

"I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE." JOHN 14: 6

# Weekly Newsletter



## Around the school!

We were sorry not to be able to welcome Reverend Tayo on Monday as he was unwell. We hope that he is feeling better. This week has continued to be busy. I met with our Safeguarding Governor, Mrs Smith, to audit provision and processes here. I was also delighted to meet with Headteachers from around the Rib Valley schools to discuss current issues in education as well as how to continue to strengthen our partnerships through shared training opportunities. The EYFS team welcomed a consultant, and other EYFS professionals as part of an information and training session and the whole staff attended safeguarding training together. We have taken the decision, in line with the new requirements of the EYFS, to bring our whole staff safeguarding sessions forward to every two years, rather than every three years. This not only makes us compliant with the EYFS changes but ensures all staff remain up to date with new practices and the most up-to-date advice. We wish you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs. Woods

## CONSULTATIONS

Please check your child's book bag for Parents and Carers' Consultation letters. These will take place on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March.

Please ensure your appointment request is returned by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February so that Teachers can organise times and dates and notify you before half-term.



## Events coming up!

We are delighted to be celebrating the following national events over the next couple of weeks:

**National Storytelling Week** - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February to Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February. While we celebrate this in school, we would love to see pictures from home celebrating stories and favourite texts. Please email them in to [admin@rogerdeclare.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@rogerdeclare.herts.sch.uk)

**Children's Mental Health Week** - Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February to Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February. As part of this, we will be organising a 'Come as Yourself Day' on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February. We are encouraging everyone to wear an outfit which makes them feel most comfortable, confident, and like they truly belong — whether that's cosy clothes, cultural dress, favourite colours, or something totally unique. Celebrate what makes you, you!

**Online Safety Day** - Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February

We are also delighted to be participating in The National Gallery's Take One Picture Project again and look forward to sharing out art work with you at parents evening.



## Next week at a glance MONDAY 2ND FEBRUARY- FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

**MONDAY: NATIONAL STORYTELLING WEEK - DON'T FORGET TO SEND US YOUR PICTURES OF STORIES BEING READ AT HOME!**

WORSHIP FOCUS: LEARNING

MINI-MAKERS LUNCHTIME CLUB - REC

BROWNIES LUNCHTIME CLUB - REGISTERED BROWNIES ONLY

HOCKEY LUNCHTIME CLUB - ALL

HOMEWORK CLUB 3.30-4.30PM

NINJA WARRIOR CLUB\* 3.30-4.30PM

**TUESDAY: TIGER CHEER LUNCHTIME CLUBS**

MULTI-SPORTS LUNCH CLUB - ALL

VOLLEYBALL CLUB\* 3.30-4.30PM

**WEDNESDAY: MINI-MAKERS LUNCHTIME CLUB - Y1-4**

TAG RUGBY LUNCH CLUB - ALL

GYMNASTICS CLUB\* 3.30-4.30PM

**THURSDAY: ATHLETICS LUNCH CLUB - ALL**

LEGO CONSTRUCTION CLUB\* - 3.30-4.30PM

**FRIDAY: FUNKY FRIDAY - LUNCHTIME DISCO - ALL**

**\*THESE CLUBS ARE FOR CHILDREN IN YEARS 1-4.**





## Extra-Curricular Clubs

Superstar Sports now run all extra-curricular sport activities, as well as Construction Club. Club details and booking links for next term can be found here or see QR code at the end of the update.

Monday Ninja Warrior Club: <https://pbbl.uk/4496HXv>

Tuesday Volleyball Club: <https://pbbl.uk/4a07ZI2>

Wednesday Gymnastics Club: <https://pbbl.uk/3KfyPLD>

Thursday Lego Club: <https://pbbl.uk/4axU8sG>

Homework Club runs every Monday. Please email the office to let us know if your child wishes to attend.

Mini-Makers information has been emailed home.

Please find links to clubs run by Tiger Cheer

Reception, Yr1 and yr2:

Roger De Clare Lunch club Registration Form reception, Yr1 and 2

Yr3 and 4:

Roger De Clare Lunch club Registration Form Yr3 and 4

## Dates for the Spring term:

Monday 2nd - Sunday 8th February: National Storytelling Week

Monday 9th - Sunday 15th February: Children's Mental Health Week

Friday 13th: Come as Yourself Day! Wear whatever clothes express you!

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February: School Disco

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February Half-term

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February: School re-opens to all pupils

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March: Parents Consultations (letters sent out 30.1.26)

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March: Special Ladies Day

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March: Mothering Sunday

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March: Year 2 Trip

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March: PTFFA Egg Hunt

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March: Easter Service at St. Mary's for children from Reception to Year 4

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March: School closes for Easter break at 1.15pm

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April: All children and staff return for the Summer Term



# Youth Mental Health First Aid Training

**FREE**



**1 day Champion course** designed specifically for school professionals working with 8 to 18 year olds.

## You will learn:

- An understanding of common mental health issues and how they can affect young people
- The ability to spot the signs of mental ill health in young people, and guide them to a place of support
- Knowledge and confidence to advocate for mental health awareness
- Skills to support positive wellbeing

<b>Friday 21 Nov 2025</b> 9.30am to 4pm	Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 8ER	School Professionals	Parking available on site
<b>Friday 5 Dec 2025</b> 9.30am to 4pm	Hertfordshire County Council, Robertson House, Stevenage, SG1 2FQ	School Professionals	Parking available on site
<b>Friday 23 Jan 2026</b> 9.30am to 4pm	Peartree Spring Primary School, Stevenage, SG2 9GG	Parents/Carers	Parking available on roads near venue
<b>Friday 6 Feb 2026</b> 9.30am to 4pm	Springmead Primary School, Welwyn Garden City, AL7 2HB	School Professionals	Parking available on roads near the venue
<b>Friday 27 Feb 2026</b> 9.30am to 4pm	The Hub, Fleetville Junior School, St Albans, AL1 4LW	School Professionals	Parking available on site
<b>Friday 6 Mar 2026</b> 9.30am to 4pm	Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 8ER	School Professionals	Parking available on site

**2 day First Aider course** suitable for everyone who teaches, works, lives with or cares for 8 to 18 year olds.

## You will learn:

- An in depth understanding of young people's mental health and factors that affect wellbeing
- Practical skills to spot the triggers and signs of mental health issues
- Confidence to reassure and support a young person in distress
- Enhanced interpersonal skills, such as non judgemental listening
- Knowledge to help a young person recover their health by guiding them to further support
- How to engage with parents, carers and external agencies
- How to support a young person with a long term mental health illness to thrive
- Tools to look after your own wellbeing

<b>Thursday 6 &amp; Friday 7 Nov 2025</b> 9.30am to 4pm	Peartree Spring Primary School, Stevenage, SG2 9GG	School Professionals	Parking available on roads near venue
<b>Thursday 15 &amp; Friday 16 Jan 2026</b> 9.30am to 4pm	Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 8ER	School Professionals	Parking available on site

To book your place please email [schoolsmh@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:schoolsmh@hertfordshire.gov.uk)  
**Places are limited to two representatives per education setting**



# SPINS Pre-School

**Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre, Station Road, Puckeridge, Herts, SG11 1**

**Tel: 07881 533339, Email: [Spins.nursery@outlook.com](mailto:Spins.nursery@outlook.com)**

**Open Monday - Friday 9.15 am - 12.15pm, 2.15 pm lunch club (Term Time)**

SPINS is a safe and caring environment where your child can learn, grow and develop. Staff are qualified and have an enhanced DBS check, and attend regular courses which give them the skills they need to encourage children's development.

Starting pre-school is one of the most important things for both the child and parent/carer. This is why our aim at SPINS is to make sure that your child/children feel safe, happy and secure in their surroundings.

We understand that at times starting a new routine and making new attachments and friendships can be daunting both for a new parent and indeed a child. Therefore, we offer a settling in period to accommodate individual needs.

We are OFSTED Registered and graded good (November 2023). SPINS is held at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Taking Children from 18 months - 5 yrs



## Activities:

Are taken from children's fascinations, highlighting what resource and skill is to be focussed on. This means learning is tailored, activities change daily which promotes and stimulates learning ensuring progression is maximised.

With a fully qualified team, and understanding our unique cohort, all activities are bespoke.

## Special Needs:

SPINS work with professionals outside the group including therapists, Health Visitors and Social Workers to meet all children's needs.

## Funding:

We provide supported & working families Government funding for 2, 3 & 4 year olds if eligible. We offer 30 hours funding.

