

This Week's News!

Friday 8th September 2024

Dear Parents / Carers and Flamstead Families

What a truly wonderful week we have had back to school. It has been lovely to see all the children again and welcome our new families too. I would like to thank you all for showing such strong support for the new school branding and uniform changes. The children look great in their new jumpers, hoodies, polo shirts and PE kits and it really seems to have given them a fresh sense of pride in their school.

Cherry Class welcomed their new Nursery and Reception children this week. They have had a wonderful start to the school year. The children have been supporting each other and having fun exploring the classroom environment. They have started Phonics and Maths lessons this week as well as 'Drawing Cub' for Literacy in the afternoons for Reception. Miss Stout and Ms Carta would like to say well done and welcome to all the new students in Cherry class.

Maple Class have had a busy first week back. They have enjoyed exploring their fantastic new outside area in between the rain showers. They showed brilliant teamwork creating a busy cafe, using their writing skills to take down orders for delicious treats like Watermelon Slushies. They have also had fun practising number bonds to 10 when playing Maths Games.

Mrs Hobbs has been so impressed with how the children have settled back into Chestnut Class this week and how ready for learning they are. They have already started to practise or improve their joined handwriting, they have written about their summer break and learned about time conjunctions. In Maths they have been rehearsing place value and in Geography they began to look at famous volcanic eruptions around the world.

Year Five and Year Six are adjusting to being the oldest children in the school and I am sure they will develop into fabulous role models. We also welcome Mrs Nagle into Bonsai class and she has enjoyed a great first week with the children.

The children will be voting for Team Captains and for the School Council next week. Good luck to the children who have put themselves forward, we are proud of you for wanting to represent your school.

We are also delighted to let you know that you can use ApplePay and GooglePay on Arbor now. This should make paying for trips and clubs much easier. Please speak to Mrs Drake in the School Office if you have any queries.

Our new dates for the year are attached to this newsletter. We aim to provide you with as much information as we can as soon as we can to help your diary planning, and with making payments for trips and events.

Please remember that Clubs start next week and pupils should be collected promptly from the school office.

Home Learning will also begin next week with work being sent home on Wednesdays and returned to school on Mondays.

It was lovely to see Year 5 and Year 6 Parents and Carers at the Meet the Teacher Meeting today. We look forward to seeing other parents at the remaining class meetings and at the EYFS Coffee Morning next week.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Mrs Walton-Jones

Headteacher



Bright Stars

Friday 6th September 2024



Nursery	Jessica	For being a fabulous role model to her new friends in Nursery this week. Jessica has helped all our new friends feel welcomed and listened to.
Reception	Edie	For her wonderful effort put into her writing this week! Edie has also been a great role model for all the children in Cherry class this week, ensuring all the new children feel comfortable and helping them when needed.
Year 1	Joni	Joni for being a bright and happy member of Maple Class, and settling well into class routines. Joni has created some wonderful writing in her first English lesson this week.
Year 2	Rosie	For being a helpful and responsible Year 2 and wowing all her teachers with her enthusiasm and desire to do her best in all her learning.
Year 3	Rafe	For fantastic concentration and focus in his learning and already showing improvement in his handwriting.
Year 4	Lilly	For settling into her new class so well, Lilly has already made friends. She is also thinking about her presentation.
Year 5	William	For fantastic effort in English this week when writing his poem.
Year 6	Maisie	For great effort and confidence in English this week.

Attendance this week

Year Group	w/b 2nd September
Nursery	91.7%
Reception	100%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	87.6%
<p>An email was sent earlier this week about new attendance requirements.</p>	

TTRS and Numbots

Times Tables Rock Stars and Numbots
Online Maths Learning

All children now have their log in details in their Home Learning Logs.

The expectation is that your child logs on for at least 10 minutes as many times a week as you can. Please help your child improve their mathematical skills at home by logging on frequently.

Secondary School Transfer for children in Year 6

The applications for secondary/upper school places to start in September 2024 opened on Friday 1 September 2023, for children in Year 6
Year 6 children have been sent home with 'Moving On' Secondary Transfer 2024 information today. Please make sure that you read through the information as it contains details about the application process for 2024 and actions that you will need to undertake over the next few weeks.

The closing date is 31st October 2024. You need to apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions.

School Lunches

Year 3 Children – Free School Meals

Children who have move up into Year 3 in September are **no longer entitled** to Universal Free School Meals. If you fit the required criteria you will be entitled to Free School Meals, to find out more and to apply online please go to <https://beta.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

If you do not have internet access, please speak to Mrs Drake in the school office.

Renewal of free school meals applications

If your child is currently entitled to free school meals this will be automatically renewed assuming your circumstances have not changed.

The Flamstead Village Show



The 45th Flamstead Village Show is happening on **Saturday the 14th of September** from 2-5pm at the Village Hall.

There are FREE categories for the children to enter which cover baking, arts and craft.

There's also a section for budding Gardeners to enter 'My Own Grown Vegetable'. So if your child has been experimenting with growing produce at home, this would be a great opportunity for them to show off their work.

St Leonard's Church – Back to School Sunday



An invitation from St Leonard's Church

"Join us for 'Back to School Sunday' at St Leonard's at 11.15am on 8th September.

At the start of a new school year, celebrate and pray for our very hard working teachers and their support staff; our children and students.... and all of us going back to our normal routine after the summer, some of us in new and different places!

We'll sing some belting school assembly hymns. Bring your school bag, your pencil case, your laptop, your work bag (or your gardening, cooking or work tools if you like). We'll bless them all!"

FOFS News

Welcome back to all parents and children, we hope you had a wonderful Summer!

For those who've recently joined us, FOFS stands for Friends of Flamstead School and is the registered charity that raises money for our lovely village school.

We run events throughout the year, from the Fish and Chips Quiz Night to the Summer Fair and Flamstead Fireworks display. Our goal is to improve the educational experience of the children, so we work with Mrs Walton-Jones to find projects or parts of the school that we can help to improve.

Last academic year we purchased new chairs for all the classrooms, developed the Outdoor Learning area, bought two basketball rings and funded new learning equipment in each of the classes.

For more information about the work we do, you can find us on Facebook: [facebook.com/FriendsOfFlamstead](https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfFlamstead).



And if you'd like to get involved, you can email friendsofflamsteadschool@gmail.com or talk to Christy, Alister, Jordana, Sarah G, Tania or Anna (we're spread throughout the classes).

Sign up for EasyFundraising

We're always looking for new ways to fundraise that take the pressure off our school community. One great way that you can help, without spending any money, is by signing up to EasyFundraising.

EasyFundraising is an initiative whereby a small amount of your online purchase is passed on to a chosen charity. Businesses such as Marks and Spencer, Tui, Expedia, Amazon, John Lewis and ASOS are all signed up to EasyFundraising, as well as hundreds of others.

If a number of us register with EasyFundraising, it will raise a significant amount and be a great support to the school.

Simply go to their website and register your details: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

Select 'Friends of Flamstead School' as the charity you wish to support.

Install their Donation Reminder tool, so that when you're browsing around, EasyFundraising can let you know which businesses are signed up to the scheme.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Club Timetable – Autumn Term 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<p>Street Dance Year 1 - Year 6 C.A.S.P.A £91 (13 week course to be paid to provider) 3.15-4.15pm 09/09/24 – 09/12/24</p>	<p>Art Club Reception – Year 6 My After School Art Club £77 (Autumn 1, 7 week course to be paid to provider) 3.30-4.30pm 10/09/24 – 22/10/24</p>	<p>Cooking Club Year 1 – Year 6 SpatchCooks £90 (6 week course to be paid to provider) 3.15-5.30pm 11/09/24 – 16/10/24</p>	<p>Multi-Sports Reception – Year 6 Challenge Sport £42 (to be paid via Arbor) 3.20 – 4.20pm 12/09/24 – 12/12/23</p>
<p>Games Club KS2 Mrs Hobbs 3.15-4.15pm 09/09/24- 09/12/24 <i>Sign-up on Arbor</i></p>	<p>ECO Club KS1 & KS2 Mrs Walton-Jones 3.15-4.15pm 10/09/24 – 10/12/24 <i>Sign-up on Arbor</i></p>	<p>Lego Club KS2 Ms Murray 3.15-4.15pm 11/09/24 – 11/12/24 <i>Sign-up on Arbor</i></p>	
<p>Lego Club Reception & KS1 Miss Stout 3.15-4.15pm 09/09/24 – 09/12/24 <i>Sign-up on Arbor</i></p>	<p>Young Voices Choir KS2 Miss Pike 3.15-4.15pm 10/09/24 – 21/01/25 <i>Sign-up on Arbor (opens in September)</i></p>		
	<p>French Club – Lunch Time KS2 Miss Russell 12.20-1.00pm 10/09/24 – 10/12/24 <i>Sign-up on Arbor</i></p>		

Photo's this week



Maple class enjoying their activities and just look at the juicy tomatoes Reception picked from our outdoor area!

Upcoming Dates—Autumn Term 2025

Autumn Term 2025		
INSET Day (staff only in school)	2 nd September	
Clubs start	9 th September	
Bonsai Class meeting	6 th September	2.55 – 3.10pm
EYFS Coffee Morning	9 th September	9.00 – 9.30am
Maple Class meeting	9 th September	2.55 – 3.10pm
Chestnut Class meeting	11 th September	2.55 – 3.10pm
Harvest Donations to school for Luton Foodbank	16 th September	9.00am
Harvest Assembly with Vicar Jo	17 th September	2.30pm
Parent Reader Meeting	18 th September	2.45pm
Jeans for Genes Day	20 th September	9.00am
INSET Day (staff only in school)	27 th September	
National Poetry Day	3 rd October	
Parent Council Meeting	4 th October	
World Space Week	4 th October	
World Mental Health Day	10 th October	
NSPCC Assembly	14 th October	
Parents Evening	17 th October	5.00 – 7.30pm
Parents Evening	21 st October	3.30 – 5.30pm
NSPCC workshops for Y2, Y5, Y6	21 st October	
Diwali Workshops	23 rd October	
INSET Day (staff only in school)	24 th October	
INSET Day (staff only in school)	25 th October	
Beginning of Half Term week	28 th October	
Last date to apply for secondary school place	31 st October	
Applications for Primary School September 2025 open	1 st November	
Back to school	4 th November	
Samba Bamba Music Workshops (whole school)	8 th November	
Anti-Bullying Week 'Choose Respect'	11 th November	
Individual school photos	12 th November	
World Kindness Day	13 th November	
Children in Need Day	15 th November	
UK Parliament Week	18 th November	
Autumn Term Assessment Week	9 th December	-
Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day	12 th December	
EYFS / KS1 Dress Rehearsal (Pre-schools to watch)	16 th December	9.30am
EYFS / KS1 Performance (parents)	17 th December	9.30am
Christmas Service At St Leonard's Church (parents)	17 th December	2.30pm
EYFS / KS1 Performance (parents)	18 th December	4.00pm
Party Day	19 th December	PM
Autumn term ends at 1.30pm	20 th December	1.30pm

Upcoming Dates—Spring Term 2025

Spring Term 2025		
Back to school	6 th January	
Y6 SATs meeting	13 th January	2.50pm
Y4 MTC meeting	14 th January	2.50pm
Y1 Phonic Check meeting	15 th January	2.50pm
Reception Profile Meeting	16 th January	2.50pm
Young Voices to O2	23 rd January	
Children’s Mental Health Week	3 rd February	
Electric Umbrella	5 th February	
Parents Evening	10 th February	3.30 – 5.30pm
Parents Evening	12 th February	5.00 -7.30pm
INSET Day (staff only in school)	14 th February	
February Half Term	17 th February	
Back to school	24 th February	
Book Fair	28 th February–5 th March	
Chinese New Year	29 th February	
Secondary Allocation Day	3 rd March	
World Book Day	6 th March	
Red Nose Day	21 st March	
Spring Term Assessment Week	24 th March	
National Skipping Day – workshops for all pupils	28 th March	
Easter Bonnet Parade	1 st April	
Break for Easter holidays at 1.30pm	7 th April	1.30pm

**These dates are open to changes and will be added
to as the term progresses.**

Upcoming Dates—Summer Term 2025

Summer Term		
Summer Term starts	22nd April	
Earth Day	22 nd April	
Bank Holiday	5 th May	
Occasional day (school closed)	6 th May	
KS2 SATs week	12 th May	
Y5 / Y6 Residential	21 st – 23 rd May	
May Half Term	26 th May	
Back to School	2 nd June	
MTC checks for Y4 (2 weeks)	2 nd June	
Y1 Phonics Check week	9 th June	
Sky Arts Week and National School Sports Week	16 th June	
ActivkidsUK assembly and fundraiser	17 th June	
Flamstead's Got Talent	19 th June	
Sports Day and picnic	20 th June	
Swimming lessons for all pupils (3 weeks)	30 th June	
Summer Term Assessment Week	30 th June	
Nursery / Reception Home visits	1 st July	
Nursery / Reception Home visits	3 rd July	
New Nursery and Reception Stay and Play	4 th July	9.00 – 9.45am
Open Evening and Arts Fest Display	9 th July	3.15 – 5.00pm
Herts Secondary Transition Day	10 th July	
Class Swap day (inc New Reception for lunch)	10 th July	
Reports Home	11 th July	
KS2 Dress Rehearsal (school to watch)	14 th July	9.30
KS2 Afternoon Performance (Parents)	15 th July	3.30
KS2 Evening Dress Performance (Parents)	16 th July	6.30pm
Y6 Leavers Assembly (Parents)	23rd July	9.00am
Summer Holidays being at 1.30pm	24th July	1.30pm

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