



# This Week's News!

Friday 12th July 2024

Dear Parents / Carers and Flamstead Families,

The end of term is rapidly approaching and we have had a very busy week in school. Our week started in a fantastic way with our 'Flamstead's Got Talent Show'. We were amazed at the breadth of talent on display and it was a super show. We had comedy, bands, cello and piano playing. We were also treated to a gymnastics display, dance acts, art and poetry reading. It was quite a morning! All the children who participated were awarded certificates and a medal in our credit assembly today and we are extremely proud of them all. Well done to Leo, Ava, Dillon, Eddie, Isabella, Lottie, Benji, Rupert, Louis, Lewis, Tristan, Joey, Fletcher, William and Henry.

On Tuesday we had a lovely visit from our new children for a 'Stay and Play' session. These children will be starting in the EYFS in September. They also visited us again on Thursday for a Class Swap Day and the new Reception children had a lunch taster day with their parent. All the children across the school enjoyed Class Swap Day when they met their new Teachers and visited their new classrooms. Our Year Six pupils also visited their new Secondary Schools and had lots to talk about when they returned to school.

Our Open Afternoon was a great success and thank you to all the families who attended and made such positive comments about the event. It was lovely to see so many varied display items in the hall and the pride the children had in seeing their work displayed was lovely. We had a lovely range of artwork, 3D models, Lego and construction models, photography, computer design, arts and crafts as well as some delicious home baking and cake decorating. Well done to everyone who took part and I hope you all enjoyed visiting the classrooms to see your child's work and photos displayed showing all the learning and experiences they have had this year.

Our week has ended with a Cornet assembly in which Chestnut Class showed off the skills and techniques they have been learning this term. Well done to all involved. Gardening Club have had great success in the garden. I was presented with a bag of delicious potatoes this week that I will look forward to cooking and eating.

I have met with the Parent Council this week and it was a very positive meeting. If you have any ideas and suggestions you would like to raise please contact your class rep and they will be able to bring your ideas and queries to our next meeting in the Autumn term.

We are also collating your responses from the parental survey that was sent out this week. Thank you to everyone who has responded already. I will close the survey toward the end of next week so if you could take a minute to complete it over the weekend, if you have not already done so, that would be wonderful.

Your child will also be bringing their report home today. It has been lovely to reflect on the year and read about all the progress the children throughout the school have been making. I hope you also enjoy reading the your child's own comment slip. We would be very grateful if you could comment and sign the parent response sheet and return that to school next week.

In other areas of the school Cherry Class had a wonderful time on their school trip to Bekonscot on Monday. They explored the differences between life up to 100 years ago to nowadays. They had some very good questions to ask and especially enjoyed watching all the trains. They learnt that Bekonscot is 95 years old, which is the same age as Mickey Mouse!

Maple Class have been exploring the watery world of Jacques Cousteau and finding out what life was like for marine scientists on board the Conshelf II. They also had a lot of fun when September's Year One children came to visit us - we discovered all the things we had in common with each other and made some amazing outdoor art.

In Key Stage Two, Chestnut Class have been using language to write a personal narrative in English. They shared examples of their experiences so that they could develop emotive vocabulary. In Maths they have been looking at problem solving and in Geography they compared two European cities.

Bonsai have had a busy week back at school. Year 5 completed their maths and reading assessments while Year 6 wrote letters of advice to next year's Year 6s. All children enjoyed completing their 'My Year' forms remembering all the amazing activities and experiences we've had this year. Performance rehearsal and set design have been in over drive and all final preparations are coming together.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone and we look forward to seeing you on Sunday at the Summer Fair.

Mrs J Walton-Jones

Headteacher

**Italian word of the week**

**Comunità meaning community**

# Photos of the week

## Cherry Class— day out at Bekonscot



## Gardening Club



## Maple Class's amazing outdoor art



## Our talented children !



## Open Afternoon





## FOFS News

Final preparations are underway for the Summer Fair this Sunday 14th July from 12-5pm!

There's a £1 donation entry on the gate but once inside, all entertainment and activities for children are FREE.

This includes Live Music, Face Painting and inflatable games.

FOFS will be running a BBQ, Bar, Local Business Market and Tombola to raise money for the school, so do come along and support if you can.

### **ARE YOU AN ARCHITECT? DO YOU WORK IN CONSTRUCTION?**

We'd love to talk to you about an exciting project at the school. Email [friendsofflamsteadschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofflamsteadschool@gmail.com) or talk to Christy or Alister in the playground at pick-up or drop-off.

### **Hair Braiding for the Scarecrow Festival**

Janet from the Scarecrow Festival has been in touch to ask if any parents would be willing to help run a stall that week-end offering Hair Braiding to children.

The Scarecrow Festival runs from the 16th - 18th of August.

If you're able to help,  
email [friendsofflamsteadschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofflamsteadschool@gmail.com).

**Bright Stars!**  
**Friday 12th July 2024**

Nursery	<b>Edie</b>	For being a wonderful role model on transition morning to the new children. Edie helped children explore our classroom and was kind and polite to everyone.
Reception	<b>Daisy</b>	For her fabulous effort in writing this week. Daisy has been remembering strategies to support her independent writing and putting in extra time into sounding out the words she is writing
Year 1	<b>Jasper</b>	For being a wonderful role model and such a kind friend to our new visitors to Maple Class on Transition Day.
Year 2	<b>Mia</b>	For being brave when she felt nervous about spending a morning in Chestnut Class and for settling in there really well and having fun!
Year 3	<b>Lewis</b>	For sharing some fantastic ideas in English and being a kind friend.
Year 4	<b>Rupert</b>	For clear and concise explanations in maths and showing a maturity in his learning.
Year 5	<b>Tristan</b>	For always being a role model and valued member of the class.
Year 6	<b>Jeremiah</b>	For growing in confidence as he performs on stage.

### TTRS and Numbots

Year Group	Who impressed us most?	Percentage of Children online
Nursery		
Reception	Ella	33%
Year 1	Leo	27%
Year 2	Henry	27%
Year 3	Ava	30%
Year 4		27%
Year 5		13%
Year 6		44%

**The percentages are low this week—please encourage your child to continue their learning!**

### Attendance this week

Year Group	w/b 01/07/24
Nursery	100%
Reception	99%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	91%
Year 3	91%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	92%
Year 6	100%

**Well done Nursery, Year 1 and Year 6!!!**

**Please remember not to take holidays and breaks in term time please.**

## IMPORTANT – FINANCE REMINDER

Thank you to all parents who have topped up their lunch accounts and made donations towards trips and workshops your child has participated in this year. As you are aware, the school does not have the funds to cover these costs and we rely on accounts being settled.

There are some outstanding balances so please can we ask again that you make your payments as soon as possible.

Please log into Arbor and check your balances. If you have any problems or are unsure of what you have outstanding, please contact the school office.

Thank you.

## Upcoming dates for your diaries!

### Upcoming Dates

Date	Time	Event
14.07.24	12–5pm	Flamstead Summer Fair
17.07.24	3.30–4.30 pm	KS2 Production to parents/carers—afternoon
18.07.24	6.30–7.30 pm	KS2 Production to parents/carers—evening (children back 6pm)
22.07.24	9.00 am	Y6 Leavers Assembly
23.07.24	1.30 pm	End of the Summer Term. School finishes at 1.30pm

Please put these into your diaries! All these dates and term dates for 2024–2025 are also on the school website.



# SUMMER HOLIDAY COURSES

Multi Sport, Art & Craft, Drama & Performance Arts Courses  
5 - 11 Yrs

22nd July - 29th August 2024



Our Summer Holiday Courses take place in various schools around Hertfordshire and Brent and are all designed to ensure your child has an awesome time over the break from school.

Your child will meet new friends, play loads of games, have an action packed day and be in a safe environment,

All courses are led by experienced PE teachers and school practitioners with Enhanced DBS checks, paediatric first aid certificates. Everyone working on our summer courses are very experienced working with primary aged children in their respective fields.

Turn over for our full timetable or [CLICK HERE](#) to book



07719 315 932 info@challengesporteducation.co.uk [CLICK QR TO BOOK](#)

All courses are for 5-11 year olds only  
Days run from 9am - 3pm with extended pick up option until 4.15pm

**The Mount Stewart Schools, Harrow:**

24th July - 29th August  
Multi Sport & Football on all days. Performance Arts on select days  
Days from £20  
[Click to Book Sport](#)  
[Click to Book Performance Arts](#)

**Cranbourne Primary School, Hoddesdon:**

29th July - 23rd August  
Multi Sport on all days. Art and Drama on select days  
Days from £20  
[Click to Book Sport](#)  
[Click to Book Art](#)  
[Click to Book Drama](#)

**Bernards Heath Junior School, St Albans**

29th July - 9th August  
Monday 12th & Friday 16th August, Tuesday 27th - Thursday 29th August  
Multi Sport on all days. Art on select days  
Days from £20  
[Click to Book Sport](#)  
[Click to Book Art](#)

**Belswains Primary, Hemel Hempstead**

22nd July - 29th August  
Multi Sport on all days.  
Days from £19  
[Click to Book](#)

**Hertford Heath JMI, Hertford**

22nd July - 31st July, Tuesday 13th - Thursday 15th August, Tuesday 27th - Thursday 29th August  
Multi Sport on all days.  
Days from £20  
[Click to Book](#)

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## PATHWAY TO WORK Volunteer with us!

Looking to return to work?  
Interested in a career  
working with children  
and families?

### Gain new skills and build on your experience by volunteering for Home-Start Hertfordshire

Be a Volunteer Family Mentor and help build brighter futures for children - and we will support you on your Pathway to Work. It's a win win!

Your free training will include:

- Safeguarding & confidentiality
- Communication & values
- Meeting the needs of children

We can also offer you a reference\* and support with writing your CV. We are an inclusive charity and value a diverse volunteering workforce.

\* Subject to a minimum of six months volunteering

FREE  
TRAINING  
COURSE

"If anybody is looking to do some volunteering I would recommend Home-Start without hesitation. As a volunteer you support the family - but Home-Start supports you."  
HSH Volunteer Family Mentor

### Contact us today for more information:

For an informal chat about this opportunity please call us on 01438 367788 or email [admin@home-startherts.org.uk](mailto:admin@home-startherts.org.uk)  
[www.home-startherts.org.uk](http://www.home-startherts.org.uk)

**HOME  
START**  
Hertfordshire

### Message from Home-Start Hertfordshire

We are currently looking for **Family Mentor volunteers** who can support families. We offer volunteers a training course and ongoing support. Volunteering can be a great way for parents to return to employment and to increase their skills and knowledge.

Home-Start helps families with young children (at least one child aged under 5) to deal with whatever life throws at them. We support parents as they learn to cope, improve their confidence and build better lives for their children. We believe it is crucial to help families deal with problems before they become a crisis. The benefits of our support include improved health and well-being and better family relationships. We train volunteers to support families both in their own homes and at our referral only family groups. Once a volunteer mentor is matched with a family, they will visit the family in their home for a couple of hours each week. They provide practical and emotional support to help the family work through the challenges they are facing.

If you would like to know more about Home-Start and volunteering, please contact us on 07712 658043.


# Looking for fun, free ways

## to get moving more this summer?

We have got you covered! We run Beezee Families, a free healthy lifestyle programme designed to help families like yours make healthy habits and discover the joy of movement.

We have got a week's worth of Olympics-inspired activities for you to try.



**DAY 1** Try an online yoga workout and practise your balancing. 


**DAY 4** Warm up with five minutes of stretches. 

**DAY 7** Walk or run 100m - and time it! 

**DAY 2** Put on your favourite tune and dance! 

**DAY 5** Have a thumb wrestle! 

**DAY 8** Forget cross-country running and take a stroll through the countryside instead. 

**DAY 3** Go for a bike ride. 

**DAY 6** Play a round of crazy golf. 



Check out our website to find out how we can help you and your family get moving more\*.

Scan the code

...or click here to find out more



Sign up today!

\*Our courses are for families with children aged 5+ and above their ideal weight.

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**FLAMSTEAD**  
VILLAGE SCHOOL

# Summer **FAIR**

**Sunday July 14th**  
**12-5 pm**

Live music • BBQ  
Bar • Tombola  
Free activities for kids

£1 donation on the gate

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

# Piano Soirée

for a summer's evening

Daniel Browell  
Claire Hayward

Saturday 13 July 2024

7.30pm

St Leonard's Church

Flamstead



Email [tickets@musicatstleonards.co.uk](mailto:tickets@musicatstleonards.co.uk)  
Or call Anne Françoise - 07577 530825

Tickets £20/ £15/ £10  
Children and students £5