



# This Week's News!

Friday 10th May 2024



Dear Parents / Carers and Flamstead Families,

It has been a short week in school this week after the long weekend. It has been wonderful to see the sunshine.

As the weather warms up please remember to apply sunscreen to your child in the morning ready for the day. All children will need a named hat or cap in school too please. It is permissible for children to wear sunglasses to and from school and at break times if they feel the need to but please remember that your child is responsible for the care of their sunglasses to ensure they are not broken or lost in school.

On Wednesday we had our Mini Marathon. The TCS Mini London Marathon is an event which takes place every year as part of the London Marathon where more than 600,000 children across the country run their own 2.6-mile event during the school day.

The aim was to run 2.6 miles, which for us is the equivalent of running 26 times around the school playing field! All of the children tried incredibly hard and, of the 85 who were there to take part, 44 completed the whole 2.6 miles, which is an amazing achievement! In total, the children ran 170 miles, which is the equivalent of  $6\frac{1}{2}$  marathons! Please congratulate your children as they all displayed real determination when running. It was a really enjoyable morning and the effort of all the classes was lovely to see. We talked about self belief and reaching your own personal goals and every child was delighted to receive their certificate at the end of the day. We hope to take part in this event again next year and fund raise as part of it. If you would like to find out more about the mini marathon, you can follow this link:

<https://www.tcslondonmarathon.com/the-event/tcs-mini-london-marathon>

We had a successful fire drill on Thursday with the whole school being evacuated in 93 seconds. An extra well done to the children in Cherry Class who evacuated so sensibly despite being in the middle of a PE lesson without their shoes on.

This week in class children in the EYFS have been exploring and using the outdoor environment. They have experienced Maths, Phonics and Literacy outside, using the natural resources around them and enjoying the fresh air and sun. For Drawing Club this week the children chose to focus on the book 'When Cookie Crumbled' by Michelle Robinson and Tom Knight. They have been designing cookie factories on Mars and in the clouds as well as creating cookie recipes. They have also been creating drinks in the mud kitchen. I was presented with a wonderful cup of freshly squeezed orange juice by the children on Thursday!

In Maple Class this week they took their Maths learning outside to find natural objects so they could measure length and height. The children also learnt about VE day and made paper Spitfire planes and launched them in the playground. In KS2 the children in Chestnut Class have been busy writing descriptive sentences, painting in the style of Van Gogh, learning about Flamstead Village in 1086 and impressing Mr Eccles with their cornet practice. Bonsai started the week with a VE day reading comprehension to learn why we celebrate each year. The mini marathon was the highlight of the week and Year 6 have been busy revising for the upcoming SATs whilst Year 5 continued to learn about the significance of churches in RE.

Although it has been a short week, it has been full of wonderful learning. The weather is set to be lovely this weekend. Enjoy the sunshine everyone!

Mrs Jacqui Walton-Jones  
Headteacher



**Italian phrase of the week**



*'Rilassante' meaning 'relaxing'*

## FOFS NEWS

### Quiz Night Fundraising!

We've gathered the final figures for our recent Fish and Chips Quiz Night and are happy to announce that we were able to raise **£1605.83**, including £582 donated for specific items to be purchased for the school.

These items include a Giant Jenga game, a Digital Microscope, Dyslexia Book Pack and Giant Connect 4.

Thank you again to everyone who came along to the Quiz Night, donated a raffle prize or purchased an item for the school on our 'Be A Star' board.

The school and FOFS would like to say a big thank you to the following people who purchased items the school needs from the Star List at the Quiz Night. Unfortunately their names were inadvertently missed off the newsletter last week

FOFS and Flamstead Village School would like to thank:

**Tania Guinand, Blaine and Eve McCall, Chris Drake and Alison Ford for their generosity.**

### Save the Date!

FOFS will be running a Summer Fair on the afternoon of **Sunday the 14th of July.**

There will be live music, BBQ and plenty of activities for the kids. So get your picnic blanket ready and save the date for a lovely afternoon.



# Photos of the week

## Our Mini Marathon



## Learning across the school



## Milton Keynes Marathon Fundraiser

As you will know, Jess Devoti ran in the Milton Keynes Marathon and kindly raised funds to support one of our Flamstead Families. She did amazingly well and was grateful for all the support she received. The message of thanks from Jess is below.

*"I completed the full Mk Marathon in 5.04 minutes however my chip time was 5 hours 20 minutes. I raised an incredible £1145 which will be given to Martina and the kids. I would like to thank everyone who has supported myself and Martina it means so much to us. Thank you.."*



**Bright Stars!**  
**Friday 10th May 2024**

Nursery	<b>Jessica</b>	For her participation and improved listening skills this week. Jessica has tried hard to make good learning choices and make herself proud with her progress in learning!
Reception	<b>Daisy</b>	For challenging herself with her writing this week. Daisy has been persevering when using trigraphs and digraphs in both Phonics and Literacy this week. Well Done Daisy!
Year 1	<b>Cobi</b>	For writing independently in his English lesson when we were looking at character descriptions in the traditional tale 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' - Well done Cobi!
Year 2	<b>Henry</b>	For determination and hard work in building on all his fine motor skills.
Year 3	<b>George</b>	For enthusiasm, effort and determination to complete the Mini Marathon .
Year 4	<b>Willow</b>	For continuous improvement and positive attitude towards her learning.
Year 5	<b>Eddie</b>	For increased contributions during class discussion especially in Maths and Reading this week.
Year 6	<b>Nicholas</b>	For having a positive attitude to revision and being enthusiastic with his input in discussions.

### TTRS and Numbots

Year Group	Who impressed us most?	Percentage of Children online
Nursery		29%
Reception	Ada	54%
Year 1		18%
Year 2		40%
Year 3		10%
Year 4		64%
Year 5		20%
Year 6		33%

**The amount of children completing their online maths home learning has been incredibly low this week.**

**A minimum of 10 minutes a day please from EVERYONE!**

### Attendance this week

Year Group	w/b 08/05/24
Nursery	100%
Reception	85%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	91%
Year 3	86%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	88%
Year 6	100%

**Well done to Nursery, Y1, Y4 and Y6!**  
**Please remember not to take holidays and breaks in term time please.**

## Upcoming dates for your diaries!

Date	Time	Event
13.05.24	-	SATS week for Y6 pupils
22.05.24		Class photo day
27.05.24	-	May Half Term holiday
03.06.24	-	Back to school
03.06.24	-	Y4 Multiplication Times Tables checks from today (National)
05.06.24	-	Y3 and Y4 Tag Rugby competition at Harpenden Rugby Club
07.06.24	-	Whole school to Flamstead Arts Festival at St Leonard's Church
10.06.24	-	Year 1 Phonics Check week (National)
10.06.24	All day	Chestnut Class trip to Knebworth
17.06.24	All week	Art and Sports Week
19.06.24	AM	Hula Hoop Workshop for the whole school
20.06.24	All day	Y5 and Y6 attending UniSong at St Johns in Boxmoor
20.06.24	2.45	Y5 and Y6 parents invited to Unisong concert at St Johns Church - children can be taken home straight from the Church.
25.06.24	All day	Y1 and Y2 'History off the Page' workshops at Markyate School
27.06.24	AM	Sports Day and Picnic
28.06.24	9.00	Cherry Class Assembly
28.06.24	-	New Reception intake home visits
01.07.24	All week	Y5/6 Residential to Grittleton House
05.07.24	-	New Nursery intake home visits
08.07.24	-	Cherry Class Trip to Bekonscot Model Village
09.07.24	9.00–9.45	New Nursery and Reception children 'Stay and Play'
10.07.24	3.30–5.30	Open Evening and Arts Fest
11.07.24	9.00	Hertfordshire Secondary Transition Day
11.07.24	AM	School Transition Day with Nursery children and Parent staying for lunch
14.07.24	12–5pm	Flamstead Summer Fair
17.07.24	3.30–4.30	KS2 Production to parents/carers—afternoon
18.07.24	6.30–7.30	KS2 Production to parents/carers—evening (children back 6pm)
22.07.24	9.00	Y6 Leavers Assembly
23.07.24	1.30	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.



TO CELEBRATE THE 800th ANNIVERSARY OF ST. LEONARD'S AS A PARISH CHURCH

# FLAMSTEAD ARTS FESTIVAL

## PERFORMANCES

Drama  
Comedy  
Concert



## ARTS



Art Sales  
Exhibitions  
Drawing Competition

## HERITAGE CRAFTS

Hedging  
Blacksmithing  
Flint-work



A sparkling musical entertainment  
**Come Rain, Come Shine**  
Starring **Sunny Ormonde** -  
Lilian Bellamy in *The Archers*

In Concert  
**Ben Earle**  
of *The Shires*

# Save The Date

## 6th - 9th June



# FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

## Thursday June 6<sup>th</sup>

7:30 pm **Opening Reception**

Celebration event to open the Festival and its Art Exhibition - and to recognise all the roles played by the whole community in the many achievements of our 5-year heritage project.

*free by advance ticket only*

## Friday June 7<sup>th</sup>

7:30 pm **Revue: Come Rain, Come Shine**

a sparkling musical entertainment – with a rural twist - starring Carole Boyd; Linda Snell of The Archers and Malcolm McKee.

*tickets £20 from May 11<sup>th</sup>*

## Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am **Heritage Craft Fair:** demonstrations and displays of traditional crafts with local interest:

to Agriculture • Blacksmithing • Brick & Flintwork • Hedge Laying • Pottery • Stone

4:00 pm Masonry • Straw Hat Making • Timber Framing • Tree Identification • Wood Carving.

**Birds of Prey display:** 4 birds, two flights - Imperial Birds of Prey Academy.

**Talks:** including Matthew Champion on "St Leonard's Building History".

**More:** Food & Drink • Morris Dancing (outside the pubs) • Volunteering Kiosk.

7:30 pm **In Concert: Ben Earle**

Ben Earle from The Shires

*tickets £20 from May 11<sup>th</sup>*

## Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup>

11:15 am **Celebration Church Service**

to To celebrate 800 years since the dedication of St Leonard's in 1223, *all welcome*

12:30 pm led by The Very Rev'd Jo Kelly-Moore, Dean of St Albans.

12:30 pm **Relax in the Churchyard**

to Quarter Peal on the church bells • Barbeque run by FOFS • Musical entertainment from Katie's

4:00 pm Jumping Fleas Ukulele Band • Chainsaw wood carving • Traditional children's games • Display of children's art competition (Village Hall).

## Throughout the Festival

10:00 am **Art Exhibition and Sale**

to Artists including: Linda Brown • Virginia Corbett • Haydn Dickenson • Emily Good • Roy

4:00 pm Goodman • Julia Ramsay • Dione Verulam • Esther Wragg • Steve Wragg.



Venues: St Leonard's Church (AL3 8BS), churchyard or nearby Village Hall.

Free admission – except where shown. Tickets from May 11<sup>th</sup>.

See website for details: tickets, schedules, travel, parking, etc.

Flamstead Heritage & Flamstead Arts Festival 2024.

Subject to change.

[www.flamsteadheritage.org/flamstead-arts-festival](http://www.flamsteadheritage.org/flamstead-arts-festival)

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