



NEWSLETTER – 9th October 2026

VALUE: Generosity

Focus: Giving Sacrificially

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

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

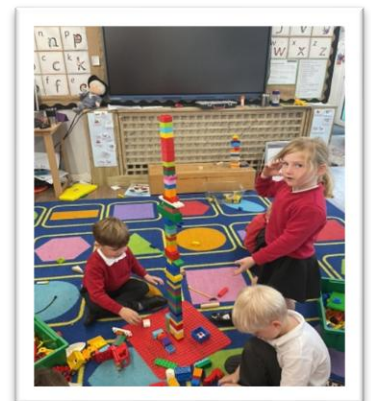
This week has been filled with exciting learning opportunities across the school, with children demonstrating creativity, curiosity and perseverance in all that they do.

Ruby Class



Ruby Class explored different building materials and discussed their suitability for construction. The children listened to *The Three Little Pigs* and talked about why bricks are such a strong and suitable building material.

They then took part in a tower-building challenge, using a range of materials to create either the tallest tower possible or a house inspired by the story. We also watched a short clip about a tower-building competition and discussed how taking time and building carefully can help create a stronger structure.



The children showed fantastic creativity, problem-solving skills and perseverance throughout the challenge. They compared the heights of their towers and experimented with different materials to improve their designs. Adam and Marlon particularly enjoyed recreating parts of *The Three Little Pigs*, using story language within their creations.

Sapphire Class



Sapphire Class have been learning all about writing instructions. To begin, they had the challenge of giving Mrs McDonald instructions for making a jam sandwich. They were absolutely shocked when Mrs McDonald put her hands directly into the jam and butter after being told simply to "put jam and butter on the bread"!

The children quickly realised that instructions need to be very specific. They refined their ideas by including important details such as using a knife and ensuring it was used carefully. The activity prompted lots of laughter while helping the children understand the importance of clear and precise instructions.

Emerald Class

This week, Emerald Class have been learning about Anglo-Saxon gods. The children discovered that four Anglo-Saxon gods gave their names to Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. They also learnt that some of our modern traditions surrounding Christmas and Easter originate from Anglo-Saxon festivals.

The class then selected one god to study in greater detail, learning about their special animals, symbols and why people prayed to them.

In art, the children have started creating their own Anglo-Saxon stone carvings. Using clay, they carefully moulded their designs before adding intricate Anglo-Saxon patterns and details.



Diamond Class

Diamond Class have been learning about Nelson Mandela, civil rights and equality. The children explored the importance of freedom, fairness and treating everyone with respect. They also listened to and discussed freedom songs, learning how music has been used throughout history to bring people together and inspire positive change.

Through their work, the children reflected on the importance of equal rights for everyone and the role individuals can play in creating a fairer world.

Harvest Festival Report from Our Year 6 Reporters

Last week, we celebrated our Harvest Festival at Spellbrook Primary School. During the morning, the children took part in a variety of harvest-themed activities.

Year 6 enjoyed spending time with their buddies, taking part in activities including:

- Painting pinecones
- Making food baskets
- Creating necklaces using pasta and colourful string

Children in Years 3, 4 and 5 also enjoyed a range of activities, including leaf painting, fruit colouring, tree painting and yoga sessions. We were delighted to see everyone taking part and having fun throughout the day. The non-uniform day added to the celebrations and helped make the event even more special.

A huge thank you to all the staff who organised such a wonderful day for our children.

Read Write Inc. Information Afternoon

Thank you to all the families who attended our Read Write Inc. Information Afternoon this week. It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers joining us to learn more about how we teach phonics and early reading across the school. We hope you found the session informative and helpful, and we greatly appreciate your continued support in developing your child's reading skills at home.

PTA Update

Thank you to everyone who attended the PTA meeting today. We are especially grateful to the PTA for their enthusiasm, commitment and the wonderful ideas they have already brought forward this year. We look forward to sharing more details about upcoming events and fundraising opportunities very soon.

A Gentle Reminder

Please remember to stay with your children until staff open the school gates each morning. Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep all children safe.

We wish everyone a wonderful weekend and look forward to another fantastic week ahead.



Well Bean Gardening & Spellbrook PTA Present:

Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

Spellbrook PTA with Wendy Gordon

DATE & TIME: Monday 30th November 6:30pm – 8:30pm

LOCATION: Spellbrook School Hall

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Create a beautiful natural door wreath.
- All materials, foliage, and tuition provided.
- Take home your finished 30cm (12") wreath.
- ★★ Christmassy Drinks & Nibbles Included!

COST
£35
per person

BOOKING:
Cash in an envelope at the school office
OR via SumUp at:
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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Emerald
Luca

Diamond
Issy



STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ❖ Capri for trying hard in group work
- ❖ Bailey for always giving it his best.
- Sapphire
- ❖ Isabella for super joining in our English and RW Inc.
- ❖ Axl for super joining in and listening on the carpet.

Emerald

- ❖ Lily for growing confidence in class.
- ❖ Samuel for enthusiasm to learning in history.

Diamond

- ❖ Jessica for fantastic use of vocabulary.
- ❖ Harvey for hard work on improving his writing.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Whole School
Attendance – 94.88%

Class Weekly Attendance

Diamond – 91.27%

Emerald – 93.87%

Sapphire – 98.67%

Ruby – 97.16%

Whole School Target Set – 96%



NOTICES

✚ **Year 6 Height & Weight Measurements** – As part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP), the school nurse will be in school on **Monday 12th October** to weigh and measure the **Year 6** children. If you do **not** want your child to participate, please opt out using the link: [School Screening Form](#)

✚ **School Photos – Individual/Siblings** - the school photographer will be in school on **Tuesday 20th October**. Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing full school uniform on the day. Children in **Diamond Class** who usually have PE on Tuesday's should bring their PE kits to school.

✚ **SEND Parent Meetings** take place on **Monday 19th October**.

✚ **Sapphire Trip to Stansted Aerozone** is on **Wednesday 21st October**.

✚ **Year 6 Online Health Questionnaire** – the school nurse will be in school on **Wednesday 21st October** to carry out a health and well-being survey. If you do **not** want your child to participate, please opt out using the link: [School Screening Form](#)

MENU w/c 12th October 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
12/10/26	Y6 Height/Weight (School Nurse)
19/10/26	Sapphire & Diamond SEND Parent Meetings
20/10/26	Emerald SEND Parent Meetings – 3.30 - 5.30 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
31/10/26	Deadline to apply for secondary school
02/11/26	Nasal Flu Vaccinations (rescheduled)
13/11/26	Children in Need Day
20/11/26	Nasal Flu Vaccinations – 2 nd Visit
27/11/26	Occasional Day – School Closed
30/11/26	Christmas Decoration Day
30/11/26	PTA Christmas Wreath Making Workshop – 6.30 – 8.30 pm
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>



LEARN KARATE

WITH

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



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

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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.

kitteridgeallsportsltd.com



SCAN TO BOOK

SPORT • FRIENDSHIP • CONFIDENCE • FUN



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PROFESSOR FAB'S POTIONS CLASS

£38
per child

Sibling discount available

Half term camp

Wednesday 28th October
at Thorn Grove Primary School

Professor Fab and her gaggle of wizarding scientists will help you make colour-changing potions, fizzy explosions, pourable clouds...and even invent your own potion!

Camps run 10am to 3pm and are open to all children aged 5-11 years.

For more information visit the Fab Science website.

BOOK NOW AT: FABSCIENCE.CLASSFORKIDS.IO

fabscience.co.uk
campcoordinator@fabscience.co.uk
01279 295669

Harlow Foodbank would like to thank

Spellbrook School

For your gift of **80** Kg of food
to help your neighbours in Harlow.

This is enough to make **190** meals
for families who need our help!*

Harlow Foodbank redistributes gifts of food and other essential items donated by neighbours across Harlow, passing them on to others in our community who have a short term crisis.

You have been part of that neighbourly support. We are Harlow UNITED!

www.mrcr.org.uk/foodbank
Find us on...

Harlow Foodbank is a project of the Michael Roberts Charitable Trust - Charity Number 10605006
Unit 8, Housham Hall Farm, Harlow Road, Matching Tie, Harlow CM17 0PB 01279 724335
* The Feeding Britain APPG Report 2016 estimated that on average 2.38 meals come from a kg of food.
Harlow Foodbank is an associate of the Trussell Trust

TALKING ADDITIONAL NEEDS

Promoting Strong Family Relationships

Tuesdays 8.00-9.30pm ONLINE Course ID: 864
15-Sep, 22-Sep, 29-Sep, 06-Oct, 13-Oct, 20-Oct 2026

Tuesdays 9.45-11.15am ONLINE Course ID: 859
03-Nov, 10-Nov, 17-Nov, 24-Nov, 01-Dec, 08-Dec 2026

Wednesday 7.00-9.00pm F2F Course ID: 858
04-Nov, 11-Nov, 18-Nov, 25-Nov, 02-Dec, 09-Dec 2026

Venue: Longdean School, Hemel Hempstead

A 6-week group for parents and carers of children 2-19yrs with any additional need. Your child does not need a diagnosis.

- Understand your child's behaviour
- Develop strategies that really work
- Reduce conflict and increase co-operation
- Improve emotional regulation
- Explore sensory needs
- Increase child's resilience
- Manage the different needs within your family

Groups are open to parents, carers, grandparents and guardians living, or with a child in school, in Hertfordshire.

'I have been on a few courses to help me with my child but this was by far the most helpful'

Booking essential
Please quote the course ID
To check eligibility and book a place, contact Supporting Links on:

07512 709 556
bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk
www.supportinglinks.co.uk

Information you share with us is used to process your booking. This will be held securely and only shared in accordance with our GDPR Policy.

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

For more information or to make a referral, scan the QR code, email services@coramfamilylives.org.uk or call **0204 522 8700** or **0204 522 8701**

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