SPELLBROOK CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

FLOURISHING IN LOVE AND LEARNING

NEWSLETTER – 6th November 2026

VALUE: Compassion
Focus: Noticing a need
'Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience'. Colossians 3:12

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Ruby Class Science Learning



This week in Ruby Class, the children have been investigating **light sources** as part of their science learning. We explored the question, **"What is a light source?"** and discussed the difference between things that make their own light and things that do not. The children shared their ideas about light and dark and talked about when we need light to help us see.



In our EYFS learning, the children enjoyed looking at a variety of objects and deciding whether they were light sources. We linked our learning to **fireworks**, observing the bright lights against the dark night sky. The children described what they could see, talked about how fireworks create light, and considered other examples of light sources such as the sun, torches, lamps, and candles.

We also created our own **colourful firework pictures**, using bright colours to represent the lights and patterns we could see in the sky. Through discussion, observation, and creative activities, the children developed their understanding of how light helps us see the world around us and why some things shine brightly in the dark.

Sapphire Class Learning

This week in Sapphire Class, we have started learning about the **Nativity story**. We found out how the angel visited Mary to tell her that she would have a special baby called Jesus. We learned about Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem, how there was no room at the inn, and how baby Jesus was born in a stable. We also explored how the shepherds and wise men followed the news of Jesus' birth and came to visit him.

We have also begun learning and singing the songs for our **Nativity performance**. To help us learn the new words and understand their meaning, we have been using **Makaton signs** alongside the songs. The children have shown great enthusiasm and are becoming more confident every day. We are all very excited to continue practising and can't wait to perform our Nativity for our families.

Emerald Class Learning



This week in Emerald Class, we have started learning about **Forces** in Science. We explored the difference between a **push** and a **pull** and investigated how salt dough changes when different forces are applied to it. The children observed that when the dough is pushed, it becomes squashed, and when it is pulled, it stretches. This helped us to understand how forces can change the shape of an object.



In **Design and Technology**, we began looking at **mechanical cards**. We created our own waving cards and explored how they work. The children identified the **input** (the action that makes the card move) and the **output** (the movement produced) and discovered how these parts work together to create motion. It was great fun testing our designs and seeing our characters wave.

Diamond Class Learning

This week in Diamond Class, we started our new **Geography** topic on **mountains**. We began by discussing what mountains are and identifying some mountains that are close to us. The children shared their experiences of visiting or climbing mountains and talked about how they might feel when standing at the top, such as excited, proud, or amazed by the view.

We learned that mountains are areas of land that rise high above the surrounding landscape and are often steeper than hills. Mountains can be found all around the world and provide habitats for many different plants and animals. We then used atlases to locate and explore mountains across **Europe**, including the **Alps**, which stretch across several countries and contain some of Europe's highest peaks. The children enjoyed using maps to discover where mountain ranges are located and learning more about these impressive natural features.

Looking Ahead

Next week, we are excited to be celebrating **Children in Need** with our special fundraising run. Children are welcome to come to school dressed in their **active wear or sports clothes** so that they can take part comfortably.

We are incredibly proud of all the money that has been raised so far and would like to thank everyone for their generosity and support. We are looking forward to seeing the children take part in the event and, for those who complete the run, receive their medals. We know they will enjoy the challenge and will feel very proud of their achievement. Thank you once again for your continued support in helping us make a difference for such a worthwhile cause.

Important Dates

The following week, we will be marking **World Diabetes Day** on **Monday 16th November**. This is an opportunity for the children to learn more about diabetes, raise awareness, and develop their understanding of how we can support those living with the condition.

To celebrate **Anti-Bullying Week**, we will also be taking part in **Odd Socks Day** on **Friday 20th November**. Children are encouraged to come to school wearing their brightest and most colourful odd socks. Odd Socks Day is a fun way to celebrate what makes us all unique and to promote kindness, respect, and inclusion for everyone.

We look forward to these important events and thank you for your continued support.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Ruby
Winter

Sapphire
Noah

Emerald
Niveth

Diamond
Amelie
Reggie

STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- Ada for great joining in with rhymes and moves.
- Adam for fantastic effort in writing.

Sapphire

- Bella for a fantastic first week.
- Petru for super effort in his writing.

Emerald

- Peter for fantastic word choices in English.
- Emilia for creating a wonderful moving card in DT.

Diamond

- Lucas for always showing our values.
- Lyra for improved focus and neat work.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Whole School Attendance – 93.07%

Class Weekly Attendance

Diamond – 93.08%

Emerald – 86.21%

Sapphire – 97.44%

Ruby – 98.57%

Whole School Target Set – 96%



NOTICES

- **Children in Need – Run Pudsey Challenge** is on **Friday 13th November.** This year we are raising money for the BBC Children in Need and we have decided to take part in this year's RunPudsey Challenge!

  The children will be completing the challenge on the day, and we'd love your child to get involved! To register, please see the link: runPudsey - Register School Children are welcome to come to school dressed in their **active wear or sports clothes** so that they can take part comfortably.

MENU w/c 9th November 2026

Day	Menu – Week 2
Monday	❖ Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatballs (Red) ❖ Sunshine Eggs with Baked Beans (v) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans (v) (Yellow) Cheese Baguette (v) (Blue)
Tuesday	❖ Chicken Curry (Red) ❖ Cheese Pinwheel (v) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato with Grated Cheese (v) (Yellow) ❖ Ham Baguette (Blue)
Wednesday	❖ Roast Beef (Red) ❖ Quorn Pieces with Yorkshire Pudding (v) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve) (Yellow) ❖ Ham Baguette (Blue)
Thursday	❖ Quorn Burger (v) (Red) ❖ Veggie Bolognese (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve) (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Baguette (v) (Blue)
Friday	❖ Battered Fish (Red) ❖ Margherita Pizza (v) Green ❖ Jacket Potato with Grated Cheese (v) (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Baguette (v) (Blue)



SCHOOL DINNERS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
13/11/26	Children in Need Day – Run Pudsey Challenge
16/11/26	World Diabetes Day
20/11/26	Nasal Flu Vaccinations – 2nd Visit
20/11/26	Odd Socks Day
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
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
17/12/26	PTA Christmas Carols & Hot Chocolate
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



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SPELLBROOK C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

MONDAY 3:20pm - 4:20pm



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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

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*: .....

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*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

Rainbow Relaxation

After school Wellbeing Club

A child focused blend of Forest School, crafts, mindfulness, yoga and fun!



Suitable for years 1-6

Wednesdays afterschool 3.20-4.30



Email-
Hannah.rainbowrelaxation@gmail.com

Or text-
07513392998

@rainbowrelaxation

Rainbow Relaxation

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

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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:
spellbrookpta.sumupstore.com



RunPudsey Challenge on Friday 13th November

To register your child, simply:

1. Visit our school fundraising page: https://www.runpudsey.co.uk/school/spellbrook-cofe-primary-school

2. Select "Register as a Parent"

3. Enter Spellbrook Primary School

4. Enter our unique school code: 5E16

5. Complete the registration form with your details and create a password

Once registered, your child will have their own fundraising page, which you can share with friends and family to help support this fantastic cause. We can print out sponsorship forms instead, please let your class teacher know if you would prefer to collect sponsorships this way instead.



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2026

HELPING LOCAL FAMILIES

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EMAIL:DIANA.KITSON@ICLOUD.COM
PHONE: 01279 723212
ADDRESS: 11 THE FOREBURY, SAWBRIDGEWORTH, CM21 9BD

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Phone / text / WhatsApp
07813 678 660

Email:
adele.buckland@bagsoftaste.org

Once we've confirmed your registration we'll contact you to arrange your delivery

*For qualifying participants only



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- Learn how to respond in ways that help

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Thursday 19 November, 7pm - 9pm

For more information and to book your space, **scan the QR code** or email Lesley on **lesley.emery@coramfamilylives.org.uk**

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