

This Week's News

Friday 28th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

It was lovely to welcome you back to school after the half term break, which I hope was an enjoyable one for you all. It has been lovely to see so many 'Extreme Reading' photos coming into school. We are displaying them in the hall so please remember to send one in if you have not already done so.

Our school theme for this half term is 'Resilience' it has been noted in all classes that there are children showing great resilience to achieve their goals and targets. The next few weeks in school are going to be busy with World Book Week, Pancake day and our FOFS Pancake Flip and also Science Week. Please keep an eye on emails for information that is sent home. I have sent an email home regarding parking and driving issues that were raised in the Parent Council Meeting today. Please remember to be a considerate driver, especially at drop off and pick up when there are many children walking and scooting to school.

In class this week, Reception have dived straight into their new Literacy unit, exploring our focus book *The Rhyming Rabbit*. They have enjoyed creating rhyming lists and incorporating them into their speech. Despite the changing weather, all the children in Nursery and Reception have embraced outdoor learning with enthusiasm—even in the rain! Please ensure they have a warm, waterproof coat so they can continue to enjoy outdoor activities comfortably.

In Maple Class, we started the half term with our new science topic about growing plants with a lesson all about seeds - planting pots of radishes up for our new greenhouse. In English, we have been busy as bees, searching for similes all around us, to use in poetry. And in PSHE we have been learning about some healthy choices we can make, so we can be the best version of ourselves.

Chestnut Class have started the week well and are enjoying their unit of work entitled 'Continents of the World' in Geography. They have also started their Science Unit on Circuits and Connectors which will be really exciting, especially in the practical lessons. In guided reading they have been looking at Non fiction books about different countries including the UK, Africa and India. Chestnut Parent Consultations are next week, please sign up on Arbor if you have not already done so. We look forward to seeing you then to meet with Miss Russell.

Bonsai have also had a busy first week back. They started the week beginning to decorate their vases from Spring 1 now they are dry. The children who had been absent last half term sculpted their vases ready to decorate next lesson. In Maths they are exploring improper and mixed number fractions while in English they are planning and beginning to write their narrative scenes with dialogue. They have started their foundation subjects and are eagerly awaiting their Design Technology lessons as they will be making their own birdhouses.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Jacqui Walton-Jones

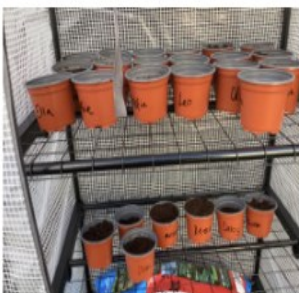
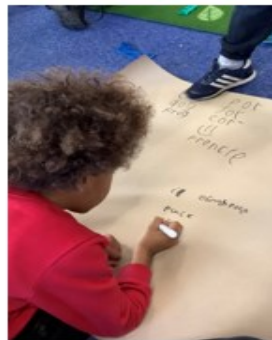
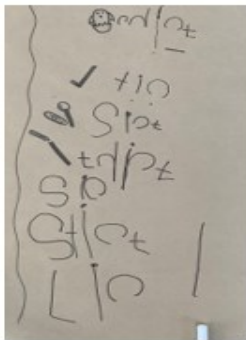
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Reminders for March

- 3rd—5th —Book Fair in school**
- 3rd —World Book Week starts**
- 3rd —Author into school**
- 3rd —Secondary Allocation Day**
- 4th —FOFS Pancake Flip**
- 4th —Bring a book to share in school**
- 4th and 6th -Chestnut Parent meetings**
- 5th —Welly Swap in hall at 3.15pm**
- 7th —World Book Day**
- 7th —West End Live in to school**
- 7th Book Dress Up Day**
- 10th —Science Week starts**
- 10th—Graffiti workshop at Church for Bonsai**
- 11th —Space Dome in school**
- 13th —Y5/6 residential meeting 3pm**
- 14th —Herts catering in—Healthy Workshops**
- 17th—last Day to accept secondary places**
- 20th— Quick sticks Hockey—KS2**

Photos of the week

Look at our photos. We are displaying our 'Extreme Reading' photos, we have been writing and using our numbers in EYFS. Maple Class have started to grow vegetables and Bonsai Class have made some amazing pots!



FINANCE

We now have a specific email to deal with financial matters.

Please direct any queries regarding payment requests etc to:

finance@flamsteadjmi.herts.sch.uk

RISE AND SHINE CLUB—IMPORTANT MESSAGE

We are aware that some children are attending Rise and Shine Club without having booked a place in advance. Please ensure you register your child for the Spring Term to enable access to the booking and payment system.

Places for the Rise and Shine Club

must be pre-booked via Arbor to ensure there is the appropriate level of staff cover – pupils will therefore now not be admitted if they arrive at school on a ‘drop-in’ basis.

Bookings can be made in ‘block’ or, should you need last minute provision, book **by 4pm** the day before the place is required. If you have a problem when trying to secure a place on Arbor, please email the school office.

Payment must be made at the same time the booking is placed and is non-refundable.



PARKING AND DRIVING AROUND SCHOOL



It has been raised by several parents that some drivers are not being as considerate as they could be at drop off and pick up times. Please remember:

- Use the turning circle one way. Enter the ‘D’ from the Methodist Church end and exit at the other end
 - Do not leave engines running
 - Please do not park or leave cars in the middle of the road or at exit points
- Please drive slowly and do not mount the pavements at speed, particularly on the straight part of road between school and St Leonard’s Church.
- You can also park at the Recreation ground and take a short walk to school

PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE SO ALL OUR CHILDREN ARE KEPT SAFE

Bright Stars

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Nursery	Delilah	For her enthusiasm in Maths learning this week. Delilah has been making sums, writing numbers, creating patterns and she impressed her teachers by counting all the way to 100.
Reception	Aubrey	For his perseverance in his letter formation and handwriting. Aubrey has shown a wonderful attitude to learning.
Year 1	Cordelia	For being a great role model in Maple Class. She shares her ideas well in class discussions and shows respect to others with good listening to their ideas too.
Year 2	Ferne	For great concentration in our maths lessons and using subtraction strategies with growing confidence.
Year 3	Conor	For lovely writing in English this week.
Year 4	Theo	For being an excellent role model.
Year 5	Hugo	For his focus and effort while sculpting his vase.
Year 6	Maisie	For her increased dedication and resilience in lessons especially our fractions lesson.

Attendance this week

Year Group	w/b 24th February
Nursery	92%
Reception	89%
Year 1	95%
Year 2	97%
Year 3	93%
Year 4	99%
Year 5	98%
Year 6	95%

TTRS and Numbots

Year Group	Who impressed us ?	Percentage of Children online
Nursery	Millie	27%
Reception	Clyde	14%
Year 1	Austin	44%
Year 2	Alfie	45%
Year 3	Joey	87%
Year 4	Darcy	100%
Year 5	Lottie	27%
Year 6	Harry	33%
Well done to Year 4—100% again this week!		

Close Encounters of a Musical Kind!

David Beaman Quartet

Musicians from the BBC Concert Orchestra and City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra



Sunday 9 March 2025
2:30pm AND 4pm
St Leonard's Church
Flamstead

SCAN ME!



Tickets: £5 per Child / Parents FREE
Donations welcome
Suitable for Children age 4+

Email tickets@musicatstleonards.co.uk
Or call Anne Françoise - 07577 530825

Close Encounters of a Musical Kind!

Looking for something interesting to occupy your children or grandchildren on a Sunday afternoon ?

Would you like to introduce your children to classical music in a fun and interactive way?

Musicians from the BBC Concert Orchestra and City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra join us to present an amazing concert introducing primary school aged children to the String section!

A chance to get up close, meet the players and their instruments and embark on an exciting musical journey!

To include children's film music (including Harry Potter and Jurassic Park) TV themes (including Wallace and Gromit) and plenty of other musical surprises.

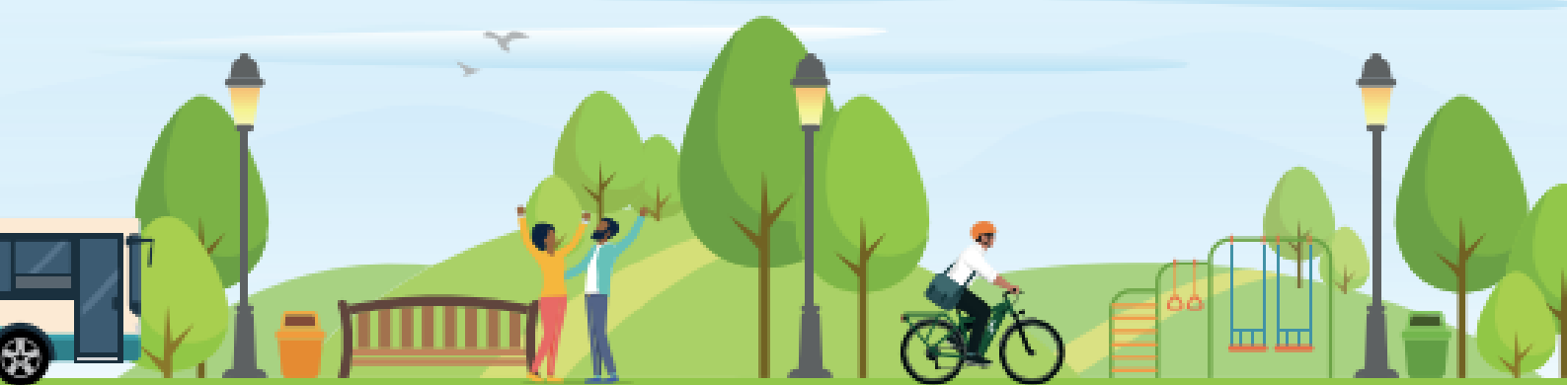
The bar will be open after each concert to allow you to enjoy some refreshments afterwards. We will have a different seating plan for this concert allowing our children to be on cushions around the musicians.

Tickets £5 per child and parents go free!

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/flamstead/flamstead-st-leonards/close-encounters-of-a-musical-kind/e-eymkbv>



Have your say to make cycling and walking in Dacorum better for all...



A consultation on the Local
Cycling and Walking Infrastructure
Plan is now open until 11.59pm on
Sunday 23 March 2025.

To take part in the consultation online, and
for more information, please go to:
www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/DacorumLCWIP

