



# This Week's News!

Friday 14th July 2023

It was fantastic to see the children in their new classes this morning and seeming to enjoy finding out about their new adults; it was nice to see everyone settling so quickly. The new Nursery and Reception children settled well too, exploring the environment and all the things that they will be able to use in the coming year! We were also visited by Mrs Walton-Jones, Miss Pike and Miss Lamar, all of whom will be working at Flamstead from September.

We know that there will be aspects of the new school year (and the changes it will bring) that the children will be looking forward to and some things that they may be a little anxious about. Please do speak to your children about how they're feeling with regard to this and, if they are worried in any way, why this is. It is normal to feel a little worried when things change, but we may be able to help next week, just let your child's classroom staff know.

## Lights, Camera, Action!



Thank you to everyone who joined us this week for our KS2 performance of 'Oh What a Knight!'. The children were amazing and performed with confidence, energy and a real sense of fun. What a brilliant way for the Year 6 pupils to round off their time at Flamstead. Thank you too to all of the staff who helped to make this happen.

## Early Years Update

This week the children have continued writing thought bubbles and speech bubbles about 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley'. WE have also enjoyed being able to watch the KS2 performance this week and have even been singing the songs from the show while playing. We were also lucky enough to be given the backdrop of the show to play with in the garden so we could create our own King and Queen stories!

## Bright Stars! Friday 14th July

Nursery	<b>Reece</b>	<i>For Being a kind member of Cherry Tree Class and always helping his friends to tidy. And for his informative conversations with friends and teachers about diggers!</i>
Reception	<b>Cobi</b>	<i>For Being a helpful member of the classroom and always being kind and respectful to friends and teachers. Cobi is an asset to the class in his use of manners and being a great role model.</i>
Year 1	<b>Oscar</b>	<i>Ror always trying his best with his writing.</i>
Year 2	<b>Alice</b>	<i>For persevering when facing new challenges.</i>
Year 3	<b>Fletcher</b>	<i>For always giving his best and showing determination in science.</i>
Year 4	<b>Evie</b>	<i>For being kind and helpful to her peers and always aiming to succeed.</i>
Year 5	<b>Tba next week</b>	
Year 6	<b>Tba next week</b>	

## Attendance

Class	w/b 10/07
Nursery	75%
Reception	98%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	89%
Year 3	95%
Year 4	90%
Year 5	97%
Year 6	99%

Classes above our 96% target

Well done to Year 1 this week; perfect attendance! Although they were very nearly matched by 3 other classes! It is fantastic to see such amazing numbers given how late it is in the term and how tired I expect many of our younger pupils are feeling. Year 6 were very close behind; will they be able to seal top spot in their final week?

## School Clubs

Please see below the amended timetable for clubs next term. Booking Forms will be available on our website to download over the weekend. Please do ensure you complete these and return to school as soon as possible.

**Dancing Stars** : For more details and to secure your child's place please fill out and submit the booking form accessible via the Google form (details below) If you have any queries please contact Hayley directly : hayley\_dancingstars@hotmail.com

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdUXIOchXp8jJFLSYBDYx3N6Iib7pwsUe9aghZ75Tp5D3Nfg/viewform>

Club	Day	Dates/Time	Key Stage	Organiser	Charge
Street Dance	Monday	3.20 – 4.20 pm 11.09.23 – 11.12.23	Reception – Year 5	Dancing Stars	£tbc
Art	Tuesday	3.30 – 4.30 pm 12.09.23 – 17.10.23	Reception – Year 6	My After School Art Club	<b>1<sup>st</sup> half term</b> (6 weeks) £66.00
Musical Theatre	Wednesday	3.20 – 4.20 pm 13.09.23 – 13.12.23	Reception / KS1 / KS2	Saracens Foundation	£tbc
Gymnastics	Thursday	3.20 – 4.20 pm 07.09.23 – 14.12.23	Reception/KS1	Challenge Sport 4 Education	£tbc

Please note that there may be some additions in the new year.

This week, there have been several changes to the Arbor App.:

The App will now save parents' email address and password, eliminating the need to re-enter them each time they login

Parents can use their existing login method - whether that's face or fingerprint recognition

For parents with children at different schools, it's now easier and faster to switch between them



### Upcoming Dates

Date	Event
20/7	Music Concert at 2.15 pm
21/7	Year 6 Leavers Assembly at 9.00 am
21/7	School Closes 1.30pm for the Summer holidays
<b>Parents - Please put these into your diaries!</b>	

## Key Notices

### Term Dates

A reminder that school closes at 1.30pm next Friday for the summer holidays. We will then reopen for the new term on Monday 4th September. Term dates are on our website

# FoFS News!

## School Work Day tomorrow

The school work day tomorrow will be scaled back due to poor weather. We will no longer be able to paint the fences, but we will still be trimming the front hedges and tidying the bin area into the skip.

If you're able to join us at 9:30am for an hour or two that would be brilliant!

We look forward to seeing you there!

## St Albans High School For Girls— Orchestra Day

Orchestra Workshop Day, taking place at St Albans High School on Sunday 24 September.

The day is free to attend and open to any child in Year 3-6 who plays an instrument.

### ARE YOU IN YEAR 3 - 6? DO YOU PLAY AN INSTRUMENT?

St Albans High School is hosting an Orchestra Workshop Day on Sunday 24 September 2023 to give young musicians in the local area the opportunity to come together and enjoy a day of music making. The day is free to attend and is open to any child in Year 3-6 who plays an orchestral instrument (minimum standard of Grade 1 applies).

Instruments included in the workshop are as follows:

FLUTE OBOE CLARINET BASSOON SAXOPHONE VIOLIN  
VIOLA CELLO DOUBLE BASS GUITAR HARP FRENCH HORN  
TRUMPET TROMBONE EUPHONIUM PERCUSSION

If your child plays an instrument that isn't listed above, please contact us.

To register your interest, please complete [this form](#).

The day will run from 09.30-15.30 with an informal concert at 15.00 (families are welcome to attend the concert). The day comprises a variety of musical games, instrument-specific training sessions and orchestral and performance workshops. Sessions will be led by Emma Price, Director of Music at STAHS, and assisted by our highly experienced specialist music staff. Lunch and snacks will be provided (please note that we have a strict no nut policy).

09.30 Arrive  
09.50 Welcome  
10.00 Musical Games & Warm-Up  
10.30 Session 1 (sectionals)  
11.15 Break (snacks provided)  
11.35 Session 2 (sectionals)  
12.20 Lunch (provided)  
13.00 Session 3 (full orchestra)  
14.00 Break (no snacks - toilet break)  
14.10 Session 4 (full orchestra)  
14.30 Refreshments for families  
15.00 Informal Concert (all welcome)

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Herts Inclusive Theatre has a FREE three-day Summer Activity happening in Watford 1st - 3rd August for ages 5 - 12, inclusive to all and particularly welcoming to those with a disability or special need. Bookings can be made via our website:

<https://hit-theatre.org.uk/events/dragons-ogres-and-mystical-plays-in-3-days/>

The St Albans Music School have a range of beginner instrument groups for your child. Please watch the following video to find out more about the groups and how to sign up: <https://youtu.be/OHI9ZpHsWSk>



## Flamstead Heritage Project—Story Writing Competition

An exciting story writing competition brought to you by The Flamstead Heritage Project and made possible by The National Lottery Heritage Fund.

The competition is completely FREE to enter and has two categories; 7+ and 11+ - but this is no exam! The children write no more than 500 words and use our beautiful village and its church as their inspiration.

The church is open daily (from 10am) and with the much-anticipated Scarecrow Festival returning 18/19/20 August, the summer holidays are the perfect time to visit for ideas and to get those creative juices flowing.

There are excellent PRIZES too!

We have prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in both categories..

- 1st - £75 Waterstones voucher PLUS your story featured on BBC THREE COUNTIES RADIO!
- 2nd - £50 Waterstones voucher
- 3rd - £25 Waterstones voucher

Stories are judged entirely on their content - grammar and spelling is not important in this competition - it is ALL ABOUT THE IMAGINATION!

Please send entries to [flamstead500@gmail.com](mailto:flamstead500@gmail.com) along with your name, age, school year and school name, before the closing date of 13th October 2023, with winning entries announced a week later.

**Flamstead 500  
2023**

Spelling is NOT IMPORTANT  
It's about Imagination...

Stuck for ideas?  
Visit the Church!

Two Categories:  
Age 7+  
Age 11+

WIN £75 WATERSTONES VOUCHER  
PLUS YOUR STORY WILL BE FEATURED  
ON BBC THREE COUNTIES RADIO!!

Visit [www.flamsteadheritage.org/flamstead500](http://www.flamsteadheritage.org/flamstead500)  
to find out about the real  
characters from local  
history or make up your own!  
No rules.

Closes 13/10/23  
email entries to :  
[flamstead500@gmail.com](mailto:flamstead500@gmail.com)

Heritage Fund

St Leonard's Church