

This Week's News!

Thursday 26 September 2024

Dear Parents / Carers and Flamstead Families

We started and ended our week with torrential rain. The weather on Monday unfortunately meant we could not enjoy our planned trip to the Sunflower Farm. We hope that any families who had their homes affected by the flooding are now recovering well.

This week the children have been enjoying a range of activities in school. The children in Reception spent Monday afternoon exploring what floods are and why they happen. We were super engineers and thought about how we can prevent them in the future. This week Nursery have been exploring numbers up to 5 using blocks and playing cards, while Reception have been doing Maths outside, rehearsing our counting of objects in the correct order. In Literacy Reception have been role playing as the big bad wolf this week asking each other questions about why they eat little pigs.

In Computing, Maple Class have been learning what Information Technology is. They also created a 'Conscience Alley' to discuss and debate Guy Fawkes' decision to join the Gunpowder Plot during their History lesson. They ended the week by painting their own interpretations of one of Andy Goldsworthy's stone spirals.

Chestnut Class have been exploring the mental strategies 'think 10' and 'think 100' in Maths including problem solving. They are also continuing to rehearse their times tables. In English they are developing their graphic novels by adding illustrations and character dialogue to add information for the reader. They enjoyed using the medium of Oreo cookies to explore tectonic plates in Geography and they identified different types of teeth and their functions in Science.

This week Bonasi class have worked hard to write, edit and publish their non-chronological reports about a made-up planet. Inspired by Pandora from Avatar and two beautifully illustrated books on our solar system each child has created their own planet and detailed its features and history. They have continued to explore 'Happy' and other songs about happiness in their music lessons while accompanying on the glockenspiels. We are all looking forward to the class Tag Rugby competition on Tuesday next week.

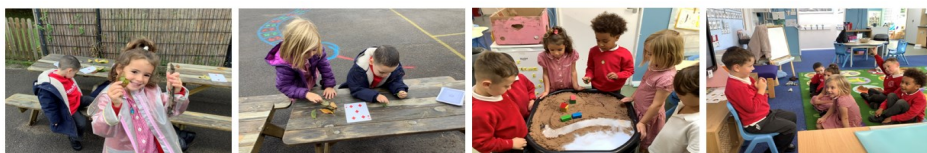
Please sign up for the Asda Cashpot too. Even if you do not shop at Asda the school gets £1 just for you signing up. Just download the Asda Rewards App, register and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools. Thank you for your support.

Tomorrow is National Teaching Assistant Day. I am sure you will all join me in thanking all of our Teaching Assistants for the great work and dedication they show to your children and to our school.

Thank you to you all!

I hope you all enjoy the long weekend. The teaching staff will be in school for staff training tomorrow and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Mrs Walton-Jones
Headteacher



September Reminders

27th—INSET Day

October Reminders

1st —Y5/6 Tag rugby

4th - Parent Council—9am

4th FOFS AGM—2.30pm

10th—Mental Health Day

Bright Stars



Thursday 26th September 2024

Nursery	Greyson	For his wonderful kindness to all his friends in Cherry Class and for putting in lots of effort into all his learning in Phonics and Maths.
Reception	Aubrey	For his growing confidence and happy smile within school as well as his improving attitude to learning this week. Aubrey has accepted a challenge in Phonics every day!
Year 1	Cordelia	For being a good Year One role model and always trying her best.
Year 2	Finley	For writing wonderful instructions in our English lesson and taking pride in his Year Two learning.
Year 3	Winter	For working hard to focus on her learning leading to improvement in reading, writing and maths. Keep it up!
Year 4	Rupert	For excelling in maths this week using his reasoning skills to explain his answers and for helping others in music.
Year 5	Max	For great effort in English and increasing his writing stamina.
Year 6	Tristan	For fantastic effort when writing in his non –chronological report.

Attendance this week

TTRS and Numbots

Year Group	w/b 23rd September
Nursery	90%
Reception	100%
Year 1	95%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	98%
Year 5	94%
Year 6	98%
Well done to everyone this week, Super Attendance!	

Year Group	Who impressed us ?	Percentage of Children online
Nursery	Amelia	25%
Reception		43%
Year 1	Xander	53%
Year 2	Leo	64%
Year 3	Isla	78%
Year 4	Benji	91% WOW!
Year 5		45%
Year 6	Jacob	67%
 		



FOFS News!



Friends of Flamstead School have registered for ASDA's 'Cashpot for Schools'.

Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024 – every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen Primary school.

Also, every time somebody opts-in to support our Primary school, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot.

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3.

1. Download the Asda Rewards app, register and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools (make sure you have the latest version of the app installed)
2. Choose our Primary School – either searching by name or postcode
3. Shop instore across Asda and George, or online at [Asda.com](https://www.asda.com) and start filling your Cashpot as you shop

Remember, anyone can sign up – even if you don't shop with ASDA, you might know someone who does! So start spreading the news and help to raise funds for our wonderful village school!



Families First Website

This is a super website providing support and advice for families

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/families-first/families-first.aspx>

Who is it for?

Families First is available to all Hertfordshire families with children under 18 or under 25 if they have a learning need or disability.

Issues they can help with

parenting / mental and physical health problems / drug or alcohol dependency / domestic abuse / school related concerns / such as your child is not attending school / debt problems / risk of becoming homeless.

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

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



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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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OCTOBER HALF TERM TECH CAMP

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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Upcoming Dates—Autumn Term 2024

Autumn Term 2024		
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	
Whole School Trip to the Pumpkin Farm	17th 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	
KS2 Graffiti workshops at ST Leonard's Church	10th March	
KS2 Graffiti workshops at ST Leonard's Church	11th 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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