



# This Week's News!

Friday 19th May 2023

## Here comes the sun!

This week has seen some long-overdue sunshine and the chance for the children to get outside a little more often. It is lovely to see signs that summer is on the way! Thank you to everyone who has taken part in Walk to School Week (in the sun) too!



Reception and Nursery have spent time exploring our outdoor areas and even managed to see some newts in the school pond as part of their 'Animals' topic. I'm sure the visit to the Zoo next week will be an excellent way to round off this learning.

As the weather does get warmer, please remember to send hats and water bottles each day. It is also a good time to check names are clearly visible in jumpers; they may well get taken off during playtime and are not always possible to return to their owners!

## Early Years Update



This week the children have been writing speech bubbles for characters from our story. They used tricky words and full stops and have been growing their independent writing skills. Year 1 have also been joining us this week for phonics and the class have loved having the older children to play with and extend their independent learning time.

**Next week:** We are all looking forward to our joint school trip to the Zoo!

**Next Half Term:** We shall be introducing a new topic around holidays and the sea! We would appreciate a few donations to help build up our role play areas. If you have an old beach towel or two, a small suitcase or any games based on maps or travel that could be donated, it would be much appreciated!

## Bright Stars!

Nursery	<b>Cayleb</b>	<i>For settling into school so well. He has been participating in all learning and activities, as well as creating new positive friendships.</i>
Reception	<b>Alfie</b>	<i>For putting in lots of effort into his sentence writing this week in literacy. Alfie used capital letters, tricky words and finger spaces. Well done!</i>
Year 1	<b>Mia</b>	<i>For trying very hard to better her writing and Maths this week by listening to the advice of the adults.</i>
Year 2	<b>Everyone!</b>	<i>For doing an amazing job when writing their SATS this week and absolutely trying their best.</i>
Year 3	<b>Willow</b>	<i>For being resourceful and producing a great persuasive writing piece.</i>
Year 4	<b>Maisie</b>	<i>For persevering and showing fantastic improvement in her spelling.</i>
Year 5	<b>Laila</b>	<i>For showing great resilience this week! Laila's confidence has grown and she has show great determination towards challenges!</i>
Year 6	<b>George D</b>	<i>For being a positive, hardworking member of the class. George always tries his best!</i>

## Graffiti Through Time Workshops

All children will be experiencing a two-hour workshop based around the historic graffiti within St Leonard's Church, Flamstead.

Cherry Class - morning of Wednesday 24/5

Maple Class - afternoon of Wednesday 28/6

Chestnut Class - afternoon of Wednesday 7/6

Bonsai Class - afternoon of Wednesday 5/7

Information and permission to photograph forms will be sent out to parents via ParentMail later today. Please can we ask you to respond to the forms asap. Thank you.

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## Anti-Bullying

In the recent parent survey and from pupil voice feedback, a number of people shared that they did not know how the school deals with bullying. In a way this is good news as it means that not many of the children have experienced bullying. However, this week we have spent some time talking to the children about what bullying is and what they could do if they felt that they, or someone else, was being bullied in school or somewhere else.



Miss Tourney has also spent time working with the Year 6 pupils on this and they have created a leaflet which will be available in classes for pupils to remind themselves of the key messages. This leaflet is also attached with this newsletter.

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## FoFS News!



**We're on Facebook!**

If you'd like to see what we're up to at the school follow us here:

<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfFlamstead/>

**Flamstead Heritage**

**Community Archaeology Project**

Saturday 1st July 2023 (10am onwards)  
St Leonard's Church, Flamstead

- A special project delivered by Flamstead Heritage, in association with Herts Geo-survey and University College London.

- Working alongside professional archaeologists, there will be opportunities to get involved with the geophysics survey; using ground penetrating radar to uncover hidden archaeology!

- Light refreshments served in the Church.

- Churchyard picnics welcome.

Explore your local Living History

Heritage Fund

Welcome

Class	W/b 15/05
Nursery	96%
Reception	100%
Year 1	98.7%
Year 2	97%
Year 3	96%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	97.5%
Year 6	100%

Classes above Mr Maher's 96% target

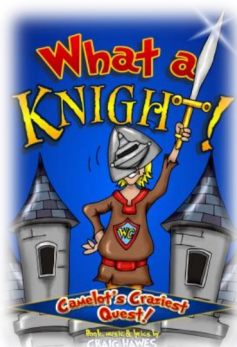
## KS2 Summer Production

### "What a Knight"

The performances of this year's production will be taking place on 10th and 11th July. Further details to follow.

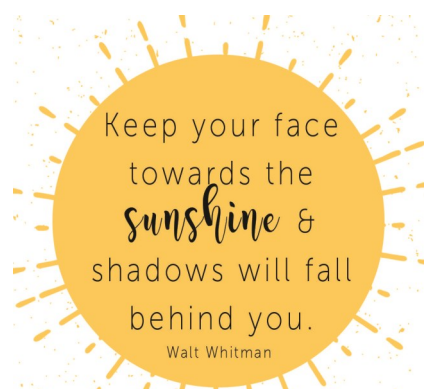
#### Can you help ?

If anyone could spare some time to help make/ paint scenery for the production, please let Mrs. Smith know.



## Final Thought

What do you think the meaning of this quote is?



We hope that you all have a fantastic weekend!

## Attendance

Although we've had a few illnesses this week, I am delighted to see that attendance remains really strong across the school. Well done to Reception and Year 6 pupils, who once again managed a 100% record.

For information, some parents have asked how this figure is calculated. Due to the way the statistics are collated by our registers, the figures are taken from last Friday through to Thursday. For classes with pupils absent for long periods of time, this is also taken into account.

## Class Photographs

Next Tuesday, the school photographer will be here to take Class photos. Please can we remind parents to send children in with long hair tied back. Thank you!

## Upcoming Dates

Date	Event
22/5	Y6 Boys Football match vs Markyate
23/5	Class Photos
26/5	EYFS/Year 1&2 Joint Class Trip
29/5	Half Term Week
6/6	Y6 Boys Football match vs Nash Mills
7/6	Y3/4 Residential Trip—Parent Meeting
12/6	Year 1 Phonics Checks taking place
15/6	Y3-6 Music Performance at St. Albans Abbey (information to follow)
26/6	Y3&4 Residential Trip
26/6	Year 5&6 Bikeability week
6/7	Sports Day
13/7	Transition Day—New classes!
21/7	School Closes 1.30pm for the Summer holidays

Parents - Please put these into your diaries!

## Key Notices

Please check and respond to any forms we have sent out via ParentMail this week.



**Twitter**—A reminder to check out our new Twitter site for up to date news and pictures showing the exciting things that are happening in school! Just visit '<https://twitter.com/FlamsteadVS>' to find us!

**Y3/4 Residential Meeting**—We shall be holding a short meeting about the Year 3/4 Residential Trip on Wednesday 7th June at 2.45pm. If you are unable to attend, a letter with key details will also follow.

**Term Dates**—We have now confirmed our term dates for the next school year. These can be found on our website: <https://www.flamsteadjmi.herts.sch.uk/term-dates/>.

# PRO SPORTS ACADEMY WILDCATS GIRLS FOOTBALL SESSIONS



**ENJOYABLE & ENGAGING  
FOOTBALL SESSIONS FOR  
GIRLS OF ALL ABILITIES!**

**SESSION DETAILS**  
**UNDER 8 - UNDER 11**  
**SCHOOL YRS 3 TO 6**  
**THURSDAY EVENINGS**  
**5.00PM TILL 6.00PM**  
**AT HEMEL TOWN FC**  
**VAUXHALL RD, HEMEL, HP2 4HW**  
**ALL SESSIONS FREE**

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**Discover Bucks  
Museum**  
 & Roald Dahl Children's Gallery

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# May Half Term Fun

**Monday 29 May - 2 June 2023**

Join us in a celebration of art this May Half Term  
 Express your creative side with workshops on different artforms  
 each day, inspired by our new Open Art exhibition.

Discover more at [discoverbucksmuseum.org](https://discoverbucksmuseum.org)  
 or scan the QR code




**Discover Bucks  
Museum**  
 & Roald Dahl Children's Gallery

**Monday 29 May - Become An Illustrator Course**  
 Led by graphic illustrator Wendy Wootton, find out how to hone your drawing and design skills to be the best illustrator you can be.

**Tuesday 30 May: Wire Sculpture Studios**  
 Use wire to create a model person magnet as instructed by our art teachers.

**Wednesday 31 May: Printing Workshops**  
 Take inspiration from our exhibitions to make a design for a greeting card printed using polystyrene tiles.

**Thursday 1 June: Textured Painting Masterclass**  
 Create an abstract picture on canvas using thick and textured paints.

**Friday 2 June: 3D Sea Collage Photo Frame Make & Take**  
 You will be taught several simple 3D crafting techniques, using fabric, shells and other craft materials to use in decorating a photo frame.

**Booking Details - booking essential**

- There are 3-4 sessions each day and each session lasts for 1 hour. Activities are aimed at 7 years+ however 5 years+ are welcome but will need some adult support.
- £5 per attendee

Make a day of it and why not visit the Roald Dahl Children's Gallery and the rest of the Museum while you're here. We're open Monday 29 May - Saturday 3 June, 10am - 5pm.

For more event details, charges and to book please scan the QR code or visit [discoverbucksmuseum.org](https://discoverbucksmuseum.org)

Join in  
 Share photos of your day using #DiscoverBucks and don't forget to tag us!



Supporting young people for education and career development opportunities

## Vacancy for Trustees

James Marshall Foundation (JMF) is a long-established charity that celebrated its 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2022. Land and property were bequeathed by a local landowner, James Marshall, in 1722 and our available funding is the income generated from those assets.

We award grants to young people under 25 years who need financial help for education and career development opportunities. Our beneficiaries must live in our catchment area which is Harpenden, Wheathampstead, Kimpton, Redbourn, Flamstead and Markyate.

JMF is a community charity that has considerable local impact. In 2022, we awarded over £300,000 of grant funding, providing over 1,000 grants to help young people.

*"I am so very grateful for the tremendous amount of help I've received from JMF. I honestly can't put into words how much this has helped me."*

*"What an amazing charity! Thank you so much!"*

The Foundation is led by a Board of Trustees, all of whom must live in the catchment area of the Foundation. We are looking for up to three new Trustees to join the team, people who can volunteer some of their energy, time and skills to continue this legacy to help young people.

A Trustee Board works best when the Trustees collectively have a broad range of skills and experience. The most important attribute we seek from our Trustees is a strong desire to work with others and contribute towards the help that JMF provides in the local community.

Are you interested? If so, please contact our Foundation Manager, Pauline Whiting, on 01582 760735 or email [office@jamesmarshallfoundation.co.uk](mailto:office@jamesmarshallfoundation.co.uk) for more information about this role and how to apply.

**Please consider joining our Trustee Board to work in this rewarding role that helps young people in our local community.**

**Deadline for applications: Monday 26 June 2023 at 9.00am**

For further information about James Marshall Foundation CIO, please visit our website [www.jamesmarshallfoundation.co.uk](http://www.jamesmarshallfoundation.co.uk)

Charity number : 1181004