

Flamstead

VILLAGE SCHOOL

This Week's News!

Friday 22nd November 2024

Dear Parents / Carers and Flamstead Families,

It has been a fun week in school with added excitement on Tuesday with the surprise snowfall. As the temperatures drop please make sure your child has a named coat in school and that any hats, gloves and scarfs are also named please.

We started the week with an assembly about UK Parliament week and how our own School Council is similar. This week the School Council had a very hard job choosing the winners of the Anti Bullying Week Poster Competition they ran last week.

They chose a winner in each class from KS1 and KS2 as choosing just one winner was so difficult! Many congratulations to all the children who took part. Their amazing posters are displayed in the hall for everyone to enjoy. Special congratulations to Elsie in Maple Class, Theo in Chestnut Class and Isabella in Bonsai class who were the overall winners.

Today we were lucky enough to have a visit from our school Governors. The Governors visited all of the classes this afternoon and enjoyed talking to the children and many thanks to Louise, Sam, Sue, Mary, Giles and Will for visiting.

This week, Cherry Class have been busy with a variety of exciting writing activities during their independent learning time. They've created sentences, invitations, recipes, and shopping lists, showcasing their creativity and growing skills. The children were inspired this week by a song they heard during singing assembly. Miss Stout introduced the entire school to "My Favourite Things" from The Sound of Music, and Cherry Class were inspired to make their own special book of their favourite things. They drew pictures and wrote wonderful sentences about what they love most. Nursery also welcomed a new friend into their class on Wednesday. In KS1 Maple class took their Computing lesson outside this week. They took digital photographs of things they found interesting in our school grounds and then explained to the class why they took the photo and what they liked about it. In English, they have been using the snowy weather as inspirations for their writing, in preparation for creating their journey story next week.

In KS2 Chestnut have been using fronted adverbials and conjunctions to extend sentences in their English. In Maths they are using their known multiplication facts to make links with sharing and dividing. They continued to learn about Early Civilisations and looked at how trade has developed from 3000 BC to modern day. In Design and Technology they have been thinking about the visual appeal of our Christmas Stockings and this week they practised their sewing skills to add decoration.

Bonsai have been busy developing their knowledge of Crime and Punishment in the lead up to their trip to The Tower of London next week. In English they edited and published their short narratives adding to the story 'Wisp - A story of hope'. In Maths they have moved onto reasoning, recapping rounding and estimating before developing their mental strategies. Bonsai are captivated with both their guided reading text 'Tyger' and their end of the day class read 'The Midnight Thief', They are eagerly awaiting the next chapters of both.

Please remember to book your tickets for the Craft with Santa on the 6th December and for our school disco on Friday 13th December. Both events sound exciting. Please see the attached flyers for more information.

I wish you all a very pleasant and restful weekend. Keep warm!

Best wishes

Mrs Walton-Jones

Headteacher

Nov / Dec Reminders

- 29th - Y5/6—Tower of London
- 6th—Parent Council Meeting
- 6th—Santa at St Leonards
- 7th—Christmas Tree Festival
- 9th—Cherry Class Cathedral trip
- 10th—Panto in school
- 12th—Christmas Jumper / Dinner
- 12th—North Pole shop
- 13th—School Disco
- 16th—EYFS/KS1 Dress Rehearsal
- 17th - EYFS / KS1 performance AM
- 17th—Service at St Leonard's
- 18th—EYFS / KS1 performance PM
- 19th—Party Afternoon
- 20th—Term ends at 1.30pm

Bright Stars

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Nursery	Leo	For his impressive independent drawing and his noticeable improvement in listening skills during lessons.
Reception	Aubrey	For showing great effort in his independent writing and demonstrating a willingness to challenge himself by incorporating tricky words. Well done, Aubrey!
Year 1	George	For being a role model member of Maple class, always ready to start his learning.
Year 2	Ferne	For creating a very detailed story map in her English lesson, using time connectives and expanded noun phrases.
Year 3	Darcy	For improved focus and concentration and working well with her learning partner.
Year 4	George	For being a fantastic role model and engaging in his learning and for excellent explanations in guided reading.
Year 5	Fletcher	For his enthusiasm and passion in our History lessons.
Year 6	Dillon	For his effort and dedication to learning beyond the classroom. Dillon wrote a poem after school inspired by a book he had read.

Attendance this week

Year Group	w/b 18th November
Nursery	90%
Reception	97%
Year 1	92%
Year 2	98%
Year 3	99%
Year 4	98%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	97%
Well done to Year 5!	

TTRS and Numbots

Year Group	Who impressed us ?	Percentage of Children online
Nursery	-	%
Reception	-	14%
Year 1	-	13%
Year 2	-	9%
Year 3	Harrison	73%
Year 4	Theo	100%
Year 5	-	55%
Year 6	Dillon	47%
Every child needs to log on each week please as part of their home learning.		
Well done Finley and Ferne for going on TTRS for the first time this week.		

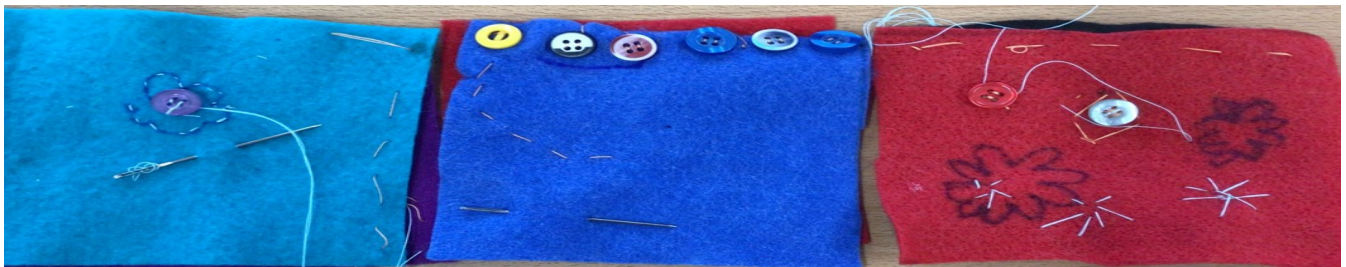
This Week's Photos



A beautiful rainbow appeared on Thursday. The circumzenithal arc, is the most beautiful of all the halos. It is often described as an 'upside-down rainbow' or 'a grin in the sky.' The Met Office describes the phenomenon as occurring when sunlight refracts through horizontal ice crystals, at such an angle that light enters through a flat top face and exits through a side prism face.



Chestnut class sewing stockings



Our Wandering Wild Club using our outdoor area



IMPORTANT REMINDER

PRIMARY ADMISSIONS—September 2025

The online system for parents to apply for a Reception place opens on **Friday 1st November 2024** and **closes on 15th January 2025**. 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.**

Bottle tops and Lids

Eco Club are collecting plastic lids and bottle tops. Any size and any colour.

If you could send as many as you can into school they would be very grateful!



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY – VIEWING CARDS

Following Pret-a-Portrait's recent visit to take school photographs, a viewing card explaining how you can view and order pictures, has been sent home with pupils this week.

Please ask your children to give it to you as soon as possible so you have a chance to order any pictures you would like at a discounted price before the Early Bird Deadline 26/11/2024.

If for any reason your viewing card does not make it home, please contact **Pret-a-Portrait** directly on 0800 021 7626 or customerservice@pret-a-portrait.net

FOFS News

December is a busy month for everyone, and at FOFS we're finishing the year in fine festive style!

On the **6th of December** we'll be holding our **Craft With Santa** event after school (from 3-5pm) at St Leonards Church. The children will take part in Christmas crafts, then meet Santa for a professional photo and receive a gift! Tickets are selling quickly online so be sure to secure yours - there are only 50 available.

Simply follow this link to purchase yours: <https://bit.ly/craftsanta>.

* Please note, all children must be accompanied by an adult and no tickets will be sold on the door.

Thank you to everyone who donated gifts to the **North Pole Shop**! Now that all the orders are in, our Christmas Elves have started buying the remaining gifts for the shop. This is a huge task with over 100 extra gifts to source, costing us in the region of £500. Thank you to Becky Gisborne for organising the shop this year.

FOFS have also decided to sell some of the smaller donated gifts as stocking fillers at the upcoming **Preschool Christmas Market** on the **1st of December** (11am-3pm) so do come along to the Village Hall and grab yourselves a bargain!

Organising for the **School Discos** on the **13th of December** is well underway! FOFS spends £375 on a professional DJ that runs both parties, as well as subsidising all the food and gifts the children receive. Thank you to Sarah Percy for organising the parties and to all those parents volunteering to supervise the children.

Finally, our friends at **The Solar Centre** have kindly gifted the school some Christmas-themed lights! See if you can spot them outside the school office in the next week...



Christmas Party

Entrance £2

13/12/2024

Drinks
Live DJ
Food

Guest appearance
Each child receives a gift

Flamstead School

KS1 4pm - 5.30pm KS2 5.45pm - 7.15pm

Please give £2 to the school office by Monday 4th December.
Forms will be coming home to return please.
Adults must accompany children from Nursery please
Kindly supported by Friends of Flamstead School.



Friends of Flamstead School

FRIDAY 3-5 PM **6TH** DECEMBER

Craft with Santa

@ St. Leonard's Church

ONLY **£10** per child

Includes a photo with Santa

Kids meet Santa, receive a gift and take part in Christmas Crafts
<https://bit.ly/craftsanta>





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Essex Fire Museum Christmas Open Day (With our Santa's Grotto)

Free entry, but
booking is essential as
we are on an active fire
station site.

Contact us to book:
[museum@essex-
fire.gov.uk](mailto:museum@essex-fire.gov.uk) or 01376
576847.

10.30am to 4.00pm
(Last entry: 2.30pm)



Date: 15th Of December



Family Carols

with

Hertfordshire Chorus

David Temple conductor

Rufus Frowde piano & organ



Sunday 8 December 2024

5:30pm

St Leonard's Church
Flamstead



In support of **Herts Musical Memories** - delivering singing sessions for people living with dementia

Email tickets@musicatstleonards.co.uk
Or call Anne Françoise - 07577 530825

Tickets £20 Children & Students £5