SPELLBROOK CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

FLOURISHING IN LOVE AND LEARNING

NEWSLETTER – 26th November 2026

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

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It has been another busy and exciting week at Spellbrook Primary School, with children across the school demonstrating enthusiasm, creativity and determination in their learning. From scientific investigations and artistic achievements to teamwork challenges and environmental projects, there has been plenty to celebrate.

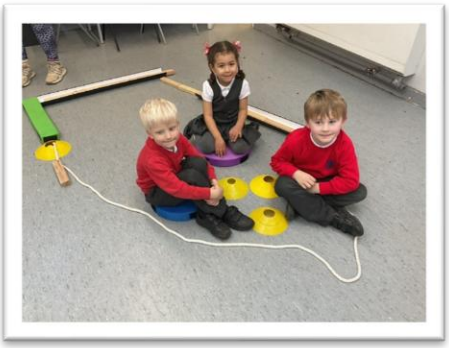
Ruby Class

Ruby Class completed their final *Lost and Found* challenge as part of their Commando Joe lessons. The children were divided into teams and provided with a variety of materials.



Their challenge was to design and build a boat shape large enough for all members of their team to sit inside. This linked beautifully to the end of the story, where the boy uses a boat to return to his penguin friend.





Throughout the activity, the children demonstrated excellent teamwork and collaboration skills. They worked together to share ideas, assign roles and solve problems when things did not go according to plan. Pupils listened carefully to one another, encouraged their teammates and showed resilience when faced with challenges. It was wonderful to see the children communicating so effectively and supporting each other as they worked towards a common goal. These important teamwork skills will continue to help them both in school and beyond.

Sapphire Class

Sapphire Class have continued making excellent progress with their art project. This week, the focus was on adding colour to their observational drawings and paintings. The children carefully studied a selection of fruit, looking closely at the details, colours and textures they could see.

Particular attention was paid to how light falls on the fruit and how this creates different shades, highlights and shadows.

The children worked hard to mix colours and blend tones to achieve realistic effects in their artwork. They showed great concentration and patience as they refined their techniques and added detail to their pieces.

We have been incredibly impressed by their artistic skills and the care they have taken to produce such high-quality work.



Emerald Class

Emerald Class have enjoyed a busy week of learning across several subjects.

In Science, the children planned and carried out an investigation to explore friction.

They made predictions about which surface would allow a toy car to travel the furthest before conducting a fair test using a ramp and car.



After carefully measuring and comparing their results, they discovered that the car travelled furthest on the rubber surface because it was smoother and created less friction than the other materials tested.

The children demonstrated excellent scientific thinking by making predictions, observing closely and drawing conclusions from their findings.

In English, Emerald Class have been learning fascinating facts about pangolins. They have researched this unique animal and used their growing knowledge to begin writing their own non-chronological reports.

The children have been working hard to organise information into sections and use factual language to inform their readers.

Meanwhile, in Art, the children created beautiful lanterns which will be displayed in St Mary's Church. The lanterns showcase their creativity and attention to detail, and we are very proud of the finished pieces.

We look forward to seeing them displayed as part of the wider community celebration.

Diamond Class



Diamond Class have been developing their geographical knowledge by learning all about mountains. They have explored how mountains are formed over time and investigated the ways they are represented on maps.

Using atlases, the children searched for mountain ranges and identified key geographical features across the United Kingdom.



To deepen their understanding, the children labelled maps with the countries of the UK and discussed the location of important mountain ranges.

They then completed a practical activity by creating their own potato mountains and drawing contour lines to represent changes in height.

This hands-on learning experience helped them understand how contour lines are used on maps and brought an important geographical concept to life.

It was wonderful to see the children applying their knowledge in such a creative and engaging way.

Eco Team Success

A huge well done to our fantastic Eco Team, who have worked incredibly hard this week to help keep our school environment clean and welcoming.

The children have been out litter picking around the school grounds and have shown great dedication to looking after our local environment.







Their efforts demonstrate a real commitment to caring for the world around them and setting a positive example for others.

We are extremely proud of the responsibility they have shown and the difference they are making within our school community.

Thank you, Eco Team, for all your hard work and enthusiasm.

Tree Planting Project

We would also like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported our recent tree-planting project. It has been wonderful to see staff, pupils and members of our wider school community coming together to help improve our outdoor environment.

The newly planted trees will not only enhance the appearance of our school grounds but will also provide important environmental benefits for years to come.

They will help encourage wildlife, improve biodiversity and create shaded areas for future generations of children to enjoy.

We are grateful to everyone who has contributed their time, effort and support to make this project such a success.

As always, thank you for your continued support. We hope you all have a wonderful weekend and look forward to welcoming the children back for another exciting week of learning at Spellbrook Primary School.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



No Birthday's this Week

STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- Marnie for being kind and helpful to others.
- Joseph for fantastic effort in writing.

Sapphire

- Grace for working hard on her writing.
- Lily for amazing effort in her reading.

Emerald

- Luca for being a multiplication superstar in Maths.
- Eloise for fantastic reasoning and understanding in Maths.

Diamond

- Abel for showing good learning behaviours.
- Ronnie for listening and joining in.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Whole School Attendance – 91.41%

Class Weekly Attendance

Diamond – 97.7%

Emerald – 88.24%

Sapphire – 91.82%

Ruby – 86.96%

Whole School Target Set – 96%



NOTICES

- **Occasional Day –** School is closed on **Friday 27th November.** School resumes as usual on **Monday 30th December.**
- **Christmas Decoration Day** is on **Monday 30th November.** Parents are welcome to attend as follows:

  Diamond & Emerald – 9.00 – 10.45 am
  Ruby & Sapphire – 1.30 – 2.45 pm

- **PTA Christmas Wreath Workshop** takes place on **Monday 30th November** from **6.30 – 8.30 pm** in the school hall. During the workshop, you will be making a door wreath, all materials will be provided, and you get to take home your finished wreath. Christmassy nibbles and drinks are included. The cost of the workshop is £35, and payment can be made online via the link: Wreath making | Spellbrook P T A or you can bring in cash on the day.
- **The PTA Christmas Gift Shop** will be back on **Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th December.** More details to follow.

MENU w/c 30th 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
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
07/12/26 – 08/12/26	PTA Christmas Gift Shop
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

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



SELF DEFENCE CONFIDENCE FLEXIBILITY

DISCIPLINE FITNESS

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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

SPELLBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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.

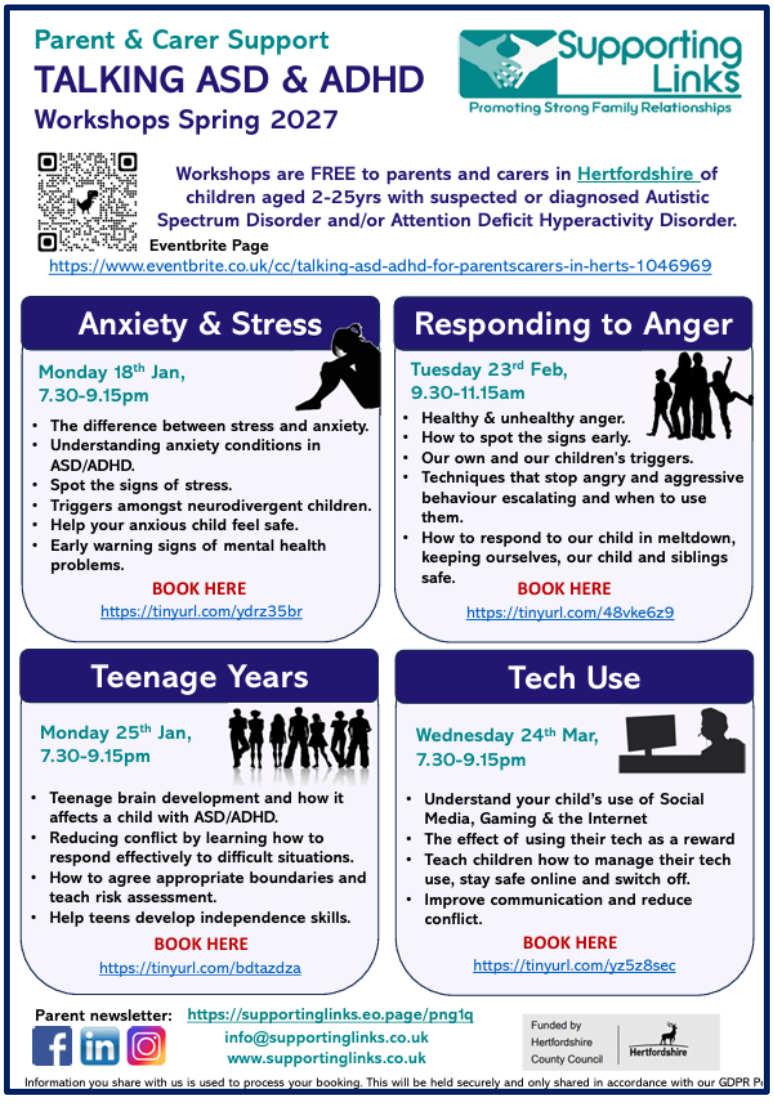
If you are able to contribute, please place any unwanted items in bags.

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.



Bitesize Parenting *FREE* for parents in Herts by Supporting Links | Eventbrite



Talking ASD & ADHD: *FREE* for parents in Herts by Supporting Links | Eventbrite

THANK YOU FOR BEING A FUNDRAISING SUPERSTAR!

Total raised for Diabetes UK:

£240

Find out more about Diabetes UK at diabetes.org.uk

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Winter-Fest

Seasonal Family Fun

Festive Farm

- See the Pigs, Goats, Geese, Alpacas, Cattle, Ducks, Chickens, Sheep, Rabbits & more
- Feed the Animals
- Hunt for Elves, Bears & win sweets
- Visit our Rabbit Walkway & Guineapig Village
- Elf Tractor & Trailer Rides
- Includes Festive Activity Book
- Dogs welcome

See Santa & the Elves

- Visit Santa's Elves & make a wish
- Collect reindeer food & carrot to take home
- Meet Father Christmas & Santa Paws
- Visit the Elf Toy Shop & pick a quality gift
- Includes sticker & Santa 's Official Nice List Certificate

See Santa every weekend from 28th November



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Church Farm Café serving hot drinks & food
The Jolly Waggoner Pub - real ales & real fires
The Festive Farm Shop
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Visit Santa Paws

28th November to 23nd December

Book Online www.churchfarmardeley.co.uk

[Aldenham Country Park - Farm Hertfordshire]

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

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