day
03/05/27	Early May Bank Holiday – School Closed
21/07/27	Last Day of Term – Finish at 1.30 pm
22/07/26	Inset 5



BREAKFAST CLUB

8am - 8.40am everyday

Cooked breakfast served at 8am



£5.00 per session

Payable via Arbor

Please book 24 hours ahead to ensure availability

NB Late arrivals will not be catered with a cooked breakfast



SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS

★ NEW STREET DANCE CLUB ★

Christina Marks School of Performing Arts

Dear Parents & Guardians,

We are delighted to announce that Christina Marks School of Performing Arts will be launching an exciting new after-school club at Spellbrook C of E Primary School after the summer holidays.

Our sessions are designed to help children build confidence, express creativity and have fun, all within a supportive and energetic environment led by experienced performing arts specialists.

Street Dance

High-energy routines inspired by modern dance styles that children absolutely love. These sessions are suitable for children in Reception through to Year 6 and are a fantastic opportunity for children to stay active, build friendships and grow in confidence.

★ Spaces are limited and we expect them to fill quickly.

➡ to book your child's place please visit:

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

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us and we will be happy to help.

We look forward to welcoming your child to a fun and inspiring term of Street Dance.

Warm regards,

Christina Marks

cmsopa.enquiries@hotmail.com

Director

Christina Marks School of Performing Arts

Please follow and like our social media page Christina Marks School Of Performing Arts

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



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SPELLBROOK C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

MONDAY 3:20pm - 4:20pm



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DISCIPLINE

FITNESS

FIRST LESSON FREE

REGISTER NOW



07713 866964



shaunacarrolluka@hotmail.com



Well Bean Gardening

Learning through growing
Growing through learning

Our After-School
Club Needs New Gardeners
Wednesdays 3.20pm-4.30pm



- If your child is in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 and would like to join Spellbrook's Gardening Club, we meet on Wednesdays and need more hands to keep our gardens looking sensational.
- £31.50 for five sessions Sept 23 - Oct 21
- 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 Collecting seeds
 - o Harvesting vegetables

If you would like your child to attend, please return the slip below to the school office before Wednesday September 23 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)

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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



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
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@rainbowrelaxation

SPELLBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

KAS SPORTS CLUBS THIS AUTUMN TERM

Move more. Play together. Have fun with KAS.



AFTER SCHOOL

KAS Dodgeball Club

Tuesday | 3.20pm-4.20pm

All ages

£5 per session



AFTER SCHOOL

KAS Football Club

Thursday | 3.20pm-4.20pm

All ages

£5 per session



READY TO JOIN?

BOOK ONLINE

Scan the QR code to find the school club
booking form.

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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: Tuesday 13th and 20th October, 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th November 2026
Time: 9.30am to 11.30am

Date: Wednesday 14th and 21st October, 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th November 2026
Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm

This will be delivered online via MS TEAMS

SCAN ME



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DSPL3

PARENT COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 24th September 2026 | 10-11:30am
Hertford St Andrews School, SG14 2EP

You are invited to a relaxed and supportive coffee morning designed to offer valuable information and networking opportunities.

- Connect with other parents and carers
- Share experiences and gain insights into various topics that matter to you
- Practical advice and emotional support
- Professionals in attendance

Please bring any questions or topics you would like to discuss - we look forward to seeing you there!



For more information about DSPL3, please scan the QR code

SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2026



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Invite and Inspire

SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER
9.15-12.00

Join us on Saturday 3 October for creative workshops in: chalk drawing, bridge building and printmaking.

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

Book now:
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Saturday 10th October
7pm for 7.30pm start



Sawbridgeworth Memorial Hall



£10 per person
(tables of 6-8)

BYO snacks –
Licensed bar available

Raffle, games and spot prizes
on the night!



Tickets available from
Parish Office and Eventbrite
(Tuesday to Friday mornings - 01279 726629)

**Bishop's Stortford College Primary German and Spanish Classes
September 2026-27**

Dear parents/guardians,

We are excited to inform you that from this autumn, Bishop's Stortford College is offering again German and Spanish classes as part of its primary outreach provision for children in Years 5 and 6.

The Language will be taught through a variety of activities such as song, crafts, games, and drama as well as listening, reading, and writing activities. The classes are intended to give pupils their first experience in learning and communicating in a foreign language whilst also becoming familiar with the target language culture. The course is not designed to prepare pupils for the Key Stage 3 curriculum or national examinations. However, participation in these classes should be enjoyable and playful, whilst at the same time reducing inhibitions towards other cultures and languages.

To book a place, please complete the [online registration form](#). Places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Should the class be oversubscribed then pupils will be placed on a waiting list and allocated places when they become available, and priority will be given to students in the older year group. When booking a place, please bear in mind that this class is intended as an introduction to the German language, so if your child is already learning it or has a competence in it, then this class will not be suitable for them.

Classes will run in term time, beginning the week commencing **Thursday 1 October 2026, and running until Tuesday 20 May 2027.**

Language	Weekday	Times
German	Thursday	15.45 - 15.30
Spanish	Thursday	15.45 - 15.30

If you have any queries, please contact the College at: partnerships@bishopsstortfordcollege.org

Bishop's Stortford College primary German & Spanish classes 2026/27 - Registration form

School House, Maze Green Road
Bishop's Stortford
Hertfordshire CM23 2PQ

T: 01279 838575
E: general.enquiry@bishopsstortfordcollege.org
www.bishopsstortfordcollege.org

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Family Sculpture Trail

SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER

Join us on Saturday 10 October for a special Family Sculpture Trail around the College grounds, showcasing artwork created by local young people as part of the Arts in East Herts Invite & Inspire programme.

A limited number of free places are available for pupils in Years 3 to 11 and their families. Follow the trail, discover inspiring sculptures, and enjoy a creative day out together.

Visitors can also enjoy refreshments, collect a goodie bag, and take part in a celebration of creativity, community and the arts.

Places are limited, so early booking is advised.

Book now:

[Family Sculpture Trail Tickets, Memorial Hall, Bishop's Stortford | TryBooking United Kingdom](#)

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The timetables below are for this October – we refresh activities every holiday so there's always something new to experience!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LEGO MACHINES	LITTLE BITS	MICRO BOTS	CRAZY CIRCUITS	VIRTUAL REALITY
3D CREATIONS	CIRCUITS	SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS	BIG BOTS	MINECRAFT REDSTONE
AUGMENTED REALITY	MOVIE MAKING	VIDEO GAME CREATION	COOL CODING	KNEX

Please note that activities are subject to change due to availability or unforeseen circumstances.

WHAT TO BRING: Lunch & Snacks, Water Bottle, Medication if Required, Weather Appropriate Clothing.

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