

# Flamstead

VILLAGE SCHOOL

## This Week's News!

**Friday 10th January 2025**

Dear Parents / Carers and Flamstead Families,

Happy New Year to you all. I do hope that you were able to enjoy time with family and friends over the Christmas break. We had an exciting start to the term with a power cut on Monday that affected all AL3 postcodes. I am pleased to say that the children responded so maturely and all the staff were quick thinking and flexible in changing their teaching activities for the morning. Thankfully we had power on again just before lunch and Mrs Amir, our school cook was able to feed all the children, despite having to plan a slightly different menu. The rest of the week has been full with lots of new topics being started in each classroom. The new Curriculum Maps for this half term are now on the school website for you to view.

Cherry Class have returned from the Christmas break full of energy and ready to learn. This term, they will be exploring real-life superheroes – the amazing people who help us every day. The children have been discovering what it means to help others and learning about the different jobs that make a positive difference in our community. In Literacy, Reception have been focusing on using finger spaces and forming their letters correctly while writing sentences. In KS1 Maple Class have been learning about Florence Nightingale in History and completed a class quiz with all the new facts they have found out. In Art, they went all dotty, exploring the work of Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama and in Maths, Year 2 have been using lots of different maths strategies and resources to explore equivalence. In KS2 Chestnut Class have been learning how to find fractions of different amounts in Maths. Mrs Hobbs has been very impressed with how much perseverance the children have shown in understanding new concepts. In English, they have started a unit on writing adventure stories and have looked at main characters and how their emotions might change throughout a story. In Science their new topic is 'States of Matter' and this week they began by classifying items into solids or liquids. In History they explored how archaeologists help us to learn about the past. They looked at pictures of artefacts to see if they could find out information. Bonsai Class began the week performing their Room 101 speeches written during the Autumn term. After several rounds, we invited Mrs Walton-Jones to judge the semi-finals and final. All of the children should be extremely proud of themselves for standing up and reading their speeches to the class. Congratulations to Max M and David for reaching the final. In other subjects Bonsai have enjoyed finding out what topics they will be covering this half term. Their South America topic in Geography sounds exciting. The predicted snow did not appear in the quantity the children wanted unfortunately but it has been very cold. A big thank you to the team of parents who have volunteered to grit the paths for us to ensure our school site is safe for all, your help is very much appreciated. We also extend our thanks to David Carter who spent a considerable amount of time in school over the Christmas holidays repairing fences in the playground and working hard to enhance the KS2 toilets. David also painted and refreshed parts of the kitchen for us too and our school cook is delighted with the results.

Have a good weekend, keep warm!

Best wishes

Jacqui Walton-Jones

### Reminders

**13th—Bikeability L2 and L3**

**13th—Y6 SATS parent meeting**

**14th—Y4 MTC parent meeting**

**15th—Y1 Phonics parent meeting**

**15th—Sept 2025 applications close**

**16th—EYFS Profile parent meeting**

**17th—Beginners Biking course**

**23rd—Young Voices at the O2**

**29th—Chinese New Year**

**3rd Feb—Children's Mental Health Week**

**3rd Feb - Electric Umbrella in school**

# Bright Stars

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<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Jesse</b>	For settling into Cherry class so well and for already being a fantastic role model to other children.
<b>Reception</b>	<b>Reggie</b>	For meeting his personal target he set himself in writing his name correctly without adult help! Well done Reggie!
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Arabella</b>	For using her listening skills during her lessons, to help her start her great written learning independently.
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Leo</b>	For being a kind member of Maple Class and starting the new term full of enthusiasm, ready to learn.
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Evie</b>	For being a great role model, returning to school with a positive attitude to learning, helping others and participation in class discussion.
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Ava</b>	For being a good friend and learning partner, for sharing her ideas in class and showing increased confidence in her Maths ability.
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Fletcher</b>	For his positive attitude and dedication to learning.
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Tristan</b>	For his exemplary behaviour and focus when learning.

## Attendance this week

Year Group	w/b 6th January
<b>Nursery</b>	94%
<b>Reception</b>	86%
<b>Year 1</b>	94%
<b>Year 2</b>	100%
<b>Year 3</b>	98%
<b>Year 4</b>	99%
<b>Year 5</b>	98%
<b>Year 6</b>	96%
<b>Well done Year 2!</b>	

## TTRS and Numbots

Year Group	Who impressed us ?	Percentage of Children online
Nursery		0%
Reception		29%
Year 1	Cordelia	40%
Year 2		9%
Year 3		40%
Year 4		27%
Year 5		45%
Year 6		13%
<b>We have been really disappointed with the low participation over the past 3 weeks. Please support your child by logging on with them at home.</b>		

## **LAST REMINDER**

### **PRIMARY ADMISSIONS—September 2025**

The online system for parents to apply for a Reception place **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.**

## **COMMUNITY ADVICE**

**Lock, chain and cover** is the advice we are giving owners of motorcycles, mopeds and scooters in Dacorum following overnight thefts in December.

**Lock** - use a disc lock to help secure the front brake disc, or a grip lock to secure the brake and throttle controls. You could also use a D lock on the front wheel to stop it being wheeled away.

**Chain** - Use a chain lock through the back wheel (the front wheel can be removed). Secure your bike, with the lock taut to an immovable object such as a ground anchor or street furniture. If this isn't possible, thread the chain through your bike frame and back wheel.

**Cover** - thieves often 'shop' for particular bike models. Using a cover instantly makes it less attractive to them and is another time consuming obstacle for the thief.

Always use the steering lock and remove the ignition keys, even if you are close by or away for a few minutes.

Consider fitting a Thatcham-rated 1 or 2 alarm system with tracking, immobilisation, anti-grab and movement sensors can help protect and trace your vehicle.



## Photos



## FOFS NEWS

The FOFS Christmas Tree collection happened last weekend, with over 40 trees collected around Flamstead village.

We would like to thank Carlos Guinand and Iain Heaslip for their help and hard work, as well as Majestic Trees for facilitating the scheme. We're so lucky in this village to have companies like Majestic supporting our village school.

Thanks also to everyone who booked a collection that day - we really appreciate your support. The figures are still being tallied but the collection made in the region of £366.

Got any ideas?



We're always looking for ideas about ways we can support or improve our school. Have you thought of something that could improve your child's learning or classroom space?

Let us know by emailing [friendsofflamsteadschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofflamsteadschool@gmail.com).

All ideas welcome!

# NHS Pharmacy First Service



Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? A

ccessing the service may mean that we can help children feel better and get back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge  
(unless NHS prescription charges apply):

<b>Common condition</b>	<b>Patient eligibility</b>
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

**For more information see the following website**

<https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/pharmacies/how-pharmacies-can-help/>



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PRESCHOOL**

**NOW OPEN 7.30AM TO 6PM**

# **WRAPAROUND CARE**

**for children from Nursery to Year 6**

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**Government funding available from 9 months old**

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**[www.flamsteadpreschool.co.uk](http://www.flamsteadpreschool.co.uk)**

# Wandering Wild



Outdoor learning sessions, led by fully-trained facilitators. Your child will be encouraged to take part in outdoor activities, whilst enjoying their natural surroundings.

We offer seasonal activities such as: building bug hotels, cooking on a fire, nature art, gardening, storytelling and den building.



Every Thursday  
£5 per session  
3.15pm - 4.30pm



To book, contact Emilie  
[changingleavesnature@outlook.com](mailto:changingleavesnature@outlook.com)

[www.changingleaves.co.uk](http://www.changingleaves.co.uk)



**DACORUM**  
FAMILY SERVICES  
NORTH & EAST

## Helping your child with their anger

**Date**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**Time**

09:30-11:00 am

Session will be held face to face at Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School in the Myatt Room (HP3 8ER)

### Does your child display challenging behaviour?

A **free** workshop for parents:

- Why do children display challenging behaviour?
- Understand your child and their responses and behaviour when they're angry
- Strategies and tips to help your child with their anger



**For more details and to book a place, please email:**

[jnethercoat@hobbshillwood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:jnethercoat@hobbshillwood.herts.sch.uk)

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

Tel: 01442 401222 Ext: 5

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**COMPETITION**



**Deadline 15th February**



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