

This Week's News!

Friday 20th September 2024

Dear Parents / Carers and Flamstead Families

Thank you for your donations for our Harvest collection. We enjoyed a Harvest Assembly with Vicar Jo and Vicar Sam on Tuesday and The Luton Foodbank were delighted with the donations. We are also pleased to announce that our Gardening Club won second prize in the 'Grow your own' category of the Village show last weekend—well done Gardening Club!

Our newly elected School Council were presented with their badges and certificates on Monday and their photos are proudly displayed in the school entrance. Congratulations to Reece, Darcy, Finley, Rosie, Oscar, Olivia, Lilly, Benji, William, Marion, Aiden and Max. Our new look website is now up and running too, please do take a look.

This week the children in the EYFS have been persevering and working as a team to create a *Thunderbird 'Tracey Island'*. The children have planned and executed a wonderful model and now toy of Tracey Island to use in their independent learning time. Reception have been learning about 'The Three Little Pigs', sequencing and acting out the story while Nursery have continued their Phonics learning and have been sorting more colours and exploring colour mixing in Maths! In Maple Class they have been using Base Ten, Bead Strings and Place Value Cards to help us with our Maths lessons. We also took Art outside and created stone and twig artworks based around lines and walls.

KS2 have been busy. Year Three and Year Four have been continuing to focus on place value and looking at rounding to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000. In English they have produced a plan for a graphic novel based on a myth or legend. They enjoyed making food chains in Science and learned about diversity and tolerance in RE. The children are enjoying learning the cornets and can already play a simple tune. Bonsai class have thoroughly enjoyed exploring World War I artwork by Paul Nash this week while creating their own sketches inspired by his techniques and style. In Maths the children have worked together and independently to further deepen their place value knowledge.

We had our Reading Helper meeting this week. Thank you to the parents that did attend. We are still hopeful that we will have more volunteer readers in school so please call or email the school office if you have a hour or so to spare during the week and could help on a regular basis.

The bookings for individual or group music lessons are also still open. Please book on using the link below as soon as possible. <https://ukhertfordshire.speedadmin.dk/registration#/>

To end our week we wore our jeans to raise money for Jeans for Genes Day to support all the superb work they do. Thank you for all your donations. If you have not yet donated the Arbor payment is still open for you.

Can we please ask that children do not play on the play equipment, playground or the school field at the end of the day and that you are prompt at leaving so we can secure the gates. Many thanks.

Have a restful weekend and please remember old clothes and walking boots or wellies for our farm trip on Monday.

Mrs Walton-Jones

Headteacher

September Reminders

23rd - Sunflower farm trip

27th—INSET Day

October Reminders

1st —Y5/6 Tag rugby

4th - Parent Council—9am

4th FOFS AGM—2.30pm

10th—World Mental Health

FOFS NEWS!

FOFS AGM - Friday 4th October, 2:30pm

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting in the school hall on Friday the 4th and would love parents and carers to join us.

We'll be voting our current committee back into their roles; talking about what we've spent money on in the last year and our plans for the coming year; reporting on our finances and how much money we've raised; then throwing the floor open to parents and carers to share their ideas and what they'd like to see us invest in.

The AGM will run for half an hour before pick-up, plus there'll be tea, coffee and biscuits! So come along, meet some new faces and find out what we're up to this school year.

Flamstead Village Fireworks

The date for our fireworks display has been set for **Saturday the 9th of November**, with gates opening at 5:30pm and display set for 6:30pm. Tickets will be sold online and at the Village Shop closer to the date.

This is our largest fundraising event and requires a number of volunteers. If you'd like to help that evening please get in touch with Christy at friendsofflamsteadschool@gmail.com.

Reading with your child

Please give your child the opportunity to read each day, either to you, with you or for you to read to them.... it really does make a difference.

Do you want to help your child find their next book?

Some parents have asked where the best place is to find out about books their children may like.

These websites may help.

Below are two website that may help you and your child find their new favourite book or even their next favourite author.

<https://www.goodreads.com/list/tag/children>

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/bookfinder/#:~:text=Looking%20for%20your%20child's%20next,astonishing%20adventures%20and%20fantastic%20facts.>



Photo's this week

Our new School Council



Bright Stars



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Nursery	Robin	For showing wonderful listening skills in all lessons and being a positive role model. Robin has always impressed his teachers with his mathematical thinking and math model making.
Reception	Cayleb	For his growing aspiration in writing. Cayleb has been independently beginning to writing short phrases using his phonics knowledge!
Year 1	Matilda	For trying her best with all of her learning and making good contributions in class discussions.
Year 2	George	For being a kind and responsible member of Maple Class. George showed this brilliantly in in PSHE with Jigsaw Jo.
Year 3	Olivia	For being an excellent role model and having a good attitude to learning in all her lessons.
Year 4	Ava	For her perseverance in maths and producing some fantastic work in rounding this week.
Year 5	Marion	For her focus and effort across all subjects. Marion models a positive work ethic every day.
Year 6	David	For his engagement and effort during independent work. Multiple adults have commented on David's focus as he's settled into Year 6.

Attendance this week

TTRS and Numbots

Year Group	w/b 16th September
Nursery	93%
Reception	95%
Year 1	98%
Year 2	99%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	91%
Year 6	97%
Well done Year 3!	

Year Group	Who impressed us ?	Percentage of Children online
Nursery	Robin	33%
Reception	Aubrey	43%
Year 1	Austin	40%
Year 2	Leo	36%
Year 3	Isla	67%
Year 4	Darcy	82%
Year 5	Isabella	36%
Year 6	Eddie	87%
		

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.

<https://0tlty.mjt.lu/lnk/>

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PLACES ARE LIMITED PLEASE BOOK AS QUICKLY AS YOU CAN

Parent Advice for Internet and social media use.

Please see some of the following sites that can help you understand how to ensure the safe use of technology and the internet to enable our children to become responsible and respectful internet and social media users.

[https://www.barnardos.org.uk/blog/online-safety-parents-questions?](https://www.barnardos.org.uk/blog/online-safety-parents-questions?gclsrc=aw.ds&gad_source=1&gclid=EAIaIQobChMIqzWe8ZHMAMV8ZhQBh13xjJcEAAYAAAEgl8GPD_BwE)

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<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/>



Friends of
Flamstead
School

Flamstead
VILLAGE SCHOOL

Fireworks Display 2024

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 9th November

Friends of Flamstead School



Annual General Meeting

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Stay informed and get involved.

Refreshments provided!

School hall

Friday 4th Oct, 2:30pm



Parentkind
Member Association

Applying for Secondary School - Top Tips (Part 1)

Date	Wednesday 25 th September 2024
Time	10.00-11.00 am Session will be held virtually via MS Teams

Are you applying for Secondary school this year?

A **free** workshop for year 6 parents/carers:

- Key dates to look out for
- School open evenings
- What to consider when choosing a school
- General tips & advice



For more details and to book, please email:

jnethercoat@hobbshillwood.herts.sch.uk

Please include contact details and name of child's primary school when booking

Tel: 01442 401222 Ext: 5

Magnificent Munchers Therapy for Fussy Eaters is delivering a

FREE TALK FOR PARENTS OF FUSSY EATERS

17th October 10-11 am at
The Little gym Harpenden ALS 2JQ
to book email:

jacqueline@magnificentmunchers.com

www.magnificentmunchers.co.uk

SUNDAY
29th
SEPTEMBER

11 - 5
AM PM

HEMEL HULLABALOO

LIVE MUSIC
FOOD & DRINK
ENTERTAINMENT
HEMEL TOWN CENTRE

Free Community Event

On Sunday, 29th September, from 11am to 5pm

Hemel Town Centre

- **Live Music** – Enjoy performances by local musicians.
- **Food & Drink Stalls** – Tasty offerings from local vendors.
- **Roaming Performers** – Street entertainers
- **Arts & Crafts** – Hands-on creative activities
- **Family-Friendly Activities** – free activities suitable for all ages





1-2-1 SESSIONS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE

OCTOBER HALF TERM CAMP

AGES 5 - 14

28TH OCT - 1ST NOV
10:00AM - 3:00PM

ASHLYNS SCHOOL
BERKHAMSTEAD



£25 Per Day
EARLY BIRD DROP OFF 9AM - £5

FOR MORE INFO OR TO BOOK A SPACE PLEASE GOTO OUR WEBSITE
WWW.PROSPORTSACADEMY.ORG

Next Thing Education Camps

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IN MULTIPLE LOCATIONS ACROSS THE UK

21ST - 25TH OCTOBER



ROBOTS INVENTIONS

MINECRAFT + LEGO ENGINEERING

VR & TECH FUN

AGES 5-11 | £45 PER DAY
9AM - 3PM DAILY

5 DAYS for only **£175**

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OCTOBER HALF TERM 2024 What's on?

MINECRAFT ENGINEERING

PROGRAM ROBOTS

SPOOKY FILM MAKING

LEGO ENGINEERING

3D CREATIONS

Different activity theme each day, please check website for your camp activities.

21ST OCT - 25TH OCT LIMITED SPACES

Check out what parents are saying...

"The kids absolutely loved the camp. They could not stop talking about what they did and how much fun they had and begged to go back. Great tech camp!"



SPECIAL OFFER

BOOK 5 DAYS FOR ONLY £175

What to bring to camp



Packed Lunch and Snacks (9:17-9:00)



Water Bottle



Medication If Required



Halloween Costume (Friday Optional)

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E: info@nextthing.education
T: 01442873150

Upcoming Dates—Autumn Term 2024

Autumn Term 2024		
School trip to the Sunflower Farm	23rd 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	
FOFS AGM in school hall	4th October	2.30pm
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)	22nd October	11.30am—3.00pm
Break 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	9th November	
Anti-Bullying Week ‘Choose Respect’	11 th November	
Remembrance Day	11th 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	20th November	
Christmas visit with Santa at St Leonard’s —FOFS	7th December	
Autumn Term Assessment Week	9 th December	-
Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day	12 th December	
North Pole Shop	12th December	
FOFS Christmas Disco	13th 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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