SPELLBROOK CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

FLOURISHING IN LOVE AND LEARNING

NEWSLETTER – 20th 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

In Science this week, Ruby Class held their annual bonfire lesson. We learned that fire is a source of light and discussed ways to stay safe around fires and sparklers. The children had the opportunity to hold a sparkler, using a pear as a handle, and enjoyed making shapes and spelling out the letters in their names.



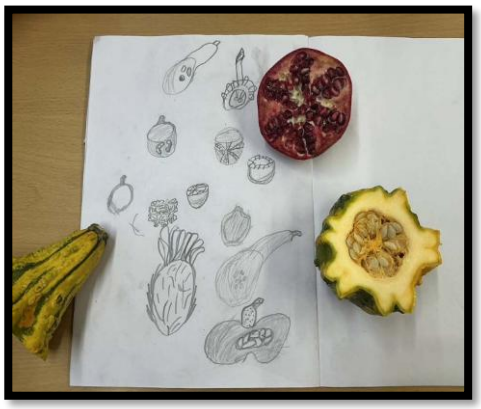




We also explored our senses by talking about what we could see, hear and smell. To finish our learning, we enjoyed tasting toasted marshmallows while singing the rhyme *Ten Fat Sausages Sizzling in the Pan*.

Sapphire Class

This week, Sapphire Class have been creating observational drawings of fruit as part of our project on **Frida Kahlo**. The children were fascinated by what some of the fruit looked like on the inside and produced some fantastic artwork.



In Science, we conducted an experiment to investigate how important our sight is when aiming accurately. The children tested how many beanbags or balls they could throw into a bucket with different levels of vision. We discussed how we were often more successful when using both eyes and explored why sight is such an important sense.



Emerald Class

In Science, Emerald Class have been learning about **friction**. We investigated how a marble rolled across different surfaces and discovered which surfaces created the most and least friction.

The children found that our classroom tables had less friction because they are smooth, while grass and carpet created more friction because they are uneven.

In Design and Technology, we have been creating moving mechanisms. This week, the children designed and made levers to create a snapping animal mouth. Everyone worked brilliantly and was able to add impressive detail to their finished designs.

Diamond Class



Diamond Class have been learning all about **space** in Science. The children worked collaboratively to research and share fascinating facts with the class. They have also enjoyed learning a song about the eight planets.

In Writing, we have been focusing on biographies of **Rosa Parks**. The class have engaged extremely well with this challenging and important topic, demonstrating thoughtful discussions and producing some excellent written work.

Congratulations also to **Walter**, who received a **Man of the Match** award this week for his excellent goalkeeping skills.

Remembrance Service



On 11th November, the whole school gathered outside for a special Remembrance Service led by Reverend Sara. Together, we reflected on the sacrifices made by servicemen and women who have served our country, including those who have lost their lives. We observed a respectful two-minute silence, sang together and shared prayers. Following the service, each class continued their reflections by placing their poppies in the meadow area, creating a meaningful tribute to those who have served and sacrificed. The children demonstrated great maturity and respect throughout the occasion, making it a very special and moving experience for our school community.

Children in Need

A huge thank you to the wonderful generosity of our Spellbrook community for helping us raise an amazing **£4,430.20 for Children in Need**!

The children danced, ran and completed their fundraising activities last Friday with enthusiasm and determination. We were incredibly proud of every child who took part and are so grateful to everyone who donated. A special thank you must also go to all of the staff who worked hard to make this wonderful event possible. It truly was a very special day.







Thank you also for supporting **World Diabetes Day**. By wearing blue and taking part in discussions, the children helped to raise awareness and understanding of diabetes. We are very grateful for your generous donations and support.

Today, we celebrated **Odd Socks Day** as part of Anti-Bullying Week. The children proudly wore their odd socks to show that we are all different, unique and special. There have been so many lovely things to celebrate over the past few weeks and none of it would have been possible without the continued support of our families and wider community.

Reminder: School will be closed on **Friday 27th November**.

Message from Shiksha Rath Charity:



Sanjana started her journey with Shiksha Rath in 2014. She was just 5 years old - bubbly and full of life, yet quite stubborn. However, this nature of hers, combined with a strong determination to succeed, helped her to manoeuvre all the setbacks she faced in life.



Most of her obstacles and struggles came from her family itself. She has an older brother and a younger sister. Her father works as a labourer and her mother as a housemaid. Her dream was to go to a regular day college. But when she passed her 12th grade this year, her family had a different plan. In a society where boys are privileged, her brother decided what she should do, and her parents supported him. They wanted her to work and earn money.

Another of Sanjana's dreams was to become a teacher. Since she is not allowed to attend a regular college, she persuaded her parents to allow her to get admission to a distance-learning college programme.

She turned 18 years of age this November. She is taking a PTT course (Primary Teacher Training) in the morning and doing an internship with Shiksha Rath in the afternoon, where she gets to teach children coming from backgrounds like hers. She is also doing her History Honours from the School of Open Learning (Distance Learning College) at Delhi University.

It is such a joy to see this little girl grow into a lovely and determined woman. Even if she couldn't fulfil her dream of attending a regular college, she is gearing up to achieve her dream of becoming a teacher. You are the reason she is able to keep her hope for a brighter future. Thank you very much for all your help and support.

BIRTHDAYS OVER THE LAST TWO WEEKS



Ruby	Sapphire	Emerald	Diamond
River	Wilfred	Mabel	Vogue
	Jacob		Arthur

STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- Marlon for great story telling.
- Rocco for super effort in Maths and completing challenges.

Sapphire

- Sidney for trying hard with his handwriting.
- Louie for being a supportive friend.

Emerald

- Mabel for excellent effort in Maths.
- Niveth for fantastic sentences in English.

Diamond

- The whole of Diamond Class for excellent English work.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Whole School Attendance – 91.1%

Class Weekly Attendance

Diamond – 93.87%

Emerald – 90.8%

Sapphire – 86.06%

Ruby – 93.84%

Whole School Target Set – 96%



NOTICES

- **Tree Planting –** on **Friday 20th and Thursday 26th November,** the school council and eco team will be planting trees in the meadow **after school.** Please do join if you can and bring tools and gloves if you have them. Refreshments will be provided.
- **Change to Menu** on **Thursday 26th November.** Due to popular demand and school being closed for an occasional day on Friday 27th November, we will be serving Friday's menu instead. Please see below for more details.
- **Occasional Day –** School is closed on **Friday 27th November.** School resumes as usual on **Monday 30th December.**

MENU w/c 23rd November 2026

Day	Menu – Week 1
Monday	❖ Pork Sausages & Gravy (Red) ❖ Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve) (Yellow) Cheese Baguette (v) (Blue)
Tuesday	❖ Mexican Bean Burrito (v) (Red) ❖ Mac 'n' Cheese (v) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato with Grated Cheese (v) (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Baguette (v) (Blue)
Wednesday	❖ Roast Chicken (Red) ❖ Roast Quorn Fillet (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans (v) (Yellow) ❖ Ham Baguette (Blue)
Thursday	❖ Fish Fillet Fingers (Red) ❖ Margherita Pizza (v) Green ❖ Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve) (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Baguette (v) (Blue)
Friday	❖ OCCASIONAL DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED



SCHOOL DINNERS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
26/11/26	Tree Planting (After School)
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 - 2.15 pm
09/12/26	Nativity – 2.15 pm
14/12/26	Pantomime – 1.30 – 3.30 pm
15/12/26	Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day
16/12/26	Christmas Church Service – 2.15 pm
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 – School Closed to Pupils
05/01/27	School Resumes
06/01/27	Bag 2 School
20/01/27	Parent Police Workshop – Cyber Security – 3.20 – 4.00 pm
21/01/27	World Religions Day
25/01/27	Emerald Class Trip (TBC)
01/02/27	Young Voices
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

MODESHIFT STARS EDUCATION
GOOD TRAVEL PLAN 2025/2026

SCHOOL GAMES SILVER 2025/26

sustrans BIG WALK AND WHEEL
24 March–4 April 2026

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



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

RESGISTER NOW 07713 866964 shaunacarrolluka@hotmail.com

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*: .....

.....

*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

SPELLBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

KAS SPORTS CLUBS THIS AUTUMN TERM

KAS
KITTERIDGE ALL SPORTS LTD

Move more. Play together. Have fun with KAS.

MOVE 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

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

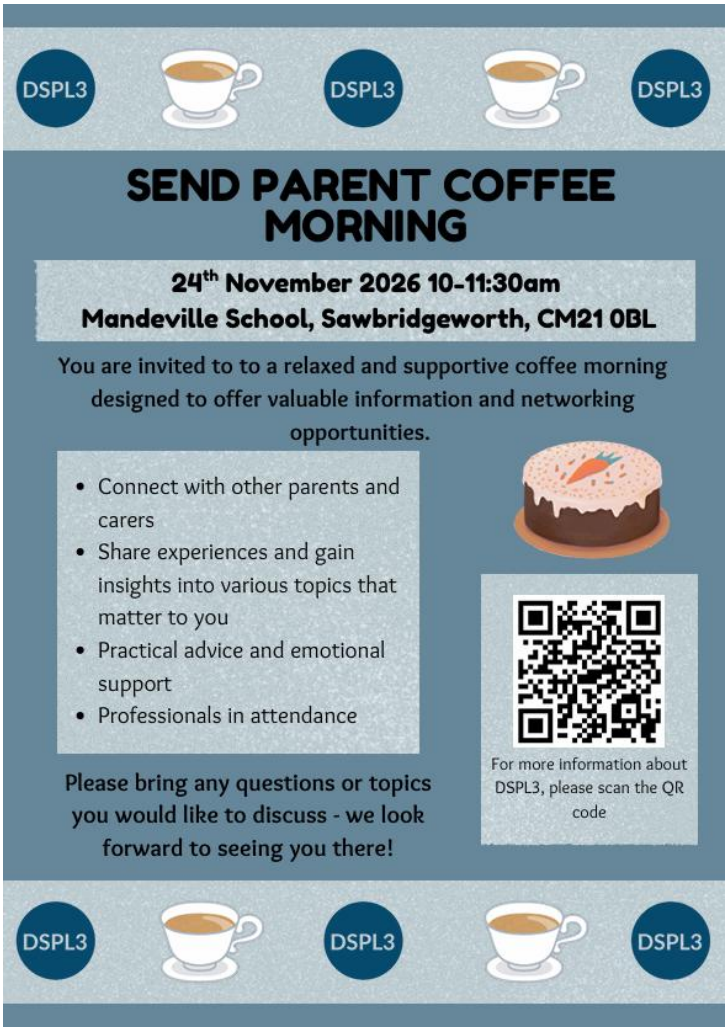
WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- 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







On **Wednesday 6th January 2027,** the PTA have arranged for the collection of any unwanted clothing you may wish to dispose of.

Parents and carers are invited to bring in donations of unwanted clothing, bags, paired shoes, hats etc.

If you are able to contribute, please place any unwanted items in bags.

Donations should be dropped off by **9.00 am** on **Wednesday 6th January under the bike shelter at the front of the school.**

Please see the link Acceptable items | The Little Recyclers for a full list of items that can be donated.

Join us for

TREE PLANTING ACTION

Friday 20th Nov
Thursday 26th Nov
Afterschool in the Meadow

Support our school Council and Eco Team vision for a greener more wildlife friendly space



Refreshment provided
Please help by bring tools and gloves if you have them.



SAWBRIDGEWORTH TRUST'S

CHRISTMAS GRANT

2026

HELPING LOCAL FAMILIES

WHO MAY BE FINDING THINGS DIFFICULT WITH THE EXTRA COSTS AT CHRISTMAS TIME
TO FIND OUT IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR A GRANT, CONTACT:

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

SAWBRIDGEWORTH UNITED CHARITIES
SERVING SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HIGH WYCH, SPELLBROOK, ALLEN'S GREEN, GILSTON & EASTWICK

REGISTERED CHARITY 237946

ESSEX FIRE MUSEUM

OPEN DAY

Sunday 22nd of November 2026 - 10:30AM To 4:00PM



BOOK NOW!

Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk
Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays
RM17 5QS

ESSEX FIRE MUSEUM CHRISTMAS

OPEN DAY

Sunday 13th of December 2026 - 10:30AM To 4:00PM



BOOK NOW!

Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk
Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays
RM17 5QS

Parents and Carers talk about eating disorders

Please join us at a talk by 'First Steps ED' a leading eating disorder charity: When Eating Becomes Difficult.

What to look out for in a young person who may be struggling, and how you can access support for yourselves and your young people.

Where: Online over Zoom.

When: Tuesday 1st December, 7pm to 9pm.

For more information or to book your place:
Call: 01992 58 69 69
Email: contact@carersinherts.org.uk
Go online: www.carersinherts.org.uk/events

Carers in Hertfordshire
charity registration number 1085491
making carers count

About Carers in Hertfordshire

We are a charity that provides information, advice and support to unpaid carers - people looking after a partner, relative or friend, who is ill, elderly, has a physical or learning disability, or misuses substances.

We support carers of all ages - young people and adults - living, working or caring in Hertfordshire. Our services are free to carers and bereaved carers, who can access support for three years after the death of the person they looked after.

We provide services to carers to help them with their caring role or have a break from caring, to improve their health and wellbeing, and to have a voice in shaping health and community services.

We are partly funded by Hertfordshire County Council and the NHS in Hertfordshire. In partnership with them and other local organisations we work to ensure unpaid carers are identified, informed, supported and heard.

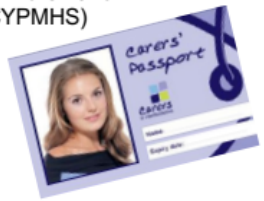
Carers in Hertfordshire

The Red House, 119 Fore Street, Hertford, Herts, SG14 1AX.
Tel: 01992 58 69 69 Email: contact@carersinherts.org.uk
www.carersinherts.org.uk

Our support for parents and carers.

We have a team of Carer Engagement Workers who can provide advice and information and also support you to speak up.
We also:

- Give you a chance to meet and talk to other parents, carers and staff who understand.
- Give you the opportunity to represent your views to the authorities that commission and manage Children and
- Young People's Mental Health Services (CYPMHS) in Hertfordshire.
- Provide free training and learning opportunities.
- Offer a Carers' Passport Discount Card that gives savings in shops, restaurants and other venues (contact us to apply for one today!)



Winter Timetable

Upcoming Healthy Families Programme Dates - Hertfordshire (Starting w/c 25th January 2027)

Tuesdays
Face to Face

- Starting 26th January
- 10am - 12pm
- Broadwater Family Centre, Stevenage, Longmeadow Primary School, Oaks Cross, SG2 8LT

Wednesdays
Online (Mornings)

- Starting 27th January
- 10am - 11.15am
- Online

Wednesdays
Online (Evenings)

- Starting 27th January
- 6.00- 7.15pm
- Online

Thursdays
Online (Mornings)

- Starting 28th January
- 10am - 11.15am
- Online

All programmes run for 8 weeks with a break.

henry
Healthy Start, Brighter Future

Beezee in Hertfordshire

Find out more:

- 01707 248648
- hertfordshire@henry.org.uk
- www.henry.org.uk/hertfordshire