

This Week's News!

Dear Parents / Carers and Flamstead Families

It has been another super week in school. It was lovely to see some of our families at the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings this week and at the EYFS Coffee morning. We had our first fire alarm drill of the year on Thursday. The whole school evacuated onto the school playground in a record 83 seconds which was amazing. Well done to our new children in Nursery and Reception who were calm and sensible for their first drill. This week the children have also been enjoying their new clubs.

After requests in the Parent Council meeting for additional music lessons we are now able to offer individual and shared lessons for piano, guitar and cornet through the Hertfordshire Music Service for any budding musicians in KS2 of all abilities. Please see the email sent home or scan the QR code on the next page.

We also have a welcome letter from the Chair of Governors. Louise Russell's letter is on the next page in the newsletter.

This week Nursery have enjoyed playing lots of different sound games during their phonics lessons and exploring some lovely books to support this such as 'Peace at Last' and 'The Very Noisy Night'. Reception have begun learning to recognise letters and sounds, focusing on 's, a, t and p' this week. They have tried very hard with their formation of these letters. During independent learning this week Reception had a discussion about how many rescue vehicles you could have in one game and after an exploration of 'Thunderbirds' with Miss Stout they all created their very own Thunderbird and were able to explain how and why they made it and what it's special job was.

In Maple this week, they took their History learning outside, dividing the playground into present day and the 17th Century, then discovering differences between the two. We have also been practising giving instructions in our English learning about "How to Make Friends with a Ghost" and made a fruit and vegetable colour wheel in Art.

In Chestnut Class, in English they have started their focus book, 'Arthur and the Golden Rope'. They have been thinking about descriptions and learning speech punctuation. In Maths they are continuing to secure place value and counting in 10's and 100's. They also started their Science topic on 'Eating and Digestion' looking at the different diet of animals and enjoyed thinking about how we would survive a volcanic eruption!

Bonsai have settled into routines and are enjoying many of their new topics. In English they are exploring the book 'Planetarium' and gathering vocabulary whilst in Maths they are securing and developing their place value knowledge. The children are thoroughly looking forward to their next Art lesson in our Flanders Field topic.

Next week we have a Reading Helpers Meeting on Wednesday, the 18th September at 2.45pm. We would like to invite more reading helpers into school to read with our children. Please come to the meeting to find out more.

If you can, please add a few extra items into your shopping this week to donate to the Luton Foodbank. Bring as many donations as you can into school on Monday please, everything is very gratefully received.

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

Mrs Walton-Jones

Headteacher

September Reminders

16th— Harvest donations

17th—Harvest Assembly

18th—Reading Helper Meeting

20th—Jeans for Genes Day

23rd - Sunflower farm trip

27th—INSET Day

A letter from our Chair of Governors

Dear Flamstead Families

A warm welcome to parents, carers, children, and teachers. I hope you have enjoyed your first full week at school!

My name is Louise and I am Chair of Governors at the school. I am so pleased to see the children in their new school uniforms. They all look so smart. Thank you for supporting the changes to the school branding in such a positive way.

A little bit about me, I have 2 children at the school, Maisie and Finley and I have been a member of the Governing Board for around 3 years.

I am pleased to say we have a full team of Governors on the board. I am supported by Vice Chair, Sam Carter, the Headteacher, Jacqui Walton-Jones, Staff Governor Amy Pike as well as William Franklin, Giles Tully, Sue Wright, Mary Jenkin and Mandy Evans. As a Governing Board we work to help develop a vision and strategy for the school, oversee financial performance, hold leaders to account to ensure the best possible educational outcomes for every pupil. We engage with pupils, teachers, parents and the rest of the school to understand their views.

We meet at least 6 times per year and as well as undertaking training courses. We also visit the school regularly to see strategies in place and to listen and engage with staff and pupils about the school.

If you would like to know more about us and what we do as a Governing Board you can access our Governor page on the new school website, which is coming very soon. We are also available to talk to. You can often catch us at school, or you can contact the school office to get in touch with us.

Volunteer readers – we would love to have more parents, grandparents and friends who have a little spare time to come into school to listen to your children read. As we all know it is so beneficial for the children to have as much time as possible to spend reading with an adult. You don't have to have a link with the school, so if you know anyone that might like to volunteer some time, please get in touch with the school office to find out what is involved.

From
Louise Russell
Chair of Governors

Bright Stars



Friday 13th September 2024

Nursery	Penny	For being an active listener during lessons this week. Penny has been a positive role model to her friends this week by joining in during lessons, helping during tidy up time and always using her manners.
Reception	Frankie	For trying her best in Phonics this week. Frankie has been asking for extra challenges in her handwriting and word writing making her a marvellous role model for her friends. Well done Frankie!
Year 1	Xander	For becoming confident with our morning routines and being ready for his learning.
Year 2	Leo	For showing brilliant scissor skills and taking wonderful pride in the presentation in his school books.
Year 3	Nicole	For improved focus and concentration in her handwriting and excellent independent sentences.
Year 4	Sasha	For his effort and perseverance in English, in both oral and independent writing work.
Year 5	Rupert	For always being a role model and for his excellent focus in lessons.
Year 6	Joey	For his determination and focus to learning as he starts Year Six.

Attendance this week

TTRS and Numbots

Year Group	w/b 9th September
Nursery	98%
Reception	98%
Year 1	99%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	99%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	89%
Year 6	93%
Well done Y2 and Y4	

Year Group	Who impressed us ?	Percentage of Children online
Nursery	-	
Reception	-	
Year 1	Matilda	40%
Year 2	Rosie and Leo	27%
Year 3	-	27%
Year 4	-	64%
Year 5	-	36%
Year 6	-	60%
 		

FREE Parent Course - Fully Funded by DSPL 8 Dacorum

Raise Resilience, is a six-session online course for parents that is starting on 3rd October 2024!

Raise Resilience will help parents, help their children to develop the mental resilience they need to not only be able to deal with setbacks, but also they learn how to make the most of themselves and the world around them.

This course is practical, supportive and FREE.

Parents play a crucial role (as do all the adults around children) when it comes to helping children learn how to deal with setbacks, and to build the positive neural pathways for mental growth and resilience.

Raise Resilience explores:

- How the brain works, the link between thoughts, feelings and behaviour.
- The role of flexible and realistic thinking and optimism during uncertainty.
- How children can gain more control over how they feel and behave, develop empathy for self and others.
- The communication skills to break the cycle of bickering, so parents reconnect with children.

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PLACES ARE LIMITED PLEASE BOOK AS QUICKLY AS YOU CAN

The Flamstead Village Show



The 45th Flamstead Village Show is happening this Saturday 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. Our School Gardening Club have also entered some of the vegetables we have grown, please go down and see their efforts!



Music Lessons for children in Y3,4,5,6
Would you like your child to learn an instrument?
We are now offering individual and shared music lessons for guitar, piano and brass instruments in school through the Hertfordshire Music Service.



Please scan the QR code which will take you to the website where you can book lessons. Places will be limited so please register as soon as possible.



Scan me

FOFS News

FOFS have been busy organising dates for some fantastic events over the course of the coming academic year. Please check the new dates on the list of dates for the year and on the school website.

Photos of the week!

Congratulations to Joey, Daniel, Evie and Maisie who are our new Team Captains!



Harvest Donations for Monday please

A promotional poster for the Luton Foodbank Harvest Challenge. The background features a photograph of three children sitting on a bench, smiling and looking upwards. The Luton Foodbank logo is in the top left corner, with the tagline 'no-one should be hungry'. The main text asks 'ARE YOU A SCHOOL HARVEST HERO?' and encourages donations to the 'HARVEST CHALLENGE' from 23rd Sep to 25th Oct. An email address is provided at the bottom for signing up.

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ARE YOU A SCHOOL HARVEST HERO?

Donate to the
HARVEST CHALLENGE

23rd Sep to 25th Oct

Email info@lutonfoodbank.org.uk to sign up

Items most in need are:

Sugar (500g), Rice pudding (Tinned), Instant noodles

Meat (Tinned), Custard (Tinned)

Vegetables (Tinned), Fruit (Tinned), Fruit Juice (Carton),

Dried rice (500g)

**Soup, Milk (UHT), Baked beans (Tinned), Tomatoes (Tinned),
Fish (Tinned)**

Tinned pasta in sauce, dried pasta, Sauce for pasta,

Breakfast cereal, Tea bags, Biscuits (single packs)

Upcoming Dates—Autumn Term 2024

Autumn Term 2024		
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—Wear jeans	20 th September	9.00am
School trip to the Sunflower Farm	23 rd September	
INSET Day (staff only in school)	27 th September	
Y5 and Y6 tag Rugby festival (mixed)	1st October	11.30am—3.00pm
National Poetry Day	3 rd October	
Parent Council Meeting	4 th October	
World Space Week	4 th October	
World Mental Health Day—Wear yellow	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	
Y5 and Y6 tag Rugby festival (girls only)	22 nd October	11.30am—3.00pm
Make The Rules Day—FOFS fundraiser	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	1 st November	
Back to school	4 th November	
Samba Bamba Music Workshops (whole school)	8 th November	
FOFS Firework display	9 th November	
Anti-Bullying Week 'Choose Respect'	11 th November	
Remembrance Day	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	
Y6 height and weight checks	20 th November	
Christmas visit with Santa at St Leonard's —FOFS	7 th December	
Autumn Term Assessment Week	9 th December	-
Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day	12 th December	
North Pole Shop	13 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	
Chinese New Year	29th January	
Children’s Mental Health Week	3 rd February	
Electric Umbrella	3rd February	
Pancake Flip (FOFS)	4th February	
Parents Evening	10 th February	3.30 – 5.30pm
Safer Internet Day	11th February	
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	
Ramadan Begins	28th February	
Secondary Allocation Day	3 rd March	
World Book Day—Dress as your favourite book character	6 th March	
British Science Week begins	7th 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	
Fish and Chip Quiz Night (FOFS)	3rd April	
Break for Easter holidays at 1.30pm	4th 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		
Easter Monday (Bank Holiday—school closed)	21st April	
Summer Term starts	22nd April	
Earth Day	22 nd April	
Bank Holiday (school closed)	5 th May	
Occasional day (school closed)	6 th May	
Scavenger Hunt (FOFS)	11th May	
Year Six SATs week	12 th May	
Y5 / Y6 Residential	21 st – 23 rd May	
May Half Term	26 ^h May	
Back to School	2 nd June	
MTC checks for Y4 (2 weeks)	2 nd June	
Class Photo Day	4th 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	2nd July	
New Nursery and Reception Stay and Play	3rd 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 (New Reception children to stay 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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