



NEWSLETTER – 25th September 2026

VALUE: Generosity

Focus: Giving Sacrificially

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

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Ruby Class



This week in Science, Ruby Class continued their learning through *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*. The children explored how the goats could cross the river after their bridge broke and suggested building a boat or raft.

Using their knowledge from last week’s floating and sinking investigations, they

worked in groups to design and build rafts before testing them in water. The rafts successfully floated and carried a small lamb, but many sank when a larger Billy Goat was added. This led to great discussions about how they could improve their designs.



Sapphire Class



In D&T, Sapphire Class investigated materials that could be used to build a toy car.

They carried out squash and squeeze tests on wood, card and paper, while also considering sustainability. After their investigations, the children decided

that card would be the most suitable material for their toy cars.



Emerald Class

In Computing, Emerald Class have been learning how to send and reply to emails. They emailed Mrs Tracey about their favourite animals, and her Purple Mash inbox is now full of wonderful responses!

In History, the children explored life in a Saxon village and researched different jobs from the time. They were particularly interested in finding out about the roles of jewellers and blacksmiths.

Diamond Class

This week, the prefects led a whole-school assembly about the **Sawbridgeworth Travel Challenge**, helping children to think about healthier and more environmentally friendly ways to travel to school. They were even joined by **Sunny the Sawbosaurus**, who came along to encourage everyone to get involved!



In Art, Diamond Class have been developing their observational drawing skills by sketching flowers.

The children carefully studied the shapes, textures and details of different flowers, using a range of sketching techniques to add shading and depth to their work.



They showed great concentration and creativity, producing some beautiful botanical drawings.

Charity Success and School Achievements



We would also like to celebrate one of our pupils who showed fantastic initiative and kindness recently.

Wanting to raise money for charity, they baked and sold cupcakes last weekend in aid of **Great Ormond Street Hospital**.

Their hard work and generosity raised valuable funds for a wonderful cause, and we are incredibly proud of their efforts. Well done!

We have some wonderful news to share! Last Saturday, ten Spellbrook children took part in their karate grading, and all achieved either a Merit or Distinction.

They demonstrated fantastic skill and determination by counting to ten in Japanese, performing a kata independently, and completing a series of punches and kicks following instructions in Japanese. We are incredibly proud of them all.



The Week Ahead

We are looking forward to celebrating Harvest on **Thursday 1st October** with **Reverend Sara** joining us in school. We would be very grateful for any food bank donations, which will be delivered to the church after our celebration. Children are invited to wear non-uniform in autumn colours and can also enjoy a delicious special school lunch. Please see the attached menu for details.

Farewell and Thank You

Many of you will know **Sharon Freeborn**, who has been a valued member of our team. We are sad to share that Sharon has accepted a new position and will be leaving us. We would like to thank her for her dedication, commitment and the positive impact she has had on Spellbrook. She has supported staff, children and families with great care and professionalism, and we wish her every success and happiness in her new role.

Vacancy

We are currently recruiting for a **Financial Administrator** to work in our school office for **15 hours per week (5 mornings)**. Details of the vacancy can be found on **Teach in Herts**. Previous finance and office experience is essential. If you would like any further information, please do get in touch. [Teacher Recruitment, Hertfordshire UK - Spellbrook C of E Primary School: Finance Administrator \(part-time\)](#)

We hope you a wonderful weekend.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Sapphire
Grace



STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ❖ Marnie for brilliant enthusiasm.
- ❖ Ralph for fantastic effort in handwriting.

Sapphire

- ❖ Ellie for being a super independent writer.
- ❖ Ralph for beautiful presentation and fantastic ideas when writing.

Emerald

- ❖ Arthur for superb skeleton vocabulary in science.
- ❖ Rosa for being a kind, helpful classmate.

Diamond

- ❖ Viaan for trying hard in lessons, especially Independent Write.
- ❖ Lilly for helping others and taking part in lessons well.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Whole School
Attendance – 93.59%

Class Weekly Attendance

Diamond – 93.65%

Emerald – 93.49%

Sapphire – 91.11%

Ruby – 97.78%

Whole School Target Set – 96%

NOTICES

✚ **Harvest Celebration & Non-Uniform Day** is on **Thursday 1st October**. This year we will be celebrating our Harvest Festival in school. If you would like to donate any items, we would be very grateful. Children are welcome to come to school in **non-uniform** embracing an autumn theme by **wearing autumn colours such as orange, brown, yellow and red**. The children will also be having a special themed **Burger Day lunch**.

✚ **PTA Meeting on Monday 28th September at 2 pm**. The PTA will be holding an informal meeting in school. New parents are warmly welcome to attend, meet other parents, and find out more about how the PTA supports our school community. We look forward to seeing you there.

MENU w/c 28th September 2026

Day	Menu – Week 2
Monday	❖ Chicken Curry (Red) ❖ Plant-Based Sausages & Gravy (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Baguette (v) (Blue)
Tuesday	❖ 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	❖ Roast Beef (Red) ❖ Quorn Fillet (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato with Beans & Cheese (v) (Yellow) ❖ Chicken Mayo Baguette (Blue)
Thursday	BURGER DAY FUN MENU ❖ Beef Burger in a Bun (Red) ❖ Quorn Hot Dog (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve) (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Baguette (Blue)
Friday	❖ 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
28/09/26	PTA Meeting at 2 pm
01/10/26	Harvest Celebration Day
01/10/26	Non-Uniform Day
08/10/26	Reception RWI Parent Meeting – 2.30 pm
20/10/26	School Photos (Individual)
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
31/05/27 – 04/06/27	Half Term
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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CONFIDENCE

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DISCIPLINE

FITNESS

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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:
 - Working to improve the school gardens
 - Collecting seeds
 - 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
the address below!



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KAS SPORTS CLUBS THIS AUTUMN TERM

Move more. Play together. Have fun with KAS.

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PLAY
BELONG!



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.

kitteridgeallsportsltd.com



SCAN TO BOOK

SPORT • FRIENDSHIP • CONFIDENCE • FUN

QUIZ NIGHT

In aid of
Great St Mary's Church



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)

Gourmet Burger & Hot Dog Fun Day Menu

Thursday 1st October 2026

Menu

Beef Burger in a Bun (Red)

Or

Quorn Hot Dog (V) (Green)

Or

Jacket Potato (V) (Yellow)

Cheese Roll (V) (Blue)

Sides

Potato Wedges

Pasta

Sweetcorn

Baked Beans

Dessert

Cookies, Jelly or Fruit



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Sign up to our FREE masterclass

How to support children with a limited diet?

Date: Monday 28 Sept '26 Time: 5:30 - 6:30pm

This one hour session will be led by our nutritionists who can help you understand more about limited diets and offer their expert support. By signing up, you can:

- Share challenges and tips with like-minded parents/carers
- Join an informal, inclusive and non-judgemental atmosphere
- Get lots of practical tips you can use for your family

This is available to all parents, whatever your child's age.

Click me
to sign up

Secure your FREE spot today

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01707 248648



Dads Together

Sign up to our 6-week online group

Are you a dad and feel like you are constantly nagging at your child to get what you need?

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

Wednesday 4th November
to 9th December 2026

7.00pm to 9.00pm

Online via MS Teams

To book your place, call Lesley on 0204 522 8701, email services@coramfamilylives.org.uk or scan our QR code to use our online referral form



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