

This Week's News!

Friday 8th November 2024

Dear Parents / Carers and Flamstead Families,

Welcome back and I hope you all enjoyed your half term break. It has been lovely to see the children back at school and enjoying their learning this week.

On Tuesday all classes enjoyed a whole day of music, taking part in two Samba Bamba musical workshops each. Everyone enjoyed the sessions and the feedback was super.

In the Early Years, Cherry class have settled back into the routines of school wonderfully. They have been creating firework paintings and pictures using different tools and methods and Reception have been using their literacy lessons to write sentences about why they like fireworks and how to stay safe. The children have also been creating a poppy collage during their independent learning time ready to display in the classroom

One of the highlights of a busy first week back for Maple Class was their trip to Ashridge Woods. They had such a brilliant day - exploring the Autumn treasures in a scavenger hunt, delving into mini-beast habitats to see what they could find, creating wild plant art and building a den out of fallen logs. What a super trip!

Chestnut Class had a busy first week back. In English they have been thinking about the importance of Remembrance Day and the significance of poppies by writing Remembrance poems. In Science they started a new topic on 'sound, learning how sound is caused by vibrations and they enjoyed investigations with drums, elastic bands and tuning forks. In History they are learning about Early Civilisations and began by looking at timelines from Ancient Sumer to Ancient Rome. In Design and Technology they will be making Christmas stockings and they have begun by comparing and analysing different designs for visual appeal.

Children in Bonsai Class have started new topics across the curriculum. In English they are exploring a familiar story in 'Wisp, a story of hope' and further developing their understanding and knowledge of figurative language. In Maths they are multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1,000. They were also excited to start History's 'Crime and Punishment' unit linked to their upcoming trip. Bonsai's highlight of the week was their 'Samba Bamba and Bash Your Trash' workshop.

Thank you for all the super gifts that were brought in today. There were a lovely range of items to go into our North Pole Shop. Later on in the term the children will be able to choose gifts for their families and have them wrapped ready to place under the Christmas tree. Thank you for your generosity.

I am hoping to see many of our families at the FOFS Firework Display on Saturday. Please do come along, it looks like it will be a brilliant evening.

We have a busy week next week. Please see the reminders here in the newsletter and check your emails for events that are happening soon.

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs Walton-Jones

Headteacher

November Reminders

- 8th—Christmas cards forms back**
- 8th —Bring a gift -North Pole Shop**
- 9th—FOFS Fireworks Display**
- 11th—Anti-Bullying week**
- 11th—Remembrance Day**
- 12th—School Photos**
- 12th—Odd Socks Day**
- 13th—Indian Dance workshop**
- 13th - World Kindness Day**
- 15th Children In Need Day**

Bright Stars

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Nursery	Penelope	For her participation in our PE lesson this week. Penelope actively listened to Coach Hobbs and was able to improve her ball skills within the lesson.
Reception	Clyde	For his improved attitude to learning and efforts in becoming a more independent writer and reader!
Year 1	Lenny	For taking part in all our activities on our school trip to Ashridge Woods so well and sharing great facts during the day.
Year 2	Jasper	For writing great sentences in the past tense and remembering all his capital letters and full stops.
Year 3	Oscar	For working hard to improve his Maths and for his attention to detail in Design and Technology.
Year 4	Ben	For perseverance with his times tables and excellent knowledge recall in History.
Year 5	Lottie	For confidently and consistently contributing to class discussions.
Year 6	Daniel	For his increased focus and dedication to his learning.

Attendance this week

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

TTRS and Numbots

Year Group	Who impressed us ?	Percentage of Children online
Nursery	-	8%
Reception	-	43%
Year 1	-	27%
Year 2	-	36%
Year 3	-	53%
Year 4	Lewis	100%
Year 5	-	18%
Year 6	Max	40%
Every child needs to log on each week please as part of their home learning.		

This Week's Photos



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

PRIMARY ADMISSIONS—September 2025

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.**

Photos in school

Next Tuesday all pupils will have their individual photographs taken in school.

If you would like a family photo or a photo with siblings not at Flamstead Village school the photographer has a slot from 8.30—9.00 that you can book into as a family. Places are limited so please email the school office if you would like to secure a place.



Remembrance Sunday

There will be a Remembrance Service at the memorial in the village this Sunday.
One of the pupils from Flamstead Village School will be laying a wreath in memory of those who have given their services to our country.



We have also been asked to share the following information with you from Dacorum Borough Council.

This Sunday (10th November), the annual Remembrance Parade will be held in Hemel Hempstead, organised in collaboration with the Hemel Hempstead branch of the Royal British Legion.

The Parade will march from Hemel Hempstead town centre at around 10.30am, and conclude at the War Memorial at St John's Church, Boxmoor, where an outdoor service will be held.

All ex-service personnel are warmly invited to participate in the Parade. If you wish to join, please assemble at the Rainbow Stage in the Marlowes by 10.10am on Sunday.

Some roads surrounding Hemel Hempstead town centre will be closed from 10am to midday on the Sunday. These include: Plough Roundabout, Leighton Buzzard Road, Moor End Road, Waterhouse Street, Station Road, St John's Road, Park Road, Heath Lane, Cotterells and Vicarage Close.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

FOFS News

Fireworks



The final preparations are underway for our Fireworks display this **Saturday the 9th of November!**

There'll be a BBQ, Bar, Cake/ Sweets and Glow Toys to enjoy before the Fireworks light up the night!

The weather is looking good and tickets are selling quickly online, so be sure to order yours to avoid missing out! Simply visit flamsteadfireworks.uk

Pond news!



We are excited to share that FOFS have been awarded a National Grid Electricity Transmission's Community Grant of **£1712** to refurbish our school's pond.

We have been working on revitalising the pond for over a year and are really grateful to have received this grant. Our goal is to do the work in the winter months, while the wildlife is dormant. So look out for the changes in the coming months!

Thank you!



The Early Years playground has been swamped by leaf-drop from two large and beautiful trees in the last few weeks.

The school doesn't have a caretaker so every Autumn a small team of parent volunteers sweep up and dispose of the leaves.

Many thanks go to Eve McCall, Ashley Reyner, Becky Gisborne, Sarah Gibson and Martina Ladley for helping out this year!

Flamstead
VILLAGE SCHOOL

FLAMSTEAD VILLAGE FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Flamstead Village School

Saturday 9th November

gates open 5.30pm, fireworks start at 6.30pm

BBQ BAR TOYS CAKES

Tickets available from The Village Store, on the door, or online

flamsteadfireworks.uk



scan to buy
your tickets



Adults: £7.50
Children Under 16: £4.50
Children Under 3: FREE
Family Ticket: £22.00

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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>

