

This Week's News!

Thursday 11th October 2024

Dear Parents / Carers and Flamstead Families

We have had an 'out of this world' week at Flamstead. We started the week with a VR space workshop experience where all the children had individual VR headsets and were taken on a journey through space. The feedback from the children was fantastic and it was a great way to start 'Space Week' in school.

Cherry Class enjoyed blasting off into space using the VR technology and they learnt about all the different planets around us as well as talking about how they would be able to travel to these planets in the future. They explored the history of the first man landing on the moon and watched the footage of this, speaking about how important it was for the world when this happened. They created their very own planets using oil pastels and black paper as well as designing and making rocket ships from bottles, boxes and cut out shapes.

Maple Class have had a week amongst the stars too! They created pastel planetary artwork, learnt about Katherine Johnson and Neil Armstrong and watched rocket launches. They even designed a space rover that could withstand the 'Seven Minutes of Terror' to land on Mars.

In KS2 Chestnut have been busy producing and performing their poems inspired by Brian Patten. In Maths they are continuing to consolidate formal written methods. They too enjoyed the VR Space workshop on Monday and have been learning how astronauts prepare their food in space. For Mental Health Day they talked about how important it is to look after themselves and each other. They designed 'helping hearts' with ideas of how they could help themselves and each other if they weren't feeling so great.

Bonsai Class soared through the galaxy with VR and each child created their own fact files on their own choice of planet. The fact files have been compiled into Bonsai's Space Week Book. Continuing with the theme of 'Space' they also became space code crackers while practising their times tables before learning how long humans could survive on each planet. In Art they learnt about dazzle camouflage before designing their own unique WW1 dazzle camouflaged ships.

Lego Club went intergalactic and created wonderful models all based on a space theme, have a look at their photos further on in the newsletter.

We all wore yellow on Thursday and raised £94 for the 'Young Minds' charity to support the important work they do. I hope the Wellbeing information sent home yesterday is helpful for you all.

Just a reminder to send your child into school with their wellies please so we can explore the outdoor learning areas as part of our curriculum and all children need to bring a coat in on a daily basis.

Have wonderful weekend, take time to enjoy the things that make you happy and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Mrs Walton-Jones

Headteacher

October Reminders

15th—NSPCC Assembly

17th—Pumpkin Farm trip

17th—Parents Evening

21st—Parents Evening

21st—NSPCC workshops Y2,5,6

22nd —Y5/6 girls Tag Rugby

23rd—Break The Rules Day

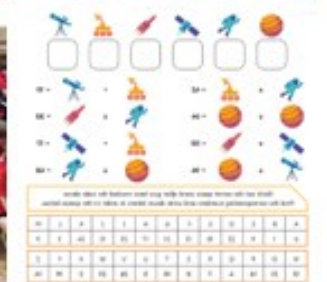
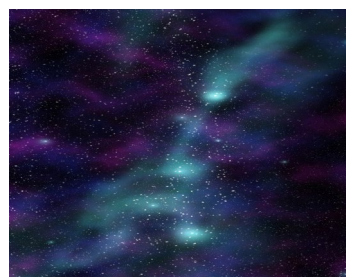
24th—INSET

25th INSET

Photos of the week!



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NEW WINTER LUNCH MENU

We have received the new Winter lunch menu from Herts Catering Ltd which will begin on our return after the half term break. This has today been uploaded to our website and you will also find a copy at the end of this newsletter.

If your child is registered with the HCL due to allergies, please go onto their Allergy site and update the information they will be holding for them.

HCL		Winter Menu 2024-2025				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	MAIN MEAL 1	Breaded Chicken Grill	Chicken Pie	Roast Beef with Gravy	Quorn Hot Dog	Battered Fish Fillet
	MAIN MEAL 2	Margherita Wrap	Veggie Sausage Bow Pasta	Shepherdess Pie	Egg Breakfast Muffin	Cheese & Tomato Pizza
	SIDE DISH	Brown and White Rice or Pasta Shapes	Diced Potatoes	Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Penne Pasta or Hash Browns	Potato Wedges or Tricolour Pasta
	COLD OPTION	Tuna Roll	Cheese Spread Sandwich	Ham Roll	Cheese Baguette	Egg Roll
EXTRA OPTION		Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)
WEEK 2	MAIN MEAL 1	Veggie Sausages & Gravy	Chicken Pasta Bake	Roast Pork with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy	Beef Burger in a Bun	Harry Ramsden's Salmon & Sweet Potato Fricassee
	MAIN MEAL 2	Macaroni Cheese	Homemade Vegan Sausage Roll & Gravy	Roast Quorn Filled with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy	Tomato Bolognese	Cheese & Tomato Pizza
	SIDE DISH	Mashed Potatoes or Garlic Bread	Penne Pasta or Diced Potatoes	Roast Potatoes or Brown & White Rice	Potato Wedges or Spaghetti	Oven Chips or Tricolour Pasta
	COLD OPTION	Cheese Baguette	Ham Roll	Cheese Spread Sandwich	Tuna Roll	Egg Roll
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WEEK 3	MAIN MEAL 1	Pork Sausages with Gravy	Quorn Burger in a Bun	Roast Chicken with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy	Beef Bolognese	Fish Fillet Fingers
	MAIN MEAL 2	Cheese Pishieel	Italian Pasta Bake	Creamy Quorn Pie	Breaded Bean and Vegetable Gali	Cheese & Tomato Pizza
	SIDE DISH	Mashed Potatoes or Pasta Shapes	Potato Wedges or Herby Bread	Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Spaghetti or Diced Potatoes	Oven Chips or Tricolour Pasta
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Seasonal vegetables and a variety of salads are served daily. We are proud to use the following food brands: We are accredited by: Week 1: 4 Nov, 25 Nov, 16 Dec, 6 Jan, 27 Jan, 24 Feb, 17 Mar Week 2: 11 Nov, 2 Dec, 13 Jan, 3 Feb, 3 Mar, 24 Mar Week 3: 18 Nov, 9 Dec, 20 Jan, 10 Feb, 31 Mar

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IMPORTANT REMINDERS

SECONDARY ADMISSIONS—September 2024

Please be aware that the deadline for applications to secondary and upper schools is fast approaching.

Parents will need to make an application online or on paper by the closing date of **Thursday 31st October 2024**. *As this date falls in the October half term*, we would recommend that parents complete it by **Wednesday 23rd October**, so that if there are any queries, they can be dealt with by the Admissions Team before the break.

Parents should apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

A full list of important dates for Secondary Admissions can be found at :-
<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions/secondary-and-upper-schools/important-dates-secondary-school-admissions.aspx>

PRIMARY ADMISSIONS—September 2024

The online system for parents to apply for a Reception place opens on **Friday 1st November 2024**. Please follow the link below to see a full list of important dates for the Primary Admissions Process.

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions/primary-junior-and-middle-schools/important-dates-primary-junior-and-middle-school-admissions.aspx#>

Please can we remind all parents of Nursery children who will be moving into Reception in September that they ***still have to apply for a Reception place at Flamstead Village School via the Herts County Council Schools Admission Process.***

Bright Stars



Friday 11th October 2024

Nursery	Harper	For her wonderfully detailed drawings of her friends and family this week as well as her perseverance with name writing!
Reception	Frankie	For the care and attention put into her Literacy learning this week. Frankie has been challenging herself to begin to sound out and write words independently!
Year 1	Reece	For trying his best and persevering with his written learning this week and joining in well with class discussions.
Year 2	Cobi	For writing a wonderful space poem, using descriptive noun phrases.
Year 3	Louie	For working hard on his presentation and concentration with great results
Year 4	Rafi	For persevering with his Maths and multiplication.
Year 5	Louis	For his dedication to learning and exemplary behaviour.
Year 6	Aiden	For his focus and effort in English. He embedded all practiced skills within his setting description, hooking the reader.

Attendance this week

TTRS and Numbots

Year Group	w/b 7th October
Nursery	93%
Reception	92%
Year 1	97%
Year 2	99%
Year 3	99%
Year 4	96%
Year 5	97%
Year 6	99%
Well done to everyone this week.	

Year Group	Who impressed us ?	Percentage of Children online
Nursery	Amelia	25%
Reception	Axel	43%
Year 1	Austin	47%
Year 2	Leo	82%
Year 3	Evie	80%
Year 4	Darcy	91%
Year 5	-	18%
Year 6	Joey	60%
		



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!

Electric Umbrella

Come and join Electric Umbrella as their team of professional musicians and learning disabled superstars deliver an hour of music, in a show for all the family, guaranteed to leave a lasting memory.

- Date: **Monday 28th & Tuesday 29th October**
- Location: **Electric Umbrella Arena, The Marlowes Centre, Hemel Hempstead, HP1 1LA**
 - Time: **2pm – 3pm**
- Entry: **£5 per person (all ages) or £15 for Family of 4 (maximum 2 adults)**



Upcoming Dates—Autumn Term 2024

Autumn Term 2024		
NSPCC Assembly	15 th October	
Whole School Trip to the Pumpkin Farm	17 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
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	31st October	
Applications for Primary School September 2025	1 st November	
Back to school	4 th November	
Samba Bamba Music Workshops (whole school)	5 th November	
Non Uniform —Bring gifts for the North Pole Shop	8 th November	
FOFS Firework display	9 th November	
Anti-Bullying Week ‘Choose Respect’	11 th November	
Remembrance Day	11 th November	
Chestnut Class Trip to Hazzard Alley	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	12 th December	
FOFS Christmas Disco	13 th December	
EYFS / KS1 Dress Rehearsal (Pre-schools invited)	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

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

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	
Space Dome in school	12th 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

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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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HALLOWEEN HOLIDAY CLUB

£20

THU 31ST OCT 9-3
FLAMSTEAD PRESCHOOL

BRING A PACKED LUNCH (HALLOWEEN SNACK PROVIDED)

POTION MAKING, PUMPKIN CARVING
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CHILDREN FROM 6 MONTHS TO YEAR 6

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WEDNESDAY 23RD OCT 24 - 7PM

FREE TASTER SESSION
FOR GIRLS AGED 6 TO 18 YEARS OLD



Half-Term Happy Hour

Mon 28 + Tues 29
October, 2pm

Electric Umbrella Arena, The Marlowes
Hemel Hempstead, HP1 1LA

Get your tickets:



£5 per person (all ages)
Family of 4 - £15 (maximum 2 adults)

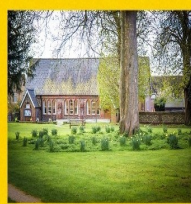
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If you've seen any of our performances, at school or on stage, you'll know what's in store! If not, come and discover the fun of our amazing live, interactive music experiences.



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